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This weekend our children will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives and we are all privileged to share in this wonderful gift. This weekly coming together defines who we are. As we gather, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus and give our lives in offering and uniting ourselves with Jesus who died for us. We receive Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. He is for us the food of life, the nourishment for our journey.

This September we will be using a new translation of the Roman Missal at Mass. This will mean that some of the familiar English responses that we use at Mass will change. Also the English translation of the Eucharistic prayers will be different and all the prayers proper to each Sunday and feast days have been newly translated. This new translation tries to address the following deficiencies in the present translation. References in the Latin text to the homilies of the Fathers of the Church and influential authors such as Pope Leo the Great were no longer apparent. The poetry, rhyme, and rhythm of the Latin language were lost in the present translations. To make the text more understandable to a modern audience, some of the metaphors from the Latin text were eliminated in the present English translation. Often the use of the superlative degree in adjectives referring to God were eliminated. Viewed as duplicative and unnecessary to prayer, so words and sentences in the Latin text were never translated. At times, explanatory comments not found in the Latin text were added to the English texts, creating texts which went beyond the mandate to provide a faithful translation of the Latin in the vernacular. The English translation was viewed as lacking a sense of solemnity and sacredness, too difficult to sing, oversimplified and inaccurate in many places.

Anthony Charlton



Please pray for the children listed below, who are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

Zachery Allen
Anne Antaninas Worthington
Angelie Bautista
Oscar Beale
David Bravo Da Rosa
Osvaldo Bravo Da Rosa
Honey Bryan
Henry Butlin
Sacha Cooke
Paige Coulson
Matthew Cox
Noah Crossinggum
Oliver Cullen
Cameron D'Costa
Megan Della Valle
Luca Di Libero
Arianna Di Mambro-Moor
Olivia Dove
Keluni Ernesto
Youninha Ernesto
Dalson Ernesto
Robert Eyles
Tomas Fegan
Emilia Fincher
Abigail Fitzmaurice
Francesca Gajtani
Jose Galicia
Rohan George
Michael Godbold
Italina Gonsalves
Freddie Goodyear
Luca Guglielmi
Benjamin Hambridge
Katy Harvey
Max Hayter
Martin He
Harvey Head
Joseph Healy
Chloe Higgins

Oscar Hodgson
Rianna Hodgson
Thomas Jasper
Mary (Alline) Joby
George (Alan) Joby
Max Lafond
Conor Mather
Bella Massombe
Kieran McCluskey
David McKay
Abbie Morgan
Callum Morley
Libby Murray
Luca O'Connor
Oscar O'Connor
Raymond Jnr Onwuelo
Sineka Paraneetharan
Stefaan Percy Lister
Luigi Pozella
Lucca Pratelli
Pershia Rassapour
Francine Reyes
Tara Savvides
Dean Schofield
Madeleine Scott
June Sigali
Lukas Sinkevicius
Nicholas Slade
Finlay Smith
Joshua st John James
Harley Stammers
Luigi Tardella
Rafaella Towler-Baldacci
Viviana Ventura
Rachel Wallace
Filip Warwas
Abigail Watters
Caitlin Webber
Freya Williams
Harry Zain-Prosser

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th June 2011

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Sat	11am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - Holy Souls
	2.30pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Ken Stacey RIP (Mary Stacey)
	8pm	Mass in Korean
Sun	9am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS People of the Parish
	11am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS Baby Evelyn Grace King, Parents & Grandparents (Josie Espiritu)
	12.30pm	Baptism: Leon Sedek & Oliwia Sedek
	2pm	Mass in Korean
	6pm	Love & Peace for the Whole World (Romeo & Beth (Phil))

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales

Daily Masses 20th June 2011 to 25th June 2011

Mon	St Alban, proto-martyr of Britain
	7am Keith Haran RIP (Vera, David Haran & Family)
	9.30am Welfare of Mary Ryan (Jackie & Mary Hoey)
	4.30pm Syro Malabar Mass
Tues	St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
	7am Graceia's Intentions (Tessa MacLeod)
	9.30am Welfare of Charlie & Lizzie Leigh and Family
Wed	SS John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs
	7am Arthur & Samar Staussi- 1st Wedding Anniversary (Thelma Staussi)
	9.30am Delia Kelly RIP (FM)
Thur	Feria
	7am Beth & Romeo's Intention
	9.30am Welfare of John Doherty (Lizzie Leigh)
Fri	THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
	7am Esther Maud Sicé RIP (FM)
	9.30am In Thanksgiving for Baby Sofia (Janet & Mike)
	10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	Feria
	9am Maria Failla RIP (Enza Ventura & Family)
	2.30pm Wedding: Patsyanne Beer & Kevin Lynch

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th June 2011

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI (A)

Sat	6.30pm	John Grogan RIP (Frank McGivern)
	8pm	Mass in Korean
Sun	9am	Repose of the Souls of Family Members (Anita, Jagath, Vincent & Mikei)
	11am	In Thanksgiving 40th Wedding Anniversary Neville & Barbara Coshan
	12.30pm	Baptism : Christopher James Furlong, Jack Antek Beard & Charles Bennett
	2pm	Mass in Korean
	4pm	Baptism: Joshua Gavin Seemampillai
	6pm	People of the Parish

READINGS

This Week: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

The Lord reveals himself to Moses as a God of tenderness and compassion.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to reflect in their lives the love and unity of the three divine persons.

Gospel John 3: 16-18

To his late-night visitor, Nicodemus, Jesus speaks of a God who loves this world so deeply as to send his only Son as its saviour.

Next Week: Corpus at Sanguis Christi (A)

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses reminds the people that God is the one who has led them from slavery to freedom, and is the one who feeds them.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

For St Paul, the Eucharist is a sign of the unity of the Church in Christ.

Gospel John 6:51-58

The body and blood of the Lord is the promise of eternal life.

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

We pray especially for **John Grogan, Marie Graca, Mairel Doca** (who died in the Phillipines, niece of Mercedes Doca), **Mary Linstead and 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; Mary Ryan, Luke Nolan, Charlie Cannon, Roisin 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 Burrige, 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm



We welcome into the Church **Georgia Cara May Thompson** who was baptised last weekend

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £1,879

World Youth Day £1,300

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod

Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)

From Berrylands to Bethlehem.

At the end of June I am travelling to Bethlehem to volunteer with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) for 3 months. The programme aims to provide a protective presence for civilians in the Occupied Territories. I will be working in an international team and our duties will include monitoring human rights abuses, meeting young people in Bethlehem Aida refugee camp (where Pope Benedict said Mass in 2009) and working with both Israeli and Palestinian groups who are seeking to end the conflict through peaceful means. In this way the EAPPI aims to alleviate human suffering, witness to the dignity of all peoples and support the creation and nurturing of a culture of peace and non violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I will be the 3rd member of our parish to take part in the programme, following in the footsteps of Martin Larmour and Sr Josephine Goggin. I also follow the parish visit to Israel-Palestine in October of last year. On return Fr Charlton wrote in the Parish Newsletter of his resolve to 'pray more earnestly for true peace and justice in the land of division and fear'. I share this resolve, and hope that the efforts of all the EAPPI volunteers will make some small contribution towards it. Please remember me in your prayers.

Paul Farmer.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2011

This year is the 950th anniversary of the founding of the original shrine in Walsingham. This pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith and will be taking place on Sunday 11th September 2011. For more information please call 01328 820217 or visit www.walsingham.org.uk

WEBSITE UPDATE

- Pictures from the Commissioning Service at St George's Cathedral for World Youth Day

ST PETERSBURG BLAGOVEST ENSEMBLE

In our jubilee year, the world class vocal ensemble gave a concert in church which was a fantastic experience for all. This great Russian ensemble from St Petersburg has finally got permission to return to the UK. They will perform a collection of sacred and traditional Russian music. They will be returning to OLI and giving a concert in church on 28th September 2011. Tickets will go on sale next month.

The Southwark Brethren

The Southwark Brethren is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to:- Reverend Paul Hough, St Elphege's Presbytery, 120 Stafford Rd Wallington Surrey SM6 9A Y. Last year we were able to give £1050 each to 36 Priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 7 working Priests who had serious sickness, to make their situation a little easier. In addition, we have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a Gift aid form.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEK

Next weekend an appeal is being made by Missionary Sisters belonging to SABS (Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) Congregation, currently working in Kenya and Tanzania. They are involved in various apostolates in this tribal populated area. Caring for abandoned and orphaned children affected with HIV/AIDS is one of their important targets in this mission field. They seek our support specifically for an orphanage home with medical dispensary and a nursery school at Kimumu village in Eldoret, Kenya, which is a target entrusted to them by the bishop of Eldoret. Most of the children are the victims of post-election violence of 2007.

Your prayers and contributions will be very much appreciated.

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.

NESCOT Summer Fair & Open Day

Saturday 25th June 2011 11am to 2pm at NESCOT, Reigate Road, Ewell KT17 3DS. Includes fun dog show, farm tours, facepainting, milk the cow, lucky dip, bouncy castle, beekeepers, fire engine and refreshments. All proceeds in aid of Surry & Mid Surrey Young Carers. For more details please visit www.nescot.ac.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone for listening to us last weekend as we made an appeal for our pilgrimage to World Youth Day. You raised a fantastic total of over £1,300 which we will put to really good use. Thank you once again. *OLI WYD Pilgrims*

Need Any Help in the Home?

Qualified carer looking for carer/housekeeping work in the home. If you are interested, please call Calista (OLI parishioner) on 020 8391 9232 or email her at calista_33@hotmail.com

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

The school will be holding an **Open Evening** regarding Transfer to Secondary School in 2012 on Thursday 7th July from 3.30pm to 8pm in the Marie Therese Hall. It is important that those wishing to apply for a place attend.

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st June at 8pm in the Old Chapel

We will have a Beetle Drive. All ladies in the Parish are very welcome to join us.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

The new rotas are available to collect from the RDJ Room after all Masses this weekend. Please ensure that you collect them **THIS WEEKEND**. Thank you.

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

Next week at all Masses Eucharistic Ministers will be asked to renew their commitment to their ministry.

OLI FOLK GROUP

If you would like to join our new folk group, please come along to our weekly practice sessions on Thursdays at 7pm in the church. All musicians and singers welcome— especially our younger parishioners. Contact the Parish Office or Fr Arbo on 020 8399 9550.



Refugee Week 20 – 26 June 2011

Different pasts, shared future

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity to discover and celebrate the contributions refugees bring to the UK.

Organisers are currently collecting stories and case studies about the contributions that refugees have made to Britain over the last 60 years. If you have any interesting stories or photos on this subject to share, they would very much like to hear from you at www.facebook.com/RefugeeWeek

The Nativity of John the Baptist 24th June.

John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokesperson. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in us. St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.



CHAIRMANS REPORT – PARISH COUNCIL AGM – 14th June 2011

This report provides a summary of some of the work of the Parish Council over the past few months since the last AGM back in September. It will also look at some of the other events which have taken place which have provided a witness of Christ's work both within the Parish and the wider communities of Tolworth and Surbiton. The Council over the coming year will continue to act in its role as an advisory council to the parish priest on a number of issues, and looks forward to undertaking any special projects as required.

The, what is now the Annual Parish Meal, was held in January, back for its third outing, with over 100 people enjoying a fantastic evening of food, wine, and chat and was an outstanding success. The new venue of Sorrentos worked well, and we would like to congratulate those who organised this event, which has become an important part of the parish social calendar.

We are delighted to be welcoming back to the parish the St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble this coming September. Like the annual meal, the concert in church was very much part of our celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the building of the church, and we are excited that the problems over issuing visas by our Government has been resolved, and common sense has prevailed. I would recommend the concert to everyone as you will hear a beauty of singing which can only be provided by some of the best singers in the world.

The spiritual and prayer life of the parish is, and must remain centre to our existence as a Catholic. The liturgies this year have been carried out with much thought, grace and reverence by all involved, whether that be Easter or Christmas, Masses with the Bishop, or normal weekend Mass. We currently have nearly 1300 people attending mass at the weekend, which is a figure which continues to rise. Weekday masses continue to be very well supported, as is holy hour on Fridays. We had over 200 people at midnight mass on New Years Eve, and the return of Evening Prayer of the Church throughout Lent was also very well supported. The service of Nine Lessons and Carols and social afterwards which was held for the second time last December drew over 100 people and was a truly uplifting experience, with the charity Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness benefitting from the proceeds of the raffle.

The Sacramental Programs have been run, as always, very well, and our thanks must go to all of the catechists involved. The First Holy Communion Programs this year has over 60 young people preparing to receive our Lord for the first time, there were nearly 50 in the Confirmation program, and as always, it was a privilege for all present at the Easter Vigil, to witness the climax to the journey of all those who had been part of the RCIA program for the last few months.

In Advent this year we will be in the privileged position of witnessing the implementation of a more accurate translation to the Roman Missal. This will give us all the opportunity to re-connect with the liturgy as we study and learn the new texts. Along with this is the new music which is being written to reflect the truer translation of the original Latin texts. In the parish, we have had several opportunities to study the new texts in the presentations held by the clergy, but our appreciation of the liturgy and liturgical texts must not stop there as we all have a responsibility to keep our experience of Mass alive and fresh in order that we can pass on our faith to our children and the young people in our care.

It has not gone un-noticed that the 9am mass needs some TLC to make it a time more open to prayer and reflection, and a place where young and old can worship in harmony together. We hope and pray that in the coming weeks and months a better balance can be found between some acceptable noise level due to the nature of the mass, and time for silence and prayer. Some of the benches have been removed which has helped slightly with noise levels, and in response to requests, we are considering creating a viewing area within the narthex for parents to go and sit if they have a particularly problematic noisy child at a given moment. However, it is felt that children should, where possible, be in Mass and not taken out, so we will be stopping short of creating a "cry chapel." It is possible that additional help might need to be given to attendees at this Mass in understanding how to behave at Mass which the Council will continue to monitor.

The narthex, when compared to the beauty of the rest of the building, is in need to some work. Budgets are currently tight, so this might take some time to complete, but work will be undertaken to improve navigation around the notice boards, clearing out redundant furniture, improve the lighting, and generally make the space brighter and more welcoming.

As Christians, we all have a responsibility of evangelising, which does not necessarily come easily to us as Catholics. Our young people's group goes from strength to strength and currently has a membership of over 30. 12 of them are joining with the 42 strong contingent from the deanery who will attend World Youth Day in Madrid in August of this year. This is a truly vital part of any young Catholics journey in faith and it will be beneficial for them to be immersed in an environment centered on faith. Last weekend, during their presentations after communion, our young people told us that in the First Letter from Paul to Timothy, we learn that *"Do not let people disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity"* and that in the words of John Paul II at World Youth Day in Denver, it

"helps youth reflect on their deepest aspirations" and is *"a time when many make daring and courageous decisions."* I hope the whole parish will join me in praying that all of our young people may find the Holy Spirit in their hearts during their time in Madrid and that they may indeed be able to make daring and courageous decisions about their future lives.

Let us also remember the many organisations in the parish who work tirelessly week in and week out for the good of our community: from those involved with the liturgies of the Church, the cleaners, catechists, prayer groups, musicians, those working with the youth of the parish, the school, finance committees, the newly formed visiting group, and everyone who helps in any way, large or small. The Lenten Project has, as always, been superbly run and they must be congratulated on raising another superb amount of money, made even harder again this year due to the economic situation of the country and individuals. OLI is a large organisation, so we are grateful to everyone for their contribution.

The fabric of the church building and grounds takes much looking after due to the large volumes of people who use it and the Council would like to thank the members of the Maintenance Committee for all of their efforts. They have undertaken many maintenance issues during the past year, and have overseen the building of the Chapel of Remembrance through to a very successful conclusion. The triptych which was completed by Ian Knowles is absolutely stunning and a great addition to the art within the church building.

The School is not immune to building works as they have a Special Needs Unit under construction which will be an amazing addition to our school. Our primary school is not only an incredibly important asset to the parish as a whole, it is an integral part of the triad which is so vital to the passing on of the faith to future generations: that of Church, Family and School. We wish the school, teachers, parents and children every success in all their ventures over the coming year.

Communication in such a large organisation remains vitally important and at times, a challenge. The website goes from strength to strength and is read on a regular basis by more and more people. Members of the Council have undertaken the task of bringing the parish handbook up to date which is presented to all new members to the parish.

Speaking of new members to the parish, we are very pleased to welcome the Korean Catholic Community to the parish. They have moved from St Anne's and now have two Masses per weekend in our church along with catechesism, Sunday school, and coffee after the Sunday Mass.

The above is really a brief overview of the activities of the Parish Council and Parish as a whole over the last year. I would like to thank all members of the Council past and present for their commitment and dedication in getting involved in the life of the parish in this way.

We are, of course, very fortunate in this parish to have three ordained ministers who work tirelessly for the good of the parish. Deacon Al does so much for the parishioners of the parish from the marriage preparation course, to visiting the sick and housebound, looking after Tolworth Hospital, and I know he is a great support to Fr's Anthony and Arbo. Rev Al has taken the decision that having reached a certain time of life, to cut back on some of his pastoral work within the parish, and we thank him and Trudie for all they have done in the past in all areas of their pastoral work, and assure them of our support and prayers in the areas they will continue with.

One of the biggest effects this is going to have on the life of the parish is the end of the Engaged Couples Course which Rev Al and Trudie run on behalf of the Deanery. This is a tremendous resource for the parish and deanery, and it is vital that we find a couple, or couples, who might be prepared to continue with this. Rev Al and Trudie have agreed to provide training for this to anyone willing to take it over. Anyone who feels they would like to find out more should speak to Fr Anthony.

The Year of the Priest ended in June last year when The Archbishop said that *"without priesthood, there can be no Eucharist, which is not our own creation, but a gift that empowers us to live in love and becomes the source of life itself."* The Church (with a big "C") must continue to do all that it can, and in fact far more than it is currently doing, to encourage vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, in order that future generations may feel the love and support we receive from our clergy. With this in mind, the parish is organising an event for the autumn which will specifically promote the ordained ministry of Permanent Diaconate within the Deanery of Kingston upon Thames.

Fr's Anthony and Arbo in their turn have given their lives to the service of others and it is a privilege to have the opportunity of witnessing their ministry. On behalf of the whole parish, I would like to extend a huge thank you to them for all that they do and assure them of our love, prayers and support in the year to come.

Given by Andrew Richardson, Chairman of the Parish Council, at the AGM on 14th June 2011