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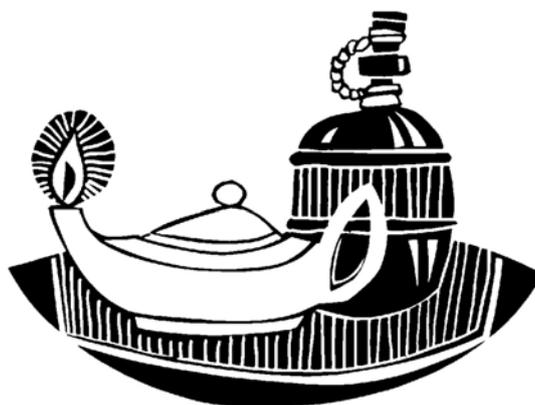
THE SECOND COMING AND THE END

Towards the end of the liturgical year we regularly hear readings with usual warnings about being prepared. We know that the early believers believed that Jesus' second coming and therefore the end of the world would come very soon. But as they continued to read the messages of Jesus and study his life more closely this seemed less likely. Nowadays there are still a number of people who keep attempting to fix times and dates when the world will be coming to an end. Possibly, you would have heard about the American radio preacher who made a name for himself by claiming that this end was supposed to be at 6pm on May 21 this year. When it didn't happen he claimed that he got the month wrong, it was to be October 21. At the moment he seems to have given up.

Most of us do not have time for such scare mongering rhetoric. However, does that mean that the warnings about readiness can be put aside? This Sunday's readings bring us face to face with this reality. They ask us the question: Am I ready for whatever happens to me today? What I believe as a more practical approach to such questions, is the end of our own world, the moment of being in the presence of our maker in his kingdom. This is one reality of our future that we can be absolutely certain about. But the fact is, it can happen at any time.

The key issue in the parable of the ten bridesmaids is that, although they had their lamps and access to oil that could keep them alight in the dark, they had no idea when the bridegroom would arrive. Therefore they had to keep the lamps ready at all times. They needed to work all through the night making sure that there was light when the bride-

groom arrived. The idea of darkness in this parable can be compared to the limitations imposed on us as human beings. The uncertainties we live with, not knowing what is exactly going to happen in our future. The challenges we face in life, which constantly try to bring us down. To win against these forces of darkness, Jesus calls us to be constantly alert.



Our lamps are our faith in the Lord and our oils are the actions which nourish it. We might feel that the "wise" virgins were rather selfish. Did they not have pity on their fellow bridesmaid? Why did they not share their oil with the "foolish" maid? We can compare the "oil" as the gift of loving service given to all of us as human beings.

Strictly speaking you can not transfer the ability to love others to your friend. A family member, who for whatever reason has developed hate-feelings for another member, can render us powerless. All you can do is to love them but you can not make them love you. A friend or a child who has lost faith in God, when our time is up we can not transfer our faith to him or her. All we can do is pray for them.

In an emergency there are some things we can borrow from others at short notice. But to be ready to meet Jesus, implies accepting to make his message of love and service as part of our life, to walk hand in hand with him at all times; to shine his light on the world we live in. When it comes to loving our neighbour, not just those who love us, time is not on our side. We should not postpone, for we know that The Past is History, The Future is a Mystery and Today is the Present.

Fr Arbo Lekule

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th November 2011
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat	1pm	Wedding: Gemma Spice & Derek Murray
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
	8pm	Mass in Korean
Sun	9am	Joe Cullinan RIP (Pat Grogan)
	11am	Daisy & Philip Kurukgy RIP (Mrs Muktar)
	2pm	Mass in Korean
	2pm	Blessing of the Graves Surbiton Cemetery
	3pm	Blessing of the Graves Kingston Cemetery
	6pm	Angela Fernandez (Nubia & George Carro)

Daily Masses 7th to 12th November 2011

Mon	The Dedication of St George's Cathedral	
	7am	Welfare of Ling Cheung Fung Lan (Anita Choi)
	9.30am	Sister Mary John O.S.M. RIP (Eileen Kaye)
Tues	Feria	
	7am	Richard Fegradoe RIP (Anita Choi)
	9.30am	Dan Moynihan RIP (Ann Carrig)
Wed	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
	7am	Mary Joyce RIP (M.J. Gray)
	9.30am	Philip Michael Dray RIP (FM)
Thur	St Leo the Great, Pope	
	7am	Welfare of Wendla Kernig
	9.30am	Tim (Poppa) Byrne RIP (Tessa MacLeod)
Fri	St Martin of Tours, bishop	
	7am	Walter & Harold Hawes RIP (FM)
	9.30am	For the Health & Welfare of Jane & Daisy Estall (Robert Estall)
	10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	St Josaphat, bishop & martyr	
	9am	Fr Anthony's Intentions

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th November 2011
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Remembrance Sunday

Sat	6.30pm	Vincent D'Costa RIP (Ivy & D'Costa Family)
	8pm	Mass in Korean
Sun	9am	People of the Parish
		First Holy Communion Children Enrolment Mass
	11am	Dead of Two World Wars and Other Conflicts Michael Hills RIP (Nina)
	2pm	Mass in Korean
	6pm	For All Deceased Parishioners

Retiring Collection for the
Archbishop's Diocesan Administration Fund

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £1,915

We thank you for your continued generosity .
 (Cash counters this week:: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook
 Next week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod)

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Bridie Earney, 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; Sophie Hague, Jane Estall, Rhian Knapgate, 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 Burrige, 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 **Davina Kateme Marco Mencks Meunier, Oisín Kieran Fox and Dylan Timothy Dewsbury** who were all baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession)

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and
Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

NEW ROTAS

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are urgently requested to collect their new rota and contact list from the RDJ Room today if you haven't already done so. Updated contact lists are also now available.

READINGS

This Week: : 32nd Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

The ancient writer tells us how bright a gift is wisdom, and how much God wishes to impart it.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The death and resurrection of Jesus is our insight into the promise of everlasting life.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a story to urge us to be wise. Let every day find us dressed for action, with lamps and oil to spare.

Next Week: 33rd Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The good wife praised here uses all her gifts for the benefit of her family.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

St Paul tells us not to worry about the date of Christ's second coming but to live as though he could come at any moment.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus calls us to respond to God with the same generosity with which God gave us all our gifts, and not to react with a fear that paralyses us.

NOVEMBER MASSES

NOVEMBER LISTS are now available at the back of the church. Please take a sheet and put the names of your deceased family and friends on it and place it in the box provided. They will then be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.

Date for the diary– Blessing of Graves

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

St Catherine of Siena Church– Christmas Fayre

100 Leatherhead Road, Chessington KT9 2HY

Saturday 12th November 2011 from 1pm to 4pm. Admission 50p for adults, children are free. Grand draw– top prize £300, Santa's Grotto, Bottle Tombola, Cakes & Foods of the World, Irish Coffee, Refreshments, Toys and much more!

COMFORT SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

Sunday 27 November 2011 at 4pm

Repository– Church Shop

Our selection of Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, Advent calendars, children's books and cribs are now on sale in the Repository after 6.30pm Saturday and 9am & 11am Masses on a Sunday. Please pop in to have a look and buy. Pat Buchanan 020 8399 2300

PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Monday 7 November from 3pm to 4pm and Wednesday 9 November from 5pm to 6pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekend's newsletter.

Our Lady Immaculate School Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 19 November 1pm till 4 pm

Attractions include: Wheel of Fortune, Grand Raffle, Magic Show, Face Painting, Cake Stall, Cafe, Santa's Grotto, Micro Scooter stand and Tombolas.



Prizes include: Nintendo Wii, £100 John Lewis vouchers, Maxi Micro Scooter and Shetland Pony Experience. All welcome!



We will be holding the Parish Lenten Project (PLP) AGM on Sunday 13th November 2011 after the 18.00 Mass and everyone is welcome to attend.

We're always looking for new committee members and event organisers so please come along if you want to get involved in the 2012 Lenten project.

Thank you to everyone in the parish and OLI School who either organised, sponsored or attended an event and also filled up Lenten boxes. Here is a list of the amounts raised by each event in 2011:

Amounts raised:

Table Top sale	£1,542.60
U.C.M. Cake Sale	£ 427.37
K.S.C. & U.C.M. Jumble Sale	£ 533.51
C.A.F.E.	£90.01
Maundy Thursday Collection	£491.58
O.L.I. School	£1,599.33
Quiz Night	£356.00
Plant Sales	£117.00
International Dinner	£450.00
Sri Lankan Evening	£935.00
Cycle Ride	£2,241.45
Noah's Ark	£77.27
South Indian Event	£1,250.00
Justice & Peace Big Brew	£45.00
Family Teas	£55.00
Sri Lankan Cooking Demo	£134.00
Plugged in Music Concert	£250.00
Boot Sale	£177.00
Donations	£365.00
Lenten Project Boxes	£4,050.70
Total	£15,187.82

Thank you again. **Parish Lenten Project Committee**

Gospel of Mark

A day to explore the upcoming Gospel of Mark will be held on Saturday, 12 November at the Christian Education Centre, 21 Tooting Bec Road SW17 8BS from 10:30am – 2:30pm. The day will also include information on the excellent resource Wednesday Word and is open to parish priests, deacons, clergy teams, catechists, lectors and those involved with Liturgy of the Word for Children. Please ring 020 8672 7684 to book your place at £5- per person.

Christian Meditation

Every Monday (10am) and Friday (10.30) there is Christian meditation in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Meditation provides a simple and powerful way of praying. It offers a practical tool to enable us to go beyond thoughts, words, images and emotions become more aware of the presence of God in the inner depths of our being. "The all-important aim of Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more the reality of our lives" John Main

Harvest Fast day thanks

CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) have written to thank the parish for the sum of £694 which was raised for Harvest Fast Day this year. "It is thanks to generous donations such as yours that we are able to continue to help transform the lives of children like Pan in Cambodia, whose world was shattered when he lost both his parents and tested positive for HIV. Now he can now look forward with hope.

Thanks to Father Tahir Aziz

On 15 November Father Tahir here will be returning to Pakistan and to his diocese of Faisalabad. We would like to thank him most sincerely for all the help he has given us while studying for his Masters in Scripture. Next weekend will be his last with us. There will be envelopes available this weekend so that you may have the opportunity to express your thanks for what he has done for us all here.

Songs of Prayer and Reflection-CD For Sale

Sr Charity Ileancho is celebrating 20 years of Profession of Religious Life, and on this special occasion she has released a CD of songs that she has written. The CD is entitled 'Anytime I'll see you, O Lord' and is available to buy from the Repository (church shop) after 6.30pm, 9am and 11am Masses. Cost £5, with all proceeds going to the order of Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy.

Children at Mass

The following item was seen in a recent newsletter from Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon.
"Guidance for parents with children at mass from the parish priest.

To help facilitate a common practice which can be a mutual support for all families at Mass, we have instituted these 3 simple rules.

1. No food or drink in the church
2. No hard toys. Soft toys are encouraged.
3. No running in the church. Children do not need to be imprisoned in a pew, but rampant running needs to be discouraged."

What do you think of the simple rules?

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2012

If your son or daughter is in year 9 or above, then they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. The application form can be found on the parish website along with details of eligibility criteria (www.olionline.co.uk then go to Sacraments, then Confirmation - please read the criteria before printing off the form at the bottom of the page). The closing date for application forms -**which must be signed at one of the Priest Signing Sessions-** (below) is Saturday **17th December**. Any queries, please call Andrew Richardson on 02083993466. Dates for form signing (each session lasting one hour so please arrive in plenty of time) are Friday December 2nd at 7.30pm, Saturday Dec 3rd at 11am, Wednesday Dec 7th at 7.30pm, Thursday Dec 8th at 5pm, Tuesday Dec 13th at 7.30pm, and Saturday Dec 17th at 3pm. Additional information can be found on the application form itself.

Volunteering Overseas

Would you like to volunteer overseas with the Jesuits for six months or longer? We have assistant teaching placements in Africa, Asia and South America. Training takes place in July and departures are in September 2012 and January 2013. Please see the website www.jesuitmissions.org.uk or contact hania@jesuitmissions.org.uk

Wine Tasting

On Thursday 17th November 2011, Cabrini Children's Society are holding a wine tasting festival at Laithwaites in Southwark, London. The event starts at 7.30pm and a selection of wines will be available for tasting with experts on hand to tell you more about each wine. Tickets for the event can be bought for £12. Places are limited to 60 people so book early to avoid disappointment. To purchase tickets or for more information please contact Ann Hoggan on 020 8668 2181 or email ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk. Laithwaites is located near Borough Market and is easily accessed from London Bridge Station.

Purple Teardrop Campaign: Please sign our petition.

Every year thousands of vulnerable women and children are forced into the sex trade. Sex advertising increases the demand for prostitution and human trafficking. Our petition calls on the government to put an end to "sex for sale" advertising and to ban the promotion and distribution of such adverts. We need 100,000 signatures to force a debate in Parliament. Please spare a moment as you leave church to add your name to the list.

PARKING DURING TERM TIME

Could parishioners please ensure that they do not park on the yellow criss-cross markings outside the school and church, as access is severely restricted for emergency vehicles. Thank you