



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

Dear friends,

a nameless widow is central to the gospel today. In biblical times widows were very vulnerable: a woman with no man to defend her was open to all sorts of exploitation. The story of Naomi in the book of Ruth illustrates the plight of a widow who lost all her male kin. The early Church made the practical case for widows a particular concern. The widow making her humble offering in the temple was singled out by Jesus for her generosity and her spirit of sacrifice. There are two characteristics uppermost in our minds on Remembrance Sunday. We remember and we give thanks for our war dead and try to commit ourselves with ever greater determination to serve the cause of peace. Deacon Duncan and I shall be present at the annual service in St John's at 3pm and I encourage those of you who can to join us.

Next Sunday we shall have our own bereavement service here at 3pm when we shall remember in particular all parishioners who have died during the last year. Four more have been added to their number this week alone: Mrs Tullia Borelli, Mrs Yvonne Morrall, Miss Irene Negri and Mr Keith Miller. We offer to those who mourn them our prayerful condolences. As we pray for all Holy Souls in November we must bear in mind that they are best honoured by our own determination to live whatever measure of life is left to us, in a spirit of harmony and peace.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mrs Tullia Borelli, Mrs Yvonne Morrall, Miss Irene Negri and Mr Keith Miller. We offer prayerful condolences to their families.

TECHNICALLY CHALLENGED: Fr James is having problems with a C.D. player and would welcome help from someone with the expertise and know how to sort it out please.

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 next 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.

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.

REFRESHER SESSION FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded of the session on Saturday 21st November commencing at 10 a.m. with Mass.

BCCS - LONDON MARATHON GOLD BOND PLACES:

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society have Charity Gold Bond places available for the Virgin Money **LONDON MARATHON on SUNDAY 24th April 2016**. Please contact Libby Philips on 01268 784544 / lphilips@bccs.org.uk for an application form. Runners will need to commit to raising a minimum sponsorship of £1500 and the closing date for completed applications is Monday 16th November 2015. If you have been lucky enough to secure your own place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for **BCCS**. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for our Diocesan charity and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Bazaar Date 5th December. 4 weeks to go. The Bottle Tombola always earns a lot of money for the Bazaar but they do need bottles; lots of them; full of alcohol, sauces, shampoo etc. Please be generous.

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.

“HE’S BEHIND YOU!” Our very own Panto dame will be starring again in the January 2016 Woodford Pantomime ‘Robin Hood’ at the Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green. All youngsters (and those young at heart) who wish to join us for a fantastic evening of laughter, probably on Friday 15th January at 7.30pm, please contact Maggie Keeling ASAP so that I can order the tickets: maggie@keelingphysio.com or telephone 07718858879. All tickets are £12.50p each. Thanks

ADVENT TALKS:

Saturday 5th December 2015 - **Bishop Alan Williams, SM** – Theme: The Advent Journey. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.15am – 12.00pm

Saturday 12th December 2015 - **Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon** – Theme: The Seven Bells to Bethlehem. Cathedral House, Brentwood. 9.15am – 12.00pm

If you would like to register a place for both or either of these talks please contact: Lisa Gunther at lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265285

IT SUPPORT: The sisters at Abbotswick are looking for some IT support for Macs, both for the community and for the House of Prayer. If you are able to offer your services please contact **Sr Camilla on 01277 373848 or email: srcamilla@walsinghamcommunity.org**

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 and procession will be a peaceful prayer service - not a demonstration - to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service nearby. Details and map on notice board in porch. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Sophie Ablett, baptised this weekend.

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
7th and 8th November 2015

Sat 7th Nov (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Ellen Day RIP
Sun 8th Nov	9 a.m.	James Hayes RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish

Week Commencing 9th November 2015

Mon 9th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tues 10th	9 a.m.	Des Tuohy RIP
Wed 11th	1.30 p.m.	<u>Requiem</u> Tullia Borelli RIP
Thurs 12th	9 a.m.	Sarosi & Victoria Joseph RIP
Fri 13th	9 a.m.	Intentions of F & M Murray
Sat 14th	6 p.m.	Jeanette Mulligan RIP
Sun 15th	9 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11 a.m.	Day family deceased

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:

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

OFFERINGS (£): Offertory Envelopes 231.10
 Offertory Loose Plate 296.42
 CAFOD 24.00

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