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This Sunday of, the new translations of the Propers of the Mass will come into use. Some people may dislike some of the prayers on stylistic grounds and some may dislike them on principle, but in any case we shall be using this translation until we are so used to it that we need a new one. This will happen, because unlike Latin, which is for most purposes a dead language and therefore does not change, English is a living one. Change in a body is a sign of life and this is also true of the Church.

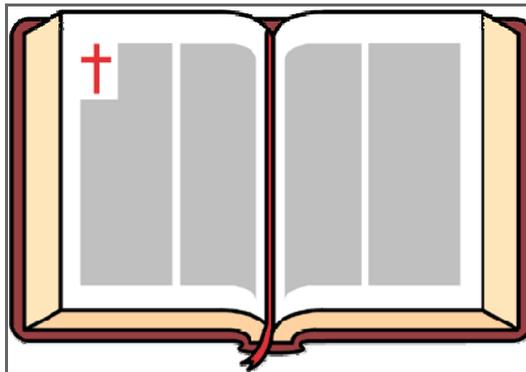
I was reminded of this a few days ago, when I attended a conference which celebrated 500 years of the King James Bible (KJB), or, as it has often been called, the Authorised Version, which was first printed in 1611. One of the Bibles that appeared before KJB was the Douay Bible, with which most Catholics of my generation grew up. Douay contributed many phrases to the KJB and in many ways sounds quite similar. But there is one feature in which it differs, and that is the fact that, like other earlier Bibles, Douay was written in the style of contemporary English, whereas KJB was composed in language that was deliberately archaic at the time. Nowadays we might not notice this because all 16c language sounds old-fashioned to us, but it is an important difference. KJB was composed as a kind of monument, an extremely beautiful masterpiece that has endured for five centuries as the model of what "holy language" is supposed to sound like.

What has this to do with us? Simply that there is a danger in making a monument out of words. We cannot change the works of great writers like Shakespeare, because the pleasure and the enlightenment they give us is part and parcel of the way they are expressed: just telling the plot of *Hamlet* or paraphrasing Keats' *Ode to Autumn* would be pointless. But this is not true of

the Bible, whose stories and messages have power whatever language they are couched in. Nor is it true of the Mass, which is not just a collection of words. At Mass, something happens, and this is where we Catholics differ from those devout Anglicans who composed the KJB. Luther insisted that the Eucharist was not a "work", but a "word". It was a promise, he said, of salvation and a comforting message to sinners, spoken by the minister on behalf of the Lord, but the minister did not *do* anything. Catholics believe that, on the contrary, the priest *does* do something- he celebrates the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, and offers it to the Father for us all. He does not repeat the sacrifice nor does he act a part as in a play, but, sacramentally, when the priest says Mass, the risen Lord is here with us, not visible, but real, suffering and triumphant. This is more than words can deal with. This is the reality that sustained the recusants hiding from the persecutions of Queen Elizabeth I, not long before the KJB was translated. It is a reality that sustains when ordinary words are absent: Timothy Radcliffe, the former Master of the Dominican Order, tells us that when he visited Rwanda at the time of the horrible massacres of Tutsi and Hutu people, he celebrated Mass for Dominican friars and nuns belonging to both tribes and there was nothing that anyone knew how to say, but the Mass said it for them all.

The Mass liturgy overflows with meanings which must be continually restated, otherwise our sense of them will diminish and we will diminish too. We are not bound to particular sentences and phrases but to the act of sacrifice that they signify, the thing that happens every day.

Cecilia Hatt



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26th/27th November 2011

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter Smith

- 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 RIP (June McGuinness)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Ruben & Raphael Fry and Luca Guiseppe Antonio- Iollo**
- 2pm** Mass in Korean
- 4pm** Comfort Service
- 6pm** People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Daily Masses 28th November to 3rd December 2011

- Mon Feria**
9.30am Sophie Laura Hague RIP (Gerry Hague)
- Tues Feria**
7am Sean Lally RIP (John Sweeney)
9.30am Dennis Peiris RIP (Mary Peiris)
- Wed St Andrew, apostle & Patron of Scotland**
7am Holy Souls
9.30am Molly McGoeugh RIP (Janet & Gerard Dodds)
- Thur Feria**
7am Holy Souls
9.30am Alfred John Claridge RIP (Eugenia Claridge)
- Fri Feria**
7am Florence Mabel Stroud RIP & Deceased Relatives (FM)
9.30am Michael & Mary Kelly RIP (M.J.Gray)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat St Francis Xavier, priest**
9am The Intentions of Simon Doherty & Family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 3rd/4th December 2011

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Bible Sunday

- Sat 6.30pm** David Doyle RIP (Kathleen, John & Mary Doyle)
- 8pm** Mass in Korean
- Sun 9am** Ted Howe RIP (Sheila Howe)
- 11am** Bernard Mackin RIP (Josie Espiritu)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Lois Emily Maranzano, Jessica Louise Weston, Thomas Michael Bartholomew Carter & Henry Mark Middleton**
- 2pm** Mass in Korean
- 6pm** People of the Parish

Readers will be invited to renew their commitment at all Masses

Appeal by Holy Cross Girls for Thailand Orphanage Visit

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:-**Sophie Laura Hague** (Granddaughter of Gerry Hague) whose Funeral will take place on Friday 2 December at 11am at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead,

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John Jukes, whose funeral is on Tuesday 6th December at 12 noon at St George's Cathedral and **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; Jane Estall, Elizabeth Gillman, Frances Fox, Michael oO'Brien, 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 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, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

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



We welcome into the Church **Isabella Marie Elizabeth & Wilkinson and Erin May Pringle** who were baptised last Sunday.

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £1,695

Catholic Youth Services £ 391

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Pam Ford & Vivian Philips Next Week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

READINGS

This Week: : 1st 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.

Next week: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

Words of comfort that speak to the heart characterise this reading from Isaiah, together with the promise of a new Exodus and the revelation of divine glory.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Against those who deny Christ's future return in glory, the author contrasts God's transcendence and forbearance with all that is transitory. He urges us to live in such a way as to be ready to meet the Lord who will come unexpectedly.

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist is the last of the Old Testament prophets. He heralds the imminent coming of Jesus the Messiah.

PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Monday 28th November from 3pm to 4pm and Tuesday 29th November from 6pm to 7pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekend's newsletter.

PARISH DINNER

27th January 2012 at the Sorrento Restaurant

It's that time of year again! Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 27th January 2012 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm.

Join us for a three course meal for £15 per head.

Includes service charge. Drinks and coffee extra.

Numbers are limited, so please contact Elaine at the Presbytery on 020 8399 9550, or email info@olionline.co.uk to purchase your tickets.

Please arrange your own groups in advance if you would like to sit on the same table.

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. Also new Missals for sale £20 each. Please pop in to have a look and buy.

Pat Buchanan 020 8399 2300



If you would like to nominate a Charity for consideration at the next meeting on **Sunday 11th December 2011** at 7.15pm, a Nomination Form is available on the Parish Website (www.olionline.co.uk) Some hard copies will also be available at the back of the church. You can leave the details in an envelope marked "2012 Lenten Project" through the Presbytery door. The criteria for selection of a charity are;

- ◆ Charity or organisation needs to be based in the third world
- ◆ Direct help – we looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
- ◆ Christian based
- ◆ Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
- ◆ Value for money – small and professionally run charity/organisation in the third or developing world
- ◆ Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference
- ◆ Only one charity will be supported per country per year
- ◆ Only four charities will be supported per year

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 again to everyone in the parish and OLI School who organise, sponsor or attend events and also fill 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for all the Christmas Masses i.e. Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Vigil Mass); Midnight Mass (**begins at 11.30pm with carols and readings**); Christmas Day 8.00am; 9.15am and 11.00am. A separate sheet for each of the five Masses can be found in the RDJ Room. We need Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors and Welcomers. If you can help with any of these please enter your name on the Rota sheets in the RDJ room for the Christmas Mass of your choice. It is important that we have a full complement for every Mass. You are asked to enter your name as soon as possible please, preferably by Sunday 18th December. Welcomers and servers are asked to be there half an hour before Mass starts.

Many Thanks for your help.

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

25th December 2011

From 12.00 – 3.30pm

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Job Vacancy- Administrator

Contract – Part Time (4 days a week) c£14,000 pro rata
Closing Date: 30.11.2011

A vibrant community arts charity in London is looking for an administrator to manage its office and support the work of staff and trustees. The job covers a wide range of tasks, largely involving the day-to-day running of the organisation's administration. Duties are varied and include box office duties, financial administration, updating records, updating the website, co-ordinating room bookings and lettings, ensuring all records are updated regularly and supporting other members of staff in their work. You will also be required to assist with publicity and advertising campaigns.

The successful candidate will: have extensive office experience, ideally with a charity; be highly organised, with the ability to prioritise work and be used to working to tight deadlines; be able to work well independently; have excellent IT skills, especially Word and Excel. Experience of Photoshop would be beneficial but is not essential.

You will also need to be sympathetic to the charity's Christian ethos. To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to Alan Brown, explaining why you think you would be suitable for the role, at either LAC@lanternarts.org or by post to The Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Rd, Raynes Park, SW20 8RA.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2011/12

Green leaflets are available at the back of the church listing all Mass times for the Feast of Christmas.

Please take one.

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Advent is a season of waiting, expecting, and hoping. Beginning four Sundays prior to Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, Advent helps us to prepare for the coming, or "advent" of the Christ child at Christmas and his second coming at the end of time.

For hundreds of years Christians have used an Advent wreath to inspire their hopes for the coming of Christ. There is no set meaning for the candles of the Advent wreath. Some wreaths use all white candles; others use three purple candles, one pink candle, and one white candle in the middle. The purple candles remind us of how serious and solemn God's people have been in waiting for the Messiah. The pink signifies the joy of our waiting. The white is triumphant and celebrative because Christ is born.



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.

Situation Vacant

Part time Centre Secretary required from 4th January 2012, at the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec. The person appointed should be a practising Catholic, with secretarial skills and I.T. experience. Responsibilities include welcoming of visitors, overseeing volunteers and collaborating as part of an active team. The role is varied, with some flexibility and generous holiday entitlement. The CCF is the agency for promoting evangelization, catechesis and lay formation in the Archdiocese.

SLEEPING BAGS URGENTLY NEEDED

The UCM, on behalf of the KCAH (Kingston Churches 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.

Please note:-

The **AGM of KCAH** will take place at Christ Church, Christ Church Road, Surbiton on - **Tuesday 29th November**, 7.45pm in The Lounge,

Street Child Africa Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening - Thursday 1st 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.

Tickets are £10 each and are available from Street Child Africa on 020 8972 9820 or from jacqui@streetchildafrica.org.uk