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Should we Celebrate the Death of Osama bin Laden or Pray for him?

I heard the death of Osama bin Laden for the first time while driving from Sunderland to London. The announcement provoked some strong emotions in me and I had to slow down the driving, increase the volume of the radio and listen again what I had just heard (not the best thing to do on the M1). It was an event which, I believe, aroused a reaction of one kind or another to both people of faith and those of none.

Many were proud or even jubilant of what the, now well known, *Navy SEALs* commandos achieved. Obviously there are some, who were very sad, shocked and angered by the death of someone they considered a Muslim warrior. For my part, I think I was very happy that a man who caused so much pain and destruction, and still intended to do more of the same, was no more.

But after a moment of reflection, I thought again. Am I celebrating the death of another human being – even one responsible for thousands of killings around the world? How can I, as a follower of Jesus, reconcile the triumphant response of people on the streets of New York and Washington with the message of Jesus? What if Osama bin Laden's wives and children came to me (if they were Christians), requesting that I officiate at his funeral? What would I say in the homily?

Jesus' response to this matter is clear: "Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44 "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly..." Luke 6:28

"Love your enemies" – I think we may need to make a distinction between two kinds of love, involving the same general feeling. One is that feeling by which we approve of the person and his actions. The other is the one by which we wish the other person well; but we do not approve of his ideologies and conduct. It would be un-Christian to love the conduct of a person

whose wish is to destroy other human beings. This distinction may loosely be compared to the way Jesus loved his mother and the love he had for Judas Iscariot. On the former he says; "My mother... is the one who does the will of God" Mark 3:35. On the latter he says; "the Son of man is going to his fate ...but alas for that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed!" Mark 14:21

The latter is the love of benevolence. It is the love of compassion we are

to bear toward our enemies. This is the love I would feel for someone like Osama bin Laden. Although the world suffered and may continue to suffer keenly through his ideologies and conduct, we may still wish his soul well; we may pity his evil madness; we may seek to promote his eternal welfare; and therefore, we may pray for his soul. I believe this is what Jesus meant by loving our enemies. It is hard. Possibly it is the most difficult of all duties of a Christian.

As for the jubilant crowds of people on the streets celebrating, it may make us feel uneasy and provoke in us some mixed feelings. It is hard for one to pin point what each individual is feeling and what is it, he or she is celebrating? Are the celebrations based on satisfaction for revenge? Or are they celebrating the end of an evil conduct of a person?



Fr Arbo Lekule

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: Abigail Dhaarshie & Lautaro Yasnikowski**
6pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for Ecclesiastical Education

Daily Masses 16th to 21st May 2011

- Mon Feria**
9.30am Francesco & Ermando Perillo RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
4.30pm Syro Malabar Mass
- Tues Feria**
7am Welfare of Mollie Tett (Monica Tett)
9.30am **FUNERAL MASS: Louis Cerveaux RIP**
- Wed Feria**
7am Repose of the Souls of all priests, nuns and forgotten souls (Eugenia Claridge)
9.30am Anne Martin -For Successful Operation (Una & Ivan Flanagan)
- Thur Feria**
7am Private Intention (Donor's Welfare)
9.30am Margaret Healy RIP (Murphy Family)
- Fri Feria**
7am Keith Haran RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Tadeusz Cyfka RIP (Maria Cyfka)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat**
9am Aleya Ozicer (Helena Halton)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/22nd May 2011

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Peter & Margaret Crawford RIP (FM)
Sun 9am Sr Mary Manley (Fiona & Andrew Perks)
11am Margaret Healy RIP (Keely Family)
12.30pm **Baptism : Juan Ranaramesh**
6pm People of the Parish

Last week: Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church £1,705

We thank you for your continued generosity

Cash counters this week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips

Next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry



We welcome into the Church **Julian Theo Paul Bullen** who was baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This 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.

Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter (A)

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

God prophesies that the dry bones will find life and a home through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

Our lives are Spirit-filled because Christ is living within us.

Gospel John 11:1-45

When Jesus restored Lazarus to life and to his family, he hinted at his own resurrection and at its transforming effects on our lives and relationships.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Mary Linstead, 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; Ellie Strudwick, 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 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

 * **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 pres- *
 * bytery and give your details to Elaine so that *
 * she can arrange an invitation from the *
 * Archbishop. *

CONFIRMATION:

We welcome the young people from our Confirmation Programme this weekend to the 6pm Mass as they celebrate the Ceremony of Acceptance. We wish them well with their final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost weekend.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The boxes of envelopes for the year from 5th June will be available for collection from the RDJ Room this 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.

**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.

Pray for Vocations Today

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the day chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Pope Benedict has written to us this year on the theme "Proposing Vocations in the Local Church". He reminds families and parishes and associations of their responsibility to help children and young people "grow into a genuine and affectionate friendship with the Lord". During his visit, the Holy Father addressed young people at Westminster, asking them to look into their hearts, each day, to find Jesus, the source of all true love. Please pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life, that they may look into their hearts, hear the Lord's call and follow it courageously.

 * **Sale of Bedding Plants** *
 * It is not too late to place an order for *
 * bedding plants, but order forms must be *
 * handed in to the Presbytery by Wednes- *
 * day 18th May. There are some spare *
 * order forms at the back of the church. *

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 Christian Education Centre Secretary on 020 8672 7684/ 2422

!! RECENT THEFT !!

Please make sure your cars are locked and any valuables kept out of sight. Sadly, someone had their jacket and wallet stolen from their vehicle last week, whilst parked outside the church.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Unity Service last week. We really appreciated it. Sheila and Chris Ennis

Short Course on RCIA and Catechesis:

Thursday 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th 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 or tel: 020 8767 4445

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 tel: 01303 873835

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.

A Bring and Buy Coffee morning in aid of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at 21 Greenfield Avenue between 10am and 12noon on Tuesday, 24th May. You will be very welcome.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 17th at 8pm in the Old Chapel. We will have a bring and buy sale for LIFE. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent jumble sale with the Knights for the parish project such a success. We made £530.51

APF RED BOX COLLECTIONS DEC/MARCH 2010/2011

Collections amounted to £491.38. I apologise to anyone who's box has not been emptied. Health and weather conditions caused unavoidable delays. I would like to welcome Mrs Pauline Ferrara, who has kindly agreed to help with the collections. Many thanks to all box holders for their continued support to a worthwhile cause. Spare magazines are available at the back of the church.
Tom Studham

ROOM TO LET

Well presented bedroom with ensuite and all commodities available.
Would suit a young professional or mature student.
Please contact 020 8786 2171 for further information.

LENTEN PROJECT 2011

'SECOND' TABLE TOP SALE – RESULT

Many thanks to all who supported this *second* event – held because of the amount of gifts so generously donated.

Including money raised since the sale in March we have been able to add another £240 to the total – and the final total for the 2011 table top sale is now **£1,537.60!**

Thank you.

SPONSORED MOONWALK

On the 14th May 2011, we will be doing the Moon-Walk. We are entered as a team –Immaculate Ladies. We are doing the full moon – 26.2 miles. Training is going well but we have a way to go yet!

The MoonWalk is a power walking marathon through the night to raise money for breast cancer charities. For further information, please see www.walkthewalk.org.

We would be grateful if you would sponsor us if you can . Please see our fundraising link below

http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/immaculate_ladies or alternatively leave a donation at the Presbytery in an envelope marked 'MOONWALK'.

Many thanks for your support.

*Jo Forbes (Katie 4CS, Becky 1M)
Tracey Gaggiotti (Calum 4CS, Cara 2ES)
Annette Williams (Daniel 4CS, Thomas 2ES)*

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

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

Archbishop Peter will be celebrating the **Mass of Thanksgiving for New Catholics** in St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, London SE1 7YH at **11am on Saturday 21 May 2011.**

All are invited to celebrate and welcome those baptized and received into the Church at Easter.

BIKES FOR SALE

One blue boy's specialised bike (age 7-10) and one black BMX full sized bike. Both in good condition-£40 each. Please call 0788 274 0220 for more information.