



# Newsletter

## The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

1st November 2015

Dear Friends,

All of us are very aware of the changing seasons. The clocks have been changed, the leaves are falling quickly and it grows dark very early. This is a time when we are conscious of the transience of all created things.

All this is expressed in the liturgy of the Church with the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Firstly, today we celebrate that great cloud of witnesses, the holy ones, who surround us and who encourage us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Then, tomorrow we remember our dear departed, those angel faces “that we have loved long since and lost awhile”.

You are all encouraged to place a list of your beloved dead before the altar for daily November remembrance. Sunday 8th November is the national Remembrance Day and on Sunday 15th November we shall have our parish annual Bereavement Service at 3pm.

Every year, the diocese requests each parish to count the numbers at Mass on the four Sundays in October and then to notify the average weekly figure. This year, our average attendance was just 300. Two years ago it was 370. That is an alarming decline, which concerns me very much. I would welcome any suggestions as to how we can address this decline and encourage those who have lapsed to return to the practice of attending Sunday Mass each week

God bless you always,  
***Fr James***

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**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS:**

November is the month of the Holy Souls. You are invited to make a list of your dear departed and place it in an envelope beneath the altar, for remembrance at each Mass during November.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP:**

The next meeting of the children of the First Holy Communion Group will be at **5.45pm on Tuesday 10th November.**

**PARISH ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE:**

Everyone is invited to this Service at 3pm on Sunday 15th November. The Service is arranged for those who have lost loved ones - spouses, children, parents, relatives or friends - whether recently or some time ago. There will be hymns, remembrance, by name, of the loved ones who have died (during which candles will be lit), a short sermon and prayers for the bereaved. Afterwards, refreshments will be provided in the Church Hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to Henry James Kilden, baptised this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:**

Bazaar Date 5th December. Now 5 weeks to go. The appeal this week is for TOILETRIES. We all receive gifts which are not to our taste. Here is a chance to off-load them with a clear conscience! Please bring them with you to Mass next weekend.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON:**

Anyone alone on Christmas Day is invited to join us for a traditional luncheon in our hall. Couples and carers able to help or those who would like company are welcome to join us. Transport can be provided. Please contact Mary Morgan on 01992 574719.

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

Thank you for the encouraging response for more people at weekday Mass. Those who are free to do so are invited to commit themselves to at least one morning every two weeks .

**HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

Easter 2016. Anyone interested in joining/finding out more about it please call Paul on 01992 577104.

**CHURCH HALL HIRE:**

Our parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573633 or mobile 0776 4404813 for further details.

**SUNDAY COFFEE AFTER 11am MASS**

The Church Hall will be unavailable for the usual coffee after 11am Mass on this Sunday 1st November and next Sunday 8th November. On both occasions, the Hall will be used for a Baptismal Party. Sorry for the inconvenience.....please join us for coffee after 11am Mass from 15th November onwards.

**PARISH DATABASE:**

If you are new to the parish then please can you complete a Family Information form (available from Fr James) so that we may add you to the parish database. If you have recently moved house then please can you also let us know either by informing Fr James or emailing the Parish Secretary on the parish email address.

**ROSARY PRAYER VIGIL SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER**

To be held at St Francis Catholic Church, Crescent Rd, Stratford E15, preceded by Mass at 10am. The vigil will be a peaceful prayer service - not a demonstration - and refreshments will be available afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

**EPPING RE-USE CENTRE:**

Situated in the Bower Hill Industrial Estate, the Centre re-uses donated furniture, appliances and household items, selling them at affordable prices. A registered charity and not for profit Social Enterprise, 100% of funds are used to help those in need. To find out more about how to donate, buy or volunteer and about delivery and collection of items please see the leaflet in the church porch.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please make yourselves known to Fr James or Deacon Duncan, so that we may welcome you to the parish and inform you about our parish activities.

**MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS**  
**31st October and 1st November 2015**

Sat 31st Oct	6 p.m.	Mary Cusack RIP
<b>Vigil Mass of All Saints</b>		

Sun 1st Nov	9 a.m.	The Borelli Family
<b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Week Commencing 26th October 2015**

Mon 2nd Nov	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
All Souls		
Tues 3rd Nov	9 a.m.	Sancha O'Connor RIP
Wed 4th Nov	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving (Joseph)
Thurs 5th Nov	9 a.m.	George Rimmer RIP
Fri 6th Nov	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Sat 6th Nov (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Ellen Day RIP
Sun 7th Nov	9 a.m.	James Hayes RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Morning Prayer** will be said in the week, 15 minutes before 9 am Mass

**Confessions:** Saturday 11.30am -12 noon and after 6pm Mass.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Yvonne Morrall, Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tullia Borelli, Tony Mullan,  
David Kenworthy, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy,  
Daphne McAdam and Mima Vitello

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<b><u>OFFERINGS (£):</u></b>	Offertory Envelopes	256.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	249.36
	CAFOD	20.00

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