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Today, in the Gospel according to Matthew, we are presented with the story of the eleven disciples setting out for a mountain in Galilee where Jesus had arranged to meet them. This Gospel does not give us a description of Jesus ascending to Heaven. Today, this is to be found in the first reading; taken from the Acts of the Apostles. So, if we were depending only on the Gospel according to Matthew, we would not know about Jesus ascending anywhere, or indeed, going anywhere.

We are told that when the disciples saw Jesus at the pre-arranged place, they fell down before Him, though some hesitated. Clearly, even after the evidence which they and others had, regarding Jesus' Resurrection, some still were uncertain about it all. So, the very last lines of the Gospel (which had opened with the narrative of Jesus' birth and the assertion that He was Emmanuel or 'God with us'.) focus on Jesus' authority as well as the disciples' mission to all peoples that He was handing on; and, very importantly, the promise that they would not be on their

own— '*And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*'

The ministry of Jesus was restricted to the territory of His own Jewish people but the mission of all the disciples and, later, the Church community would be to all nations. That is why the final meeting was on a mountain in 'Galilee of the nations', a place where people of different nationalities met and encountered one another.



From there, the disciples were sent out by Jesus to proclaim His kingdom to all peoples; to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach what Jesus had taught and practised.

In all of this, Jesus promised He would be with them: in the words of the anthem, *they would never walk alone*. He, the Risen Lord, would be

with them until the end of time.

The One who was born to be Emmanuel, 'God with us', was true to His word. His last word was again of God with us. We look forward to our celebration of that promise in the Feast of Pentecost, next Sunday.

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th June 2011

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** John Cullen RIP (Eileen Cullen & family)
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Mary Giardelli RIP (Cummins family)
12.30pm **Baptism: Jewel Joby John and Ava Marie Shanahan**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm Mr & Mrs Arthur Chester RIP (FM)

Retiring Collection for World Communications

Daily Masses 6th June 2011 to 11th June 2011

- Mon St Norbert, bishop**
7am Holy Souls
9.30am Dennis Pearce RIP (Eileen Pearce & family)
- Tues Feria**
7am Arthur & Helen Waight RIP (FM)
9.30am Madge Rampling RIP (Mary Taylor)
- Wed Feria**
7am Private Intention (Thelma Staussi)
9.30am Welfare of Eddie & Mary Ryan (Eddie & Sheila Walsh)
- Thur St Columba, abbot**
7am Peter Edwards RIP (Christine Edwards)
9.30am Marge Connor RIP (Emily Mullins)
- Fri Feria**
7am Welfare & Health of Jayden Cruz (Thelma Staussi)
9.30am Gertrude Sandbaumhutter RIP (Xavier family)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat St Barnabas, apostle**
9am Welfare of Sheila Durrant & family (C.A.F.E Group)
11am **CONFIRMATION MASS (Bishop Paul Hendricks)**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11th/12th June 2011

Pentecost, Whit Sunday (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Paul Farmer's Intention (Justice & Peace Group)
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am Mary Mulhair RIP (Murphy family)
11am Angela Pini RIP (Pini family)
12.30pm **Baptism : Georgia Cara May Thompson**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £1937

We thank you for your continued generosity .

Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski

Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook



We welcome into the Church **Harry Lee Purdy** who was baptised last weekend

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This Week: The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ (A)

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus returns to the Father after promising to give his Spirit to the disciples to help them in being his witnesses.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays for enlightenment and wisdom for the disciples of Christ, who is the head of his body, the Church.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

On the mountain, the disciples worship Christ who commands them to bring others to faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Next Week: Pentecost –Whit Sunday

First Reading Acts 2: 1-11

This is the principal account of the Pentecostal event. Into the assembly of the disciples comes the Holy Spirit which is heard and felt before it is seen.

Second Reading 1Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

The reading describes the Holy Spirit as the binding force in the work of the Church.

Gospel John 20: 19-23

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died.

We pray especially for **Marief Doca (who died in the Phillipines, niece of Mercedes Doca), Mary Linstead, Louis Cerveaux**, . We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Luke Nolan, Charlie Cannon, Róisín Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Ellie Strudwick, Michael Pearson, Bishop Michael Evans, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Anna Szymanska, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Stephen Fleming, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Ann McNicol, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Baby Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Kay Bridgland, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai and Philip Rajanayagam

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY:

Last week we told you a little about **World Youth Day** and the exciting journey that 12 of our young people (42 from the deanery) will go on during the week long pilgrimage in August this year. The objective of World Youth Day is evangelisation, and to make Christ known to the young people of our time. To understand the importance of World Youth Day, it is important to understand what it is like being a young Catholic today. Often young people are Catholic more because they are sacramentalised and educated in the Church's schools, than because they have met Christ in their hearts. They are often unsure of the Church's teachings, the reasons for these and even how one is supposed to practise the faith. If a choice is made to identify oneself as a Catholic, and not as a "Catholic but ..." there is the risk of isolation. We often hear people complaining about the lack of young people in the Church - specifically at Mass - but place yourself in the shoes of those who do practise the faith: *"Am I the only young Catholic?"* It can feel that way for many, but thankfully such people are not alone. World Youth Day demonstrates that. World Youth Day is important because it gives young people a chance to meet other young people of faith. Not only does it put them in contact with others in the same situation, it also puts them into contact with the fullness of the faith through catechesis. One pilgrim said on their return from Sydney 2008, *"In my experience, World Youth Day is special in providing opportunities for conversion and healing, for education and discernment. It is able to achieve in a few short days what an entire adolescence in a modern parish or school may not: the formation of a Christian character. At World Youth Day, we encountered Christ on a large scale. Now that we are home, we need to encounter Him in the depths of our hearts. That truly is the spirit of World Youth Day."* Seven out of ten young people who attended World Youth Day in Sydney rated it as one of the best experiences in their life, more than 40% said their faith in God had been strengthened, and a third or more stated that they were now not embarrassed to let others see that they believed and that they wanted to learn more about their faith. **During the Sunday Masses over Pentecost weekend (11th & 12th June)** some of our young people will speak at Mass about their hopes and aspirations for their pilgrimage to Madrid, and ask for your prayers and financial support in a retiring collection in their preparation for this great event. *Andrew Richardson*

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can members who have not yet collected their envelopes from the RDJ Room do so this weekend. Please collect your new boxes before or after each weekend Mass.

It will save us time and money delivering the boxes to your addresses, so please take the time to pick them up. Thank you.

SERIES OF TALKS AT

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH

Following on from Pentecost Sunday, we will be holding a series of talks on '**Gifts of the Spirit**', starting on **Monday 13th June 2011 at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall. See the poster at the back of the church detailing the guest speakers and dates.

REPOSITORY- CHURCH SHOP

Cards and gifts for **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** are now on sale in the Repository after Saturday evening Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday morning Masses (9am and 11am)

If anyone could use a set of Butler's Lives of the Saints (5 volumes) please contact me. Pat Buchanan 8399 2300

Grandparents' Pilgrimage

Saturday 16 July 2011 from 11am to 4.30pm at Aylesford Priory, Maidstone, Kent. 11am Gathering Service, 3pm Mass. A day of faith and fun for grandparents, grandchildren and their families.

WEBSITE UPDATES: South Indian Food and Fun Evening (Gallery)

The London Christian Meditation Centre

St Mark's, Myddelton Square, London EC1R 1XX. Tel: 0207 833 9615.

The Summer Programme for 2011 is displayed on the notice board at the back of the church.

ACCOMMODATION TO RENT:

Looking for 2 bedroom accommodation? Contact
Cristabela : 020 8241 4828 / 07909093963

JOB VACANCY

A Bursar required for Wimbledon Ursuline Prep School, 18 The Downs, SW20 8HR.

Start date to suit, salary negotiable.

For all enquiries please contact Belinda O'Rourke on 0208 947 0859 or email

belinda.orourke@wups.co.uk, and visit our website for job description and application form.

www.ursuline-prep.merton.sch.uk for more information.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th June at 8pm** in the Old Chapel

We will have a DVD on The Grand Canyon. All ladies in the parish are very welcome us join us at any of our meetings.

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

Do you know that in September Mass will sound different?

There is only **ONE** more opportunity for you to hear & learn about:

- ◆ What is new?
- ◆ Why is there a New Translation?
- ◆ How will it affect the Celebration of Mass?

Fr Anthony & Fr Arbo have been using various resources to explain and bring to life what is to come in the New Translation.

Please do try and come along to hear about these changes on **Wednesday 8th June 2011 at 2pm** in the RDJ room (although the venue may change if we have a large turn-out which we hope we will have!)

New Gift Aid Members

Many thanks to the parishioners who have joined our Gift Aid scheme. The extra 25% that we receive, free, from your contributions will be essential in meeting our financial commitments this year.

Your boxes of envelopes are available for you to collect from the RDJ room before and after all Masses.

EXISTING Gift aid Members

If you have been unable to collect your boxes so far, please contact the Presbytery (020 8399 9550) or Rob Estall (020 8399 0430)

Thank you.

Sunday 26th June – Aylesford Youth Festival for young people in Years 8 – 11. Ideal for Pre / post Confirmation groups. The Day has a good mix of activities, prayer and finishes with Mass. For info contact jean@scys.org.uk

http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/heart_onto_heart_aylesford.pdf

Friday 1st – Monday 4th July – Brightlights weekend Young Adult Festival. Age 16 – 30 (Those under 18 must come with a group). Although it will be a great weekend, you can also just come for a day or overnight.

<http://www.brightlights.org.uk/>

Brightlights Keynote Speaker Information:

[Abuna Elias Chacour](#) the Archbishop of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and Galilee. He is noted for his efforts to promote reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis, he is the author of two books about the experience of Palestinian people living in present-day Israel (one of which is "Blood Brothers") and has been awarded many honours for his humanitarian efforts including a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize.

[Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow](#), founder of [Mary's Meals](#). The charity was founded in 2002 and has grown from feeding 200 children in Malawi, to a world-wide campaign, providing free school meals to over 500,000 children every day. Magnus believes that it is possible to combat and defeat world hunger and encourage education by the simple method of providing school meals. For more information view this article in the [Herald Scotland](#).