



Newsletter

The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 15th November 2015

Dear friends,

although Advent is still two weeks off, the theme of readiness and vigilance runs through the Scriptures this weekend. Every week as we recite the Creed we say: ***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*** Whilst we must all endeavour to avoid rash judgement of others we are always to remember that in due time we shall have to render an account of ourselves to God who, as the supreme judge, is both just and merciful. The world, as we know it, will not last forever: all things are transient. Prophecies about the end times are futile and numerous cults and sects have come unstuck with rash predictions about how it will all end: we know neither the day nor the hour. We must simply stand ready and work hopefully day by day in the service of God and our neighbour.

There has been a very generous response to the appeal for bazaar patrons and I thank all those who have made a contribution. There is still time to do so. I am also grateful for the hard work of preparation now in progress for the big day itself.

God bless you always,

Fr James

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Peter Day who is sixty this weekend.

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 next Monday 16th November 2015.

PARISH ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE:

Everyone is invited to this Service at 3pm this 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.

REFRESHER SESSION FOR CHURCH READERS: Church readers are reminded of the session on Saturday 28th November commencing at 10am with Mass.

URGENT CALL FOR YOU IF YOU CAN HELP: The Justice & Peace Group is re-forming and we urgently need extra members. **People who care about others enough to join us** and help us to be a force for good in the community and beyond. The group is meeting in the Presbytery at **8pm next Tuesday 17th November**. Please come if you can. (Queries to Deacon Duncan on tel 01992 577173).

GREY MATTERS invites you dance the night away to the great sounds of 'The Elevators' (AKA Steve and Sheila Earl) and the wonderful voice of their resident (and our very own) vocalist Tracey Quill on Saturday 21st November 7.30pm – 11.00pm at Pelley Court Epping. Enjoy a complimentary Pelley Ploughman's included in the £5 admission fee (Children under 14 free).

CELEBRATION OF CONSECRATED LIFE: Please join us for the 9.15am Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 28th November. We will pray especially for all the religious sisters, brothers and consecrated people of our diocese. Tea and cake will follow in the parish hall with a time of short talks and Q&As to discover more about consecrated life. We will conclude by 12pm. ALL WELCOME. Sr Theresa Weight, COLW. Tel. 01277 373848

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER: part-time 20 hours per week, £12,000 per annum at Epping United Reformed Church. Closing date for applications 30th November 2015. Working in partnership with the Elders and Church members the aim of the appointment is to continue to develop this area of ministry and mission. Please contact urcepping@gmail.com for an Application Pack.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

Bazaar Date 5th December. Only 3 weeks to our BazaarNext week's appeal is for the Grocery Stall. Please take an appeal bag and put one or two items in it as your contribution. It is helpful to check the sell-by date as we have discerning customers.

"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

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
14th and 15th November 2015

Sat 14th Nov (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jeanette Mulligan RIP
Sun 15th Nov	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	People of the Parish Day family deceased

Week Commencing 16th November 2015

Mon 16th	9 a.m.	Mary Cusack RIP
Tues 17th	9 a.m.	Murray Family deceased RIP
Wed 18th	9 a.m.	Frances Daly RIP
Thurs 19th	9 a.m.	Holy Souls
Fri 20th	9 a.m.	Crowley Family deceased RIP
Sat 21st	6 p.m.	Canny Family deceased RP
Sun 22nd	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Doug and Bobby Dew RIP 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:

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

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	263.00
	Offertory Loose Plate	352.53

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