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Today in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we have the story of the choosing of seven men of good reputation filled with the spirit and with wisdom to be deacons.

The diaconate was an important ministry in the early church, but went into decline in the Middle Ages, becoming almost exclusively a step on the way to the priesthood. The Council of Trent in the sixteenth century intended the restoration of the permanent ministry but we had to wait till the Second Vatican Council and the decisions of Pope Paul VI for this restoration to be implemented. There are over 80 in our diocese. We have three deacons in the Kingston Deanery, Bob Beresford who is retired, Al Callan and John-Simon Lawson. And there is one man from St Raphael's parish who is in formation, Peter Sebastian.

The diaconate is a major order in the Church it is an integral part of the sacrament of orders. If we want to understand what a deacon is we have to have a Catholic understanding of sacrament. The late Pope John II talked to deacons using these words, "by your ordination you are configured to Christ in his service role. You are also meant to be living signs of the servanthood of his Church." As Bishop Michael Evans wrote "without a true sense of sacramentality, the diaconate has little to offer which cannot be found elsewhere. The deacon is not a super altar server or a long faithful parish helper finally rewarded with a clerical collar or title of The Reverend. He is a sacramental sign, a living icon or image of Jesus Christ."

So the distinct identity of the deacon is not to be found in particular tasks he performs but in his being a sacramental symbol in the midst of the Church. As we know the word deacon comes from the Greek word to serve. The deacon in a community must not be seen to undermine or devalue the common and sacred service of the community of faith the Church of Christ. The deacon's ministry to service can only

properly be understood in the context of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, a sacrament that serves all people.

The ministry of the deacon is seen as a three fold ministry of Service of the Word, Service of the Altar and service of charity. These are all part of the service of Christ in his Church. In serving of the word the deacon proclaims the gospel, preaches and catecheses. In servicing of the Altar or Liturgy the deacon, baptises, assists at marriages, brings viaticum to the dying, officiates at funerals, burials and cremations. At the Eucharist he assists the priest and helps with communion. At the service of charity the deacon has especial love for the poor and the oppressed. "the Churches teaching authority makes it clear that working for justice and peace and human rights is at the heart of proclaiming the Gospel and of the Church's service of Christ in the world. There it is at the heart of the ministry of the deacon."

Today many men who are called to the permanent diaconate are married. The priorities of a married deacon must be - in order- family, job, diaconate. They are interwoven. We must remember that the response of the married deacon is only possible by the love, support and collaboration of his wife. The formation of a deacon takes time. There is a process of selection, a spiritual pre-study period then a three year formation programme. If you are married, to be a candidate you must be at least 35 years of age. Celibate candidates must be 26 years of age. As a parish I would like you to consider those that might be possible candidates for the permanent diaconate. We need to think about putting forward to the bishop a man to train for the permanent diaconate. Perhaps you might feel that God is calling you to consider this vocation. Pray about it, talk to your wife or those close to you. Come and have a word with Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo or Deacon Al.



Anthony Charlton

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

Daily Masses 23rd to 28th May 2011

Mon	Feria
7am	Holy Souls
9.30am	Paul Taylor RIP (Taylor Family)
Tues	Feria
7am	Holy Souls
9.30am	Joan Kilcooley RIP (Alan & Dorothy Mundow)
Wed	St Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor of the Church
7am	Cyril Turner RIP (FM)
9.30am	Ken Kent RIP (Mary Taylor)
8pm	Deceased Brothers of Surrey Province KSC
Thur	St Philip Neri, priest
7am	Holy Souls
9.30am	Bridie Fillmore RIP (Carole, Mark & Michelle)
Fri	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, apostle of England
7am	Holy Souls
9.30am	Josie Conlon RIP
10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	Feria
9am	Repose of the Soul of Maureen McVann (UCM Intention)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/29th May 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Sat 6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 9am	Jolly Thadathil RIP (Jommy Thadathil)
11am	John Preston RIP (Josie Espiritu)
12.30pm	Baptism : Harry Lee Purdy & Keon Paul Cauilan Lucas
6pm	Secular Franciscan Order-Kingston (Ivan Flanagan)

Last week: Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church **£2,145**

Ecclesiastical Education **£ 447**

We thank you for your continued generosity

Cash counters this week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry

Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington



We welcome into the Church **Abbegail Dhaarshie & Lautaro Yasnikouski** who were baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This 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.

Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter (A)

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip preaches in a Samaritan town and has great success. Peter and John lay hands on those who have been baptised and the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter reminds his readers to reverence Christ in their hearts, to witness to Christ and to be courteous. If it is the will of God that they should suffer, it is better to suffer for what is right than for what is wrong.

Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus addresses his disciples, saying that if they love him they must keep his commandments. Jesus says he will be leaving but that he will send the Spirit of truth to be with them.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Mary Linstead, Louis Cerveaux, Joseph McCarron** (brother of Rita Sweeney), **Mgr Michael Smith, Margaret Healy** (mother of Kathy Moroney, grandmother of Hannah, Sam and Kate) and **Marge Connor** (aunt of Emily Mullins). 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; **Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, 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 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 Burrridge, 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 Carrión, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai and Philip Rajanayagam**

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.

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

!! 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.

MEMORIAL MASS

On Wednesday evening this week (25th May) Bishop Paul Hendricks will be here to celebrate Mass for all deceased members of the Surrey Province of the Order of the Knights of St Columba, their widows and families. All parishioners are cordially invited to join us for the Mass, especially past members of the Order. The Mass begins at 8.00pm.

SALE OF BEDDING PLANTS

Ordered plants can be collected on Wednesday 25 May between 7pm and 8pm from the school playground.
Thank you for your support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still around 100 members who have not yet collected their envelopes from the RDJ Room. Please collect your new boxes before or after each Mass this weekend.

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.

If you would prefer, Standing orders can also be set up as part of our Gift Aid scheme.



A reminder to ask you to remember to drop off your donations for Fr Anthony and the Tolworth Tornados sponsored bike ride to

the parish office. If you aren't using the envelopes provided then please highlight on the front of the envelope that it is for the Bike ride. Additional envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Please support the effort of Fr Anthony and the team and give generously.

St. Joseph's College Beulah Hill

invites all former students and their families to the **Celebration of 125 Years of The 49 Club (Old Josephians)** at the College on Saturday 25th June 2011 from 11.30.

More details available from:

Stephen Horsman at the College Tel. 0208 761 1426 email shorsman@sjc.ac or from Gerry Murphy

Tel.0208 651 2510, email gsm.sjc@gmail.com

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.

OLI MEDITATION GROUPS

All are very welcome to join our meditation groups in the PPC (the Bungalow) on Mondays at 10am and Fridays at 10.30am.

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

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our Mass for Maureen McVann RIP will be on Saturday 28th May at 9am.

Maureen was a member of New Malden UCM Foundation and also our former National President.

She will be sadly missed

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.

GRAPEVINE PARISH MAGAZINE

Please recycle any copies of the latest Grapevine Magazine by placing them at the back of the church. Numerous parishioners did not get a copy, and would very much like to read it! Thank you.

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.

BIKES FOR SALE

One blue boy's specialised Trek bike (age 7-10) and one black BMX full sized bike. Both in good condition- £30 each. Please call 0788 274 0220 for more information.



The purpose of the Parish Lenten Project is to give everyone in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund

raising for third world projects. When it was set up in 1971 the parish raised £530 which was shared between three charities in Ghana.

We have come a long way since then and this year we are supporting six charities and have so far raised £11,734.26. This is down on last year but we have a few fund raising activities still being undertaken by the school plus the bedding plant sale and over half the Lenten boxes still haven't been returned.

Please remember to return your Lenten boxes - every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Please give them to the priests or drop them off at the parish office.

We would also like to thank the Philip, Antoinette, Joseph and the Sri Lankan community for an excellent Sri Lankan event which raised £935. This was followed after Easter by a South India evening which raised £1,250. Thank you to Jommy and the South India community for another excellent evening.

Thank you also to the Knights & UCM for organising another successful jumble sale which raised £533.51.

A special thank you to Janet who organised a second table top sale bringing the total money raised to £1,537.60.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the events and has already handed in their Lenten boxes.

EVENTS	MONEY RAISED SO FAR
Justice & Peace Big Brew event	£45.00
UCM cake sale	£410.57
International night & Bingo	£450.00
Table Top Sale	£1,537.60
Family Quiz Night	£356.00
Sri Lankan cooking demo	£134.00
Car boot sale	£177.00
OLI Charity Music Concert organised by Chris Jeganathan	£250.00
Sri Lankan event	£935.00
South India Event	£1,250.00
Fr Anthony & the Tornadoes sponsored bike ride (so far)	£1,668.00
KSC & UCM Jumble Sale	£533.51
Lenten Project Boxes (so far)	£3,496.00
Maundy Thursday Offertory Collection	£491.58
Bedding Plants	TBC
OLI School	TBC
TOTAL:	£11,734.26