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Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding.

When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly

harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can

stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me

just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all.

Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking

us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 8th/9th October 2011
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am Birthday Thanksgiving (Nathan Oladimeji)
11am Keith Howell RIP (Lorna G Belen)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Maisie & Millie Donovan & Andrew Neil Blair**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm Margaret Nicholls RIP (Jean Boulding)

Retiring Collection for Family Fast Day– CAFOD

Daily Masses 10th to 15th October 2011

- Mon Feria**
9.30am Catherine Taylor RIP (Pauline & Roger Chamberlain)
4pm Tolworth Hospital Mass For All the Sick & Housebound
- Tues Feria**
9.30am Ann McNicol RIP (Memorial Mass)
- Wed St Wilfrid, bishop**
9.30am Clive Mundow RIP (Alan Mundow)
- Thur St Edward the Confessor, king**
9.30am Una & Rex Hedderly RIP (Brian & Mary Farrelly)
12.30pm **Funeral Mass Stanley Sweeney RIP**
- Fri St Callistus I, pope & martyr**
7am Antony Parks (June Parks)
9.30am Rita Mahendren Rosa (Lily Joseph)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor of the Church**
9am Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th October 2011
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Dan & Rosa McGeown RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Bridget Coughlin (Cummins Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Daniel Wiczorek & Elsie Haylett**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm Kitty Doron RIP (Heather Trutwein)

Retiring Collection for Needs of the Diocese

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £2,155

Joel Community £ 350

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week:: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips

Next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturday 9.30am to 10am and
Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Stanley Sweeney, Ann McNicol, Kay Bridgland, Michael Alexander Khan & Canon Cornelius Beausang.**

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; Brenda Killeen, Ken Goodall, Sheila Durrant, Barbara Stevenson, Ron Dorey, Bernard Darney, Peter Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Gerard Dodds, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Luke Nolan, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Mary McDonagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, 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, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham and Mary Bastiampillai.



We welcome into the Church **Lewis James Williams & Jacob Godfrey Chang** who were baptised last weekend.

CAFOD-FAMILY FAST DAY

Your money will go towards helping the world's poorest children, where childhood can be a time of pain, despair and survival. Please give what you can at Fast Day, as your donations will make a real difference to the lives of these children by providing medical care, educational support, nutritious food and much more.

Thank you for your generosity.

WEBSITE UPDATES:

Photos and write up of the St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble Concert from last week, along with pictures of the harvest flowers in church.

READINGS

This Week: : 28th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

On the mountain of Zion, God celebrates the end of death in a banquet with all peoples, whose sorrow and suffering are removed for ever.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

The apostle Paul is in prison, yet even there rejoices in God and in his companions for the strength and equanimity to accept whatever befalls him.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

God's kingdom is described as being like a great feast to which everyone, both bad and good, is invited, but not everyone accepts the invitation.

Next Week: 29th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

God can use anyone, believer and unbeliever alike, to achieve the divine purpose.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul and his companions send words of encouragement to the church in Thessalonika.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus sees through the Pharisees' attempt to trap him, and teaches the necessity of offering to God what belongs to God.

BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD PRODUCTS:

Nicholas, from the Holy Land Christian Community (who sold products in the narthex 2 weeks ago) will be at St Agatha's Catholic Church in Kingston over the weekend of 15th - 16th October if anyone still wishes to purchase from him.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd –

Big Society? – Fair Society? – Just Society?

The Southwark Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission will be holding their Autumn meeting on Saturday October 22nd at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm.

Keynote speakers will be Francis Davis and Alison-Gelder. Francis is a fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University & a director of the Las Casas Institute on Ethics, Human Rights & Social Justice. Alison is Director of Housing Justice.

Other plans include a talk from Daniel Hale, Progressio's campaigns organiser and the launch of "100 Days of Peace", a campaign to surround the London Olympics with peace and create a lasting legacy.

At lunchtime there will be the launch of Catholic Social Conscience: Thought and Action, a collection of essays at the cutting edge of Catholic social thought with contributions from leading theologians, social researchers and justice and peace activists. The book is edited by Francis Davis (our keynote speaker) and Dr Keith Chappell of Blackfriars, Oxford.

Tea & Coffee available from 10 am. Please bring lunch to share. **Free - all welcome**

NEW TRANSLATION MASS CARDS

Around half of these Mass cards have been taken home by parishioners from the church. Please note that these belong to the church and **should be returned as soon as possible**. You may take home the BLUE sheets as we can copy more of these. Thank you.

PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Tuesday 11th October from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and on Wednesday 12th October from 3pm to 4pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekends newsletter.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

15th October

It was the 16th century, an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. Though a contemplative, Teresa spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, and fought for reform. Ours too is a time of turmoil, a time of reform and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate.

Memorial Mass for Ann McNicol RIP

Please note that we will be having a memorial Mass for Ann McNicol on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at 9.30am.

TOWARDS ADVENT 2011

Come along to the TOWARDS ADVENT Festival at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday November 19th. Special guest speaker this year is Mgr Keith Newton of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is also a celebration in film and drama of the life of Blessed John Paul. All welcome. The Festival opens at 10.30am and runs all day, with stalls and displays from Catholic groups and organisations, refreshments, a play corner for children, books, DVDs and all sorts of Catholic items on sale.

PRAYER SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for parishioners to be prayer sponsors for our First Holy Communion children. To be a prayer sponsor, you agree to pray for a child making their First Holy Communion next June. Please sign the form at the back of the church if you would like to become a prayer sponsor. Regular sponsors will be sent a form which they are asked to return as soon as possible so that they can be paired up with children. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM THE MANNA SOCIETY

Thank you for Our Lady Immaculate Church's Harvest Festival gifts to the Manna Centre. The food that we have received will be used throughout the year to help some of the poorest members of our society. On behalf of them we would like to say a genuine 'Thank You.'

On average 150-200 people use our services each day. Practically everyone who comes to the centre has a breakfast and/or a lunch here. Every week we serve over 900 meals and over 300 mugs of soup/stew. We are only able to provide these services thanks to your Harvest Festival gifts.

May God bless you for your kindness.

The Manna Society

Date for the diary– Blessing of Graves

The annual Deanery service of the Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 6th November at 2pm in Surbiton Cemetery and 3pm in Kingston Cemetery. All welcome.

Seed Gathering Sunday 9th October



This is a great opportunity for encouraging children to think about the environment. Growing trees from local seed can have great benefits in restocking areas with trees of local provenance.

The concept of local provenance suggests that trees that are adapted to the local circumstances and so are likely to

flourish and help restore, conserve and beautify local urban and rural spaces. Collecting seed and growing trees is also a great way to get children involved and start growing the next generation of tree enthusiasts. To learn how to grow a tree from seed visit www.treehelp.com/howto/howto-grow-a-tree-from-seed

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Ursuline High School & Wimbledon College

Wednesday 19th October from 5pm to 7pm. Headteacher's welcome at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Open mornings on 1st & 2nd November from 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Entrance in The Downs, Wimbledon SW20 8HA

www.ursulinesixthform.com

www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk

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Our Lady Immaculate School

Christmas Bazaar

Can you help?

We are looking for people and companies to donate prizes for the Wheel of Fortune. Can you help?

Vouchers for hairdressing, meals out, beauty treatments, cake decoration, sports and leisure activities are all welcome in addition to Christmas hampers, new electronic goods and anything else that will encourage people to try their luck. Please donate and support the school!

Please contact Sarah Owen on 0208 337 1928

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have a large number of requests for Mass intentions, particularly for weekend Masses. When a Mass is requested for a particular date or day of the week, we try to accede to your request. But this is not always possible if a Mass intention has already been allocated for that particular date or day. In such cases we try to allocate your Mass intention to another day or date as near as possible to the one requested. In some cases, however, it may be some time before there is a vacant date. When requesting a Mass intention therefore it is helpful to give as much advance notice as possible. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme please remember to tick the box on the back of the Mass intention envelope.

LONDON IRISH CENTRE

People in Crisis Appeal

In 2011 we are witnessing the largest rise in Irish emigration to the UK since the 1980s. Most are coming to London. Unfortunately, many may become homeless and as a result, suffer poor physical and mental health. The London Irish Centre provide advice and support to Irish people in crisis. Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of the church if you would like to make a donation.

re:fresh books celebrates its 7th Birthday

Re:refresh books & christian resources (23 The Broadway, Tolworth KT6 7DJ) is celebrating its seventh birthday on Saturday 22nd October. For one day only there will be generous offers on all kinds of books, CDs, DVDs, children's books, study books and Bibles in most sections of the shop – far more than ever before. And customers are invited to enjoy a slice of birthday cake and other goodies. Don't miss this opportunity to buy some really good gifts at unrepeatable prices.