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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

This Sunday's Gospel according to Luke tells us of the two disciples of Jesus who had turned their back on the events surrounding Jesus' death in Jerusalem, and were heading along the road to the village of Emmaus. They are joined by a stranger who revealed to them the significance of what had happened in Jerusalem and explained to them the passages from scripture that were about Jesus. Still they did not recognise that this stranger was Jesus, and it was only later, at table, did they recognise him 'at the breaking of bread'.

In last Sunday's Gospel we heard about 'doubting Thomas' who became believing Thomas in front of a gathering of disciples, who had shut themselves away in a room in fear.

However, the theme of this group of disciples being dumbstruck and doubting their eyes takes on a deeper meaning. Even after being allowed to touch Jesus and see his wounded hands and feet, Jesus could see they had doubts. So he did something more which would leave them in no doubt that his body was real, and not a ghost. He asked for something to eat, and ate it. How very important, therefore, it is for us to understand the significance of the act of eating in relation to recognising the risen body of Christ!

In other parts of the Gospels telling us about the days after the Resurrection, the act of eating is shown to us to be crucial to the dis-

ciples in enabling them to recognise the reality and presence of the Risen Christ.

There were the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, already mentioned. There were also the seven disciples on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius who recognised Jesus cooking a fish on a fire, and when he called them

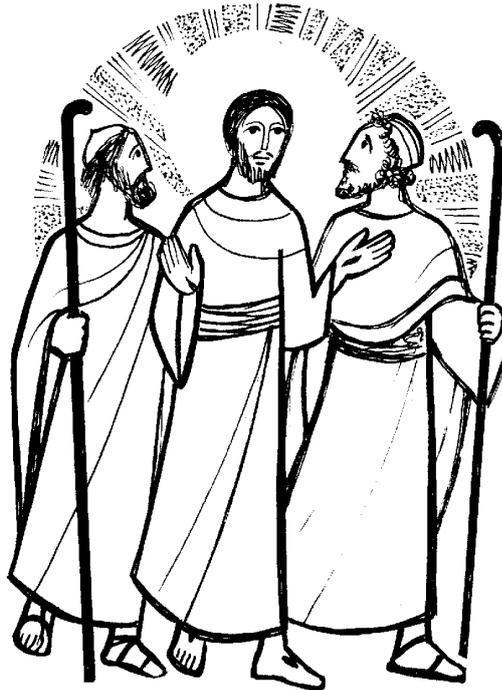
to 'come and have breakfast', giving them bread and fish. The disciples would, no doubt, have recalled the feeding of the five thousand.

In responding to the call in the Holy Eucharist to come and eat, we are truly witnessing to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In these days of fast food and meals on the go, the family meal, at least once a week, is very important in reminding adults and teaching children about the importance of recognising one another in the shared

experience of breaking bread.

This will make (especially in the teaching of children in the ways of faith) the essential connection between the Eucharistic meal on Sundays in church and the holiness inherent in sharing a meal together at table, complete with its own rituals. In our world full of busyness, it is well worth the effort.

Al Callan



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7th/8th May 2011**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Philip Reginald RIP (Anne Sebastian)  
**Sun 9am** Rosina O'Connor RIP & Baby Isabelle Stammers RIP  
**11am** St Antony (Maria Simmonds)  
**12.30pm** **Baptism: Julian Theo Paul Bullen**  
**3pm** **CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE (Churches Together in Surbiton)**  
**6pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 9th to 14th May 2011**

- Mon Feria**  
**9.30am** Philip & Doreen Stanley RIP (FM)  
**4pm** Tolworth Hospital Mass  
All Deceased Priests & People of OLI Parish
- Tues Feria**  
**7am** Margaret Davis RIP 1st Anniversary  
(Margaret, Pat & Family)  
**9.30am** Keith Haran RIP (Rita Lee)
- Wed Feria**  
**7am** Welfare of Eddie & Sheila Walsh  
**11am** **Funeral Mass: Mary Linstead RIP**
- Thur Feria**  
**7am** Welfare of Rita Russell (B Brooks & D Marley)  
**9.30am** Kathleen Hogan RIP (Peter Hogan)
- Fri Feria**  
**7am** Josie Conlon RIP  
**9.30am** Louis Cerveaux RIP (Mary Taylor)  
**10am** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat St Matthias, apostle**  
**9am** Joe Nason RIP (Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14th/15th May 2011**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

- Sat 6.30pm** Robert & Geoffrey Powell RIP (Florence Powell)  
**Sun 9am** Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)  
**11am** Deceased Members of the McNally/Keely Family  
**12.30pm** **Baptism :**  
**6pm** People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for Ecclesiastical Education**

**Last week: Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church £1,806**

We thank you for your continued generosity

Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski

Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips



We welcome into the Church **Emilia Anne Thirza Quinton, Arthur Eldad Zaks-Kemp & Joseph Minh Van Tran** who were baptised last weekend.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 9.30am to 10am and**

**Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm**

**READINGS**

**This Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)**

**First Reading** Acts 2:14. 22-33

It is the feast of Pentecost and Peter preaches to the gathered crowds about the resurrection of Jesus.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-21

It is through the blood of Jesus, whom God raised from the dead, that we now have faith in God.

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35

Two disciples on the road to Emmaus are joined on the road by the risen Jesus, who explains the scriptures to them and helps them to make sense of his death and why it was necessary.

**Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter (A)**

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Last but not least, the boy, David, is chosen to be king. God's ways are different from ours.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul reminds the Ephesians how they were once darkness. To be in Christ is to live in the light.

**Gospel** John 9:1-41

The dynamic story of the man born blind, and the wilful blindness of those who think they see.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Mary Linstead** whose funeral Mass will be here on Wednesday at 11am, **Louis Cerveaux, Mgr Michael Smith, Margaret Healy** (mother of Kathy Moroney, grandmother of Hannah, Sam and Kate), **Eva Perry** (sister of Anna Szymanska), **Keith Haran**, and **Gerry Hanrahan**. 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; Michael Pearson, Bishop Michael Evans, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Anna Szymanska, Luke Nolan, 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 Ingrasci, 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

This year, the annual **Unity Service** organised by **Churches Together in Surbiton** is to be held at OLI at 3pm **TODAY**, Sunday 8th May. Please try to come and support this event.

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**Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage**  
 Are you celebrating a 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary this year? If so, and you would like to be invited to this special celebration on 18th June at St George's Cathedral, please contact the presbytery and give your details to Elaine so that she can arrange an invitation from the Archbishop.  
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**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**  
 The boxes of envelopes for the year from 5th June will be available for collection from the RDJ Room on the weekend of 14th/15th May. Members of the Gift Aid scheme can collect their new box before or after each Mass.  
 Taxpaying parishioners are reminded of the vital importance of this **free gift** in support of our parish. Without it, we would be in great difficulty in meeting our financial needs. Please renew your commitment to the scheme; and thank you for your past support.  
 If you are a taxpayer and not already a member of the scheme, **please join now**. It costs members absolutely nothing; we simply reclaim the tax you have already paid on the donations you make to the Church. Forms are available in a box marked 'Gift Aid' in the main entry to the church, or can be picked up from the Presbytery.

**Lenten Collection Boxes**  
 Just a reminder– if you still have your Lenten Project Boxes sitting at home, please drop them into the Presbytery during the week.  
 Thank you.

**LENTEN PROJECT 2011**  
**'ONGOING' TABLE TOP SALE !**  
**Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May**

Due to the amount of generous donations for the table top sale we still have lots of items to sell. We are now having a final 'sale' of outstanding items. All proceeds will go to the Lenten Project.  
**This weekend the hall will be open before and after the Saturday evening Mass.**  
**And on Sunday morning we will be there before the 9am Mass, until after the 11am Mass. At that time there will also be refreshments.**  
 Call in to check out one of the last opportunities to support the project and pick up a bargain!  
**So far, thanks to your support, this event has raised over £1,300 !**

**AYLESFORD DAY OF CELEBRATION**  
 There is an open invitation to the Day of Celebration for People of All Abilities which will take place at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Maidstone on Sunday 10 July 2011. There will be a gathering service at 12noon and Mass at 4pm. For further details please contact the Centre secretary on 020 8672 7684/ 2422

**THANK YOU**  
 - to all those who helped organise and supported the Southern Indian Event last Saturday evening. The event was a huge success and raised £1,250 towards this year's Lenten Project.

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**Sale of Bedding Plants**  
 An order form is attached to this weeks newsletter and it gives details of how to order and collect your plants. There has been a change of supplier this year and unfortunately the prices have increased. However there is a greater variety of plants available and all profits will benefit our Parish Lenten Project. There are also some spare forms at the back of the church if you wish to give one to a friend or neighbour.  
 Thank you for your support.  
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**2ND TOLWORTH SCOUT GROUP  
12A PRINCES AVENUE**

May Fair on Saturday 14th May 11.30am to 3pm. Bottle Tombola, BBQ, Rifle Range, Bouncy Slide, Wii Games and much more. Please come and support us!

**A Fresh Look at the Sacraments**

The Christian Education Centre is running two evenings for those involved in preparation for the sacraments. The first is on Tuesday 10 May 2011 and will focus on Baptism and Confirmation; the second is on Tuesday 24 May 2011 and will focus on Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Both sessions are from 7pm to 9pm and will take place at The Hermitage, More Park, West Malling Kent ME19 6HN. All are welcome. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For bookings and further details please contact the Centre Secretary on 020 8672 7684/2422 or [office@cectootingbec.org.uk](mailto:office@cectootingbec.org.uk)

**Day of Recollection for Carers**

**Supporting the Elderly with Dementia**

Led by Frances Molloy and Amanda Dickie. Saturday 11th June 10am to 4.30pm, concluding with Mass. At The Gatehouse, Aylesford Priory. Buffet lunch provided. Suggested donation £15. Booking essential.

Email [e.partridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:e.partridge@hotmail.co.uk) tel: 01303 873835

**Short Course on RCIA and Catechesis:**

Thursday 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July, at Education for Parish Service, Christian Education Centre, Tooting Bec. 9.30am – 3.30 pm. Cost £25 per day including substantial reading material. For further details and to register, please email: [anneinman@eps-uk.org.uk](mailto:anneinman@eps-uk.org.uk) or tel: 020 8767 4445

**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.

**URSULINE OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION**

All 'Old Girls' and ex-staff members of the School are invited to attend the annual Reunion, which takes place at the School on Saturday 14th May from 3pm. (Entrance in Crescent road). Afternoon tea will be served. The Reunion will close with Mass at 5.15pm in the school chapel.

**Exploring the Ministry of the Sacristan**

Wednesday 18th May 10.30am to 3pm at The Christian Education Centre Tooting Bec. Reflecting on present parish practise, links with other ministries, Sacristan teams and training plus the new translation of the Missal. For more information, please call 020 8672 7684

**Latest edition of GRAPEVINE**

Please note that this parish magazine will be distributed this weekend after all Masses. As usual, it includes a 'Children's Corner'. Although this publication is free, we welcome donations to cover the printing costs.

**St. Matthias 14th May**

Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfil the scriptural recommendation: "May another take his office." "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22). They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven. Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

**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.

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