



Newsletter The Church of the Immaculate Conception Epping

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st July 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola, of which many will have heard, aim to establish lifestyle priorities for Christians. These are spelled out in what St Ignatius calls *The Fundamental Principle* of human life, and it reads as follows:

‘The human person was created to praise, reverence and serve the Lord God, and by this means save his/her soul. Everything else on earth has been created for the human person’s sake, to help him/her to achieve the purpose for which he/she has been created. So it follows that we must use these created things as far as they help, and abstain from them where they hinder this purpose...’



Sounds important!!? Let’s think about our own priorities and our motivation to lead a life which is wholly pleasing to God.

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This weekend and for the next 4 weekends we welcome back Fr Joseph Farrell to say Mass for us. You will remember that he is a retired priest of our diocese, who now lives at Elm Park.

God bless you all.

Deacon Duncan

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016-17: Application forms are now available and should be returned by THIS WEEKEND—31st July—at the latest. There will be a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children on **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall**

THANK YOU FROM JOHN HAWES (Fr James' brother)

John Hawes has expressed sincere thanks to all parishioners for the Mass cards, good wishes, kind words and condolences following Fr James' death. He has arranged for the 11am Mass this Sunday to be said, in Epping, for the people of the parish. This would have been Fr James' first weekend of his retirement.

NOTICES AND ITEMS ON PARISH WEBSITE:

www.eppingcatholicchurch.org.uk)

On the website, you will find in the Notices section on the News page an *In Memoriam* of Fr James by Fr Stewart Foster, and a copy of the speech given by the Parish Council chairman on the occasion of Fr James' Jubilee celebration in December 2014.

WHEELCHAIR: We now have a wheelchair for use during services by parishioners and visitors. The wheelchair is stored under the stairs leading to the choir loft.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Church Hall is booked for a Wedding Reception next Saturday, so parking in the Church Car Park for 6pm Mass will possibly be difficult.

IS THIS WORSE THAN THE LUNATICS IN CHARGE OF AN ASYLUM?

Cathy Warwick, the head of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) is also the Chair of Britain's biggest commercial abortion company BPAS (British Pregnancy Advisory Service). She has signed up the RCM to support a law aiming to allow many more abortions. If you believe that the RCM should support midwives **not** abortion please take a postcard (available at the back of the church or being handed out after Mass), complete it and post it. Remember, there are already some 200,000 abortions a year in the UK of which some 90% are **funded by you** the taxpayer via the NHS.

ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION OF FR JAMES' RETIREMENT

FUND: If you have already responded to the letter enclosed in the newsletter regarding the re-allocation of the Retirement Fund, thank you! If you have yet to do that, you may now reply online - please see the link in Notices on the News page of the parish website. Or you may print a copy, and return it to Melanie Hollinshead by post or via the presbytery. A few additional paper copies are also available at the back of the church. Thank you.

MISSIO – A.P.F. Boxes. If you do not have a Missio Red Box at home (or in the office!), would you like one? What you would collect over the months helps to train and feed Mill Hill Missionaries for work in the deprived parts of the world. **IT'S A VERY GOOD CAUSE!!** If you would like a box (**No door-to-door collections involved. Just put your small change in the box when the Holy Spirit nudges you!!**), please take an un-named box from the Church Porch and put your own name on it, so that we can identify your personal contribution.. Our Parish Missio Organiser, Brendan Carden will be delighted and can be contacted with any queries on 0798 3947505. You will be joining a **friendly and very worthwhile team!**

PARISH HALL: Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates for charities and parishioners. Please phone Arnold Verrall on 01992 573 633 or mobile 0776 4404813.

YEAR OF MERCY Autumn Talks - Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood.

'Living the Works of Mercy in a secular age' Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, **Saturday 1st October 2016**, 10.30am-12.00noon.

'The Four Last Things' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, **Saturday 15th October 2016**, 10:30 – 12:00noon.

'Transformed by Mercy' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, **Saturday 5th November 2016**, 10:30 - 12:00noon.

To book a place, please contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on **01277 265285** or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

30th and 31st July 2016

Saturday 30th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Special Intention (MC)
Sunday 31st	9 a.m.	George Clarke RIP
	11 a.m.	People of the Parish (John Hawes Intention_)

Week Commencing 1st August 2016

Monday 1st Aug <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Tuesday 2nd	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 3rd	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Thursday 4th <i>St John Vianney</i>	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Friday 5th	9 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
Saturday 6th (Vigil Mass)	6 p.m.	Jeremiah Kingston RIP
Sunday 7th	9 a.m.	Patrick McAnisky RIP
	11 a.m.	Young Married Couple

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays, 15 minutes before 9 a.m. Service.

Confessions: After 6pm Mass on Saturday. **Please note:** NO Saturday morning confessions until 3rd September .

Please pray for the sick:

Doris Scott, Paula Hall, Tony Mullan, James Bullen, Hannah Robinson, Sean Clohessy, Daphne McAdam, Catherine Steel, Ann Dowd, Veronica Beard, Ann Davis and Roger Minnis.

<u>OFFERINGS (£):</u>	Offertory Envelopes	160.20
	Offertory Loose Change	158.79