



OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

Last week I watched a documentary directed by Martin Sorcese about George Harrison, one of the four Beatles. Apparently he was raised in a Catholic household. Famously he became attracted to Eastern Meditation and to the Maharishi. He seems to have ceased to be active in his Catholic faith early on in his life and on and off practised Transcendental meditation. In the Evening Standard last week there was the headline "Children as young as four will be taught transcendental meditation twice a day at a new free school in London." Is Transcendental Meditation (TM) a harmless and good way to reach peace and harmony? In a blurb on a TM website it stated that

"Transcendental Meditation is a simple technique that aids relaxation, relieves stress and provides physical and mental energy. The practice does not conflict with any existing beliefs, religious or otherwise; yet at the same time people often find that regular meditation gives clarity and perspective to their highest aspirations." Is this true? Doctrinally TM rejects the idea of a personal God who loves every human being in an intimate way. The teaching removes any distinction between creator and creature. The mantras given to devotees which are to be kept secret are for the most part discovered to be invocations to Hindu deities. Some think that it is alright as a technique that can be used to help our physiological health but as it is proposed by the Maharishi it is has intrinsic connections with its doctrine. What I feel is really sad is that we have a rich and long tradition

of prayer, contemplation and meditation that we can tap into without heading East. Many are not aware of this tradition and we need to make it better known and used.

I would recommend a great little book of 76 pages that is an introduction to Prayer in the Carmelite Tradition. It is called "Upon this Mountain" by Mary McCormack OCD and published by the Theresian Press 2009. It is a good introduction to the works of St John of The Cross and Teresa of Avila. The author points out that in the writings of both these Saints they didn't advocate a particular method of prayer or say how to spend the time of prayer. "Rather, they go to the heart of what prayer is all about: exposure to the reality of a self surrendering God." Our desire for

God is first of all awakened by God's desire for us. " If Theresa encourages us to turn our eyes to God in faith, it is because God is already looking at us, only waiting for our response in order to engage with us. St John of the Cross declares "if anyone is seeking God, the Beloved is seeking that person even more" . Next week we begin our new liturgical year, and the season of Advent has been given to us as a prayerful time of preparation for the coming of Christ. Let us start by spending some time each day in prayer letting God share Himself intimately with us.

Anthony Charlton



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 19th/20th November 2011**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of John Flood (Dowling Family)  
**8pm** Mass in Korean  
**Sun 9am** James McGrath RIP (Pat Grogan)  
**11am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Isabella Marie Elizabeth Wilkinson and Erin May Pringle**  
**2pm** Mass in Korean  
**6pm** Bridie Earney RIP (Breda Cruse)

**Retiring collection for Catholic Youth Services**

**Daily Masses 21st—26th November 2011**

- Mon The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9.30am** John Joseph Drury RIP (Mrs Oja Kowa & Clifford)  
**5.30pm** Syro-Malabar Mass  
**Tues St Cecilia, virgin & martyr**  
**7am** Pat Ryan (John Sweeney)  
**9.30am** Mary Kelly RIP (Cruse family)  
**Wed St Columban, abbot**  
**7am** Holy Souls  
**9.30am** Ann McNicol RIP (Eddie & Sheila Walsh)  
**Thur SS Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, martyrs**  
**7am** Holy Souls  
**9.30am** Sean Daly RIP ( Imelda Qualter)  
**Fri St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr**  
**7am** Holy Souls  
**9.30am** For Success of Cataract Operation (Bella Gamier)  
**10am** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sat Feria**  
**9am** Mr & Mrs Paul Ramanayake RIP and Vincent Ramanayake RIP ( Mary Peiris)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26/27th November 2011**  
**First Sunday of Advent (B)**

- Sat 6.30pm** In Thanksgiving for the life of Eric Clarke RIP (Eileen Clarke & family)  
**8pm** Mass in Korean  
**Sun 9am** Elsie Fowler RIP & Hilda Budd RIP ( Rosemary Howe)  
**11am** Tom & Joe McGuinness RIP & Lende Paiva (June McGuinness)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Ruben & Raphael Fry and Luca Guiseppe Antonio- Iollo**  
**2pm** Mass in Korean  
**6pm** People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:-**Richard Manche** ( father of Justine & Petra Manche)

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 McDonnagh, 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 Ingrassci, 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, 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 Bastiampilai.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**(Confession)**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers**

**PLEASE NOTE:** to help you find a replacement whenever you are unable to minister or to read, there is a new up-to-date **CONTACT LIST**, with names and numbers, to collect from the RDJ Room. If you haven't picked up your new rota yet, please do so at the same time. Thank you.

**Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church :** **£1,876**

**Archbishop's Admin Fund £ 342**

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman

Szymanski Next Week: Pam Ford & Vivian Philips)

## READINGS

**This Week: : Our Lord Christ the King (A)**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Ezekiel assures us that the Lord is our shepherd who will never cease to care for us.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

St Paul reminds us that through Christ's death we have the hope of eternal life with God.

**Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus speaks of the final gathering when all nations **Will** be gathered before God. When that time comes the people will be separated one from another according to how they have lived their life on earth.

**Next week: First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

The prophet proclaims the Lord as Father and Redeemer and longs for him to reveal himself.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul expresses thanks for the Christian witness and help of the Spirit as the faithful wait for the return of Jesus.

**Gospel** Mark 13:33-37

Jesus encourages us to have a watchful expectancy and readiness for his return.

### 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.

### 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

### CATHOLIC POCKET DIARIES 2012

These are now available at the back of the church. Cost £1. Please place your offering in the 'Newspaper' Wall Collection Box at the back of the church.

### PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Monday 21st November from 3pm to 4pm and Wednesday 23rd November from 5pm to 6pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekend's newsletter.



Our Lady Immaculate Church

Parish Lenten Project

At the AGM of the Lenten Project we sadly accepted the resignation of Justine and Petra Manche. Tributes were paid to their energy and resourcefulness over the last few years during which the sums raised had increased four-fold.

Proceeds of this year's Project were distributed as follows:

Medical Missionaries of Mary, Uganda	£3000
Maria Orsola School feeding programme	£3000
Marie Ville Girl's Home, Sri Lanka	£2250
Padre Rehabilitation Centre, Ghana	£2250
Philippine Christian Foundation	£2250
Care & Repair Centre, Palestine	£2250
TOTAL	£16,000

It was decided that the parish would support four charities in 2012.

If you would like to nominate a Charity for consideration at the next meeting on **Sunday 11th December 2011** at 7.15pm, please let a member of the Committee know as soon before that date giving as much detail as possible. You can also leave the details in an envelope marked "2012 Lenten project" through the Presbytery door. (Please include your contact details)

We're always looking for new 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 the Lenten boxes.

Committee for 2012

Chairman : Philip Townsend

Secretary: Monica Tett

Treasurer: Tony Fisher

Committee: Antoinette Sebastian, Mary Taylor & Fr Anthony.

The Committee would welcome other volunteers to help with the project.

### Prisoners' Sunday 2011

20<sup>th</sup> November

**"Can you see me, or are you just looking?"**

Looking into the eyes of those who are struggling, wherever they may be, can be difficult, perhaps it's the look of hunger or thirst, isolation or vulnerability, of being trapped or in pain. But Jesus tells us of the importance of stopping, seeing (not just looking) and attending to their needs, and to remember that in so doing we are also ministering to him.

To help the work that PACT do, or to make a donation visit [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisonerssunday](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisonerssunday)

### COMFORT SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

Sunday 27 November 2011 at 4pm

### 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

### VACANCY FOR CLEANER

Richard Challoner School have a vacancy for a cleaner to undertake general cleaning duties of school premises. 2 hours a day- £7.90 per hour + holiday pay, Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The successful candidate will be required to undergo a check by the Criminal Records Bureau. For further details please contact Sean Flowers (Assistant Site Manager) on 07725 794244 or Penny Strath (Cleaning Supervisor) on 07872 507022

Please take the time to visit the Repository after Mass as there is a new selection of items especially relevant to Advent including booklets for adults and children. CD samplers of Marilla Ness. There will also be copies of the new Sunday missal available.

Fr Anthony

**The people of St Andrew's & St Mark's churches, Surbiton Invite all who do not wish to be alone on Christmas Day to a free Christmas Lunch Party with traditional food, presents and entertainment at the**

**YMCA, Victoria Rd, Surbiton**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**From 12.00 – 3.30pm**

**Fun, Food and Fellowship**

**Street Child Africa Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6 – 8.30pm. Lloyds TSB, 83 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames**

Please join Street Child Africa to celebrate the start of the 2011 Christmas festivities with a distinctive, delectable and delicious Wine and Cheese Tasting evening. The wine tasting is courtesy of Independent Wine Merchants 'Wined up here' of Norbiton and the cheeses provided by the highly regarded Norbiton Fine Cheese Company.

### FREE COPIES OF 'WALK WITH ME'

Please take a copy of 'Walk with Me'- a journey of prayer and reflection for Advent and Christmastide. FREE!

### 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](http://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.

### Songs of Prayer and Reflection-CD For Sale

Sr Charity Ileanacho 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.

### THANK YOU

Dear Very Rev. Fr. Anthony, Fr. Arbo, Elaine, all the members of Staff, Parish & Finance councils and parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate Parish,

I reached Pakistan safe and sound on 16th of November 2011. I indeed want to thank you for the cards, gifts, fraternal support and encouragement you have provided me during my stay at Our Lady Immaculate Parish. I really miss you very much and I am looking forward to starting a new missionary task in my Diocese of Faisalabad, Pakistan. Please, keep in touch. I can be reached at [eternalhappiness23@yahoo.com](mailto:eternalhappiness23@yahoo.com)

Again, thanks so much for everything. It's been a pleasure working and staying with you. Best regards and know that you are always with my prayers.

With best wishes, Fr. Tahir Aziz, Pakistan

### SLEEPING BAGS URGENTLY NEEDED

The UCM, on behalf of the KCAH (Kingston Community Action on Homelessness), are appealing for any unwanted sleeping bags you may have stashed in the loft or in your cupboards. The numbers of homeless people are increasing all the time, and sleeping bags are urgently needed in the colder weather.

Please bring any donations to the presbytery.

Thank you.