

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Seventh Sunday of the Year
22nd February 2009



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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY!

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – the First day of Lent. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be Mass, and distribution of Ashes at 10.00am and 8.00pm.

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent – after 10.00am Mass in the morning, and at 8.00pm in the evening.

“Lord, Giver of Life” is the Diocese’ Faith Sharing Programme which will be running during Lent. The Booklets are available after the Masses this weekend, and there will be Meetings each week. The three groups already established will start respectively on Thursday 26th February at 2pm in the Presbytery, Saturday 28th February at 2.30pm at 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt, and on Thursday 2nd March at 8pm at 31 Rotherfield Road, Enfield. New and old members are most welcome.

Parish Financial Summary For 2008

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
	£		£
Offertory	97,311	Housekeeping	2,900
Tax Refunds	15,244	Clergy Salaries	13,027
Catechetics	868	Staff Salaries	14,302
Candles & Repository	8,518	Supply Priests	1,050
Christmas, Easter, & Masses	22,363	Travel	3,063
Parish Activities	2,182	Catechetics	847
Third Party Collections	10,689	Candles & Repository	4,204
Specific Donations	32,929	Liturgical Expenses	5,006
Legacy	500	Council Tax & Insurance	4,621
Insurance Claims	259	Heat, Light & Water	5,599
Rent	2,605	Office & Admin	4,811
Parish Centre	5,322	Parish Activities	2,734
Miscellaneous	244	Mass Stipends Distributed	716
Bank Interest	2,566	Diocesan Assessment	39,122
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	£201,610	Repairs & Maintenance	7,113
		Fixed Assets	41,758
Balances at 1 January 2008	- £88,355	Third Party Collections	11,180
Balances at 31 December 2008	- £125,091	Parish Centre	261
		Miscellaneous	2,475
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			£164,874

We would like to thank you all for your very generous Offerings to the Parish last year.

UKRAINIAN EVENING

The Ukrainian Community would like to invite you to an “Ukrainian Experience” on Saturday 28th February 2009 from 7.30 until late in Eleanor Hall. This is a fund raising event for the St Joseph’s Parish Centre. There has been a terrific response so far – don’t be the ones to miss out! There will be food, singing and a live band. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for OAP/Students and are available by calling Anna Boatman on 01992 635105.



BUILDING TOGETHER

100 CLUB: Membership is up to 189, so just 11 more numbers to go to make it a 200 Club. Please collect your number(s) from the box in the main entrance to the Church. The next draw will be this Sunday 22nd February.

The next Bingo Session will be on Saturday 28th March in Eleanor Hall after 6.30pm Mass.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
 The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
 to proclaim liberty to captives.
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25 Gen 9:8-15
 Psalm 40:2-5.13-14 Ps 24:4-9
 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 1 Pt 3:18-22
 Mark 2:1-12 Mark 1:12-15

Mass Times

SUNDAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Polycarp	10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	10.00am 8.00pm
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1,634.71

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Tuesday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota for Sunday Eucharistic Ministers is available from the Sacristy.

ARCHBISHOP'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Cardinal will be inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 50th and 60th** + wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2009, to a thanksgiving Mass. This will be held on Saturday 30th May 2009 at 3.00 pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you qualify, please don't delay in telling the parish clergy. He will need: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email if you have one (or if not, a phone no.). The address is Dept for Pastoral Affairs, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, email cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk, or phone 020 7931 6064.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd February at 1.30 Giuseppe Messina

Saturday 28th February at 2.00 Noah Warby

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Frank Perusek RIP will take place on Monday 23rd February at 10am.

The Funeral Mass for the late Luigi Guelli RIP will take place on Tuesday 24th February at 12.00pm.

The Funeral Mass for the late Monica Hutt RIP will take place on Friday 27th February at 10am.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through bereavement, divorce or separation. This will take place from March 27th to 29th 2009 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details telephone Mary on 01296 487634.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Catechists on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

There will be a meeting for the parents on Thursday 26th February at 8pm in Eleanor Hall.

There will be a meeting for the children on Saturday 28th February at 10am in Eleanor Hall.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for new Altar Servers will start on Saturday 28th February at 3pm.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick on Tuesday 17th March at St Patrick's Church, Soho. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm on Monday 16th March celebrated by Right Rev George Stack and then Mass on Tuesday 17th March at 8am, 12.45pm and 6pm. Shamrock will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

ST JOSEPH'S GAA CLUB

The St Joseph's GAA Club invite you to a St Patrick's Night Dance on Friday 13th March (a biteen early!) in Eleanor Hall from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Come and join in the music and dancing for just £5 a ticket, available from the Parish Office or by calling Margaret Mooney on 01707 875418 or Noel Griffin on 01992 424673. All proceeds to the Parish Centre Fund and St Joseph's GAA Club.