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HOPE THROUGH THE PASSION

What is hope? Is it an empty pie in the sky? Do we need hope? Why? Most definitions described hope as a feeling or expectation that things will turn out well. Often we see hope as something that will affect our future but little less do we see its effect in our present. There is no better time on our liturgical calendar to reflect on the subject of hope than Holy Week.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the Christian year, Holy Week. It is a week during which we remember and reflect on the last week of Jesus' life. Palm Sunday starts with a joyful event of children climbing palm trees, waving branches, their parents spreading their garments on the road and all shouting Hosanna! Hosanna!, which means "save us". This same Sunday leads us to the painful events of Holy week; the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus.

Today we are privileged to know that the event will culminate with Jesus' triumphant victory in his resurrection. At the time of Jesus, things were not the same. Jesus and his disciples had to rely entirely on hope. Just like Abraham's agonising journey to mount Moriah, where he intended to sacrifice his only son Isaac, Jesus went through the Passion to his death with only hope, that God will not abandon him.

What would it have been like if Abraham did

not have hope that God was going to fulfil the promise he made to him? I don't think he would have had the strength to walk even the first steps. Can we imagine Jesus accepting the Cross and walk all the way to Golgotha with no hope at all? I don't think so.

In our lives, personal or otherwise, we come across situations which feel like a journey towards Golgotha or Moriah. We may wonder whether we can make it the next day, week or month, and yet we find ourselves making it to the next year. Those of us, who undertook the 60 miles bike ride for the Lenten Project, may describe the many times when we felt like giving up. Every time we came up against another steep hill, I felt like saying to Laurie our guide, "why this route"? And he would probably have answered; "This is the way home." With the idea of going home and of course fundraising for the poor, hope set in and we found ourselves making it to the next hill.

We need hope, not just in anything, but hope in the Risen Christ who is the Truth that can set us free from fear of failure and death. As we celebrate Easter, we are acknowledging that hope is not an empty pie in the sky but a reality that gives us strength and a reason to live, to love and hope for a better future.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

Arbo Lekule



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 31st March/1st April 2012

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Desmond Mooney RIP (Val and Wayne)
Sun 9am Susanna Wong RIP (Teresa Bredl)
11am Mary Hunt RIP (Lucy & Ralph Smallwood)
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 2nd April to 7th April 2012

Mon Monday in Holy Week

- 9.30am** Sheila Charlton RIP (Canon Anthony)

Tues Tuesday in Holy Week

- 7am** Joseph Davis RIP (Anne Sheridan)
9.30am John Midford RIP (Midford Family)
8pm **Penitential Service**

Wed Wednesday in Holy Week

- 8am** Keith Haran RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
11am **Mass of the Chrism at St George's Cathedral, Southwark**

Thur Thursday in Holy Week MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 9am** **Funeral Mass for LUKE NOLAN RIP**
1pm **Funeral Mass for TONY MOORE RIP**
8pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
(Offertory Collection for the Lenten Project)
Lueis Enrque RIP & Anna Libia Osorio RIP & Angela Fernandez RIP (Nubia Carro)
11.45pm **Night Prayer**

Fri GOOD FRIDAY, a day of fasting and abstinence

- 10.30am** Silent Walk of Witness (Churches Together in Surbiton) starting from Surbiton Methodist Church
11am Stations of the Cross for children and families
3pm Solemn Afternoon Liturgy
Retiring Collection for the Holy Places
8pm Stations of the Cross

Sat HOLY SATURDAY No Mass during the Day

- 9am** Office of Reading

THE SEASON OF EASTER

SATURDAY/SATURDAY 7th/8th April 2012

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (B)

- Sat 8pm** **THE EASTER VIGIL** People of the Parish
Sun 9am Elsie Toner RIP (Diane & Bernard Marley)
11am Jackie Russell RIP (Maureen Dillon)
6pm Speedy Recovery of Bill Rooney (Dowling Family)

Daily Masses 9th April to 14th April 2012

Mon Easter Monday, of the Octave

- 10am** Welfare of Michael Decrestofaro & Family

Tues Easter Tuesday, of the Octave

- 10am** Ned McGrath RIP (Paul & Hayley Farrelly)

Wed Easter Wednesday, of the Octave

- 9.30am** **FUNERAL MASS - Doreen Basanta RIP**

Thur Easter Thursday, of the Octave

- 9.30am** **FUNERAL MASS-Gladys Millard RIP**

Fri Easter Friday, of the Octave

- 10am** Welfare of Joanne D'Costa Manueal (Thelma Staussi)
10.30 am Exposition

Sat Easter Saturday, of the Octave

- 9am** Welfare of the Doherty Family

SATURDAY/SATURDAY 14th/15th April 2012

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of Jean Studham (Family)

- Sun 9am** Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)

- 11am** Eileen & Bill Stevens RIP (Judy Williams)

- 6pm** People of the Parish

Readings

This week: PALM SUNDAY (B)

Gospel for the Procession Mark 11:1-10

Jesus' preparations to enter Jerusalem signify that he is the promised Messiah. The manner of his entrance points to the coming of the kingdom of God.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

In the midst of suffering, the disciple listens to God's word and finds salvation.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

This is a hymn that proclaims both Christ's divinity and his humanity. He became truly human and subjected himself to death on a cross, but God restored him to his pre-existent glory.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47

In the narrative of the passion the life and ministry of Jesus move into their final hour. From the darkness of lonely suffering and death comes the hope of resurrection

Next Week: EASTER SUNDAY (B)

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter proclaims the message that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Paul teaches that when Christ is revealed, his followers too will be revealed in all their glory with him.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Very early on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb. What she finds there sends her running to fetch Peter and the beloved disciple.

Following Week: 2nd Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The life of the first community is characterised by a unity of mind and heart and common life.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

The resurrection of Jesus and our faith in him have overcome the world.

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the upper room the risen Lord appears, and a doubting man finds faith.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturdays from 9.30am to 10am and

5.30pm to 6pm

ALSO:-

PENITENTIAL SERVICE- 3rd April 8pm

Monday 2 April 10am-10.30am

Tuesday 3 April 10am-10.30am

Please note no confessions on Holy Saturday 7th April except by appointment.



We welcome into the Church **Alanah Mary Habi-bi, Lucas Jake Gerard Sinfield and Scarlett Janice Louise Judith Borg-Darcy** who were baptised last Sunday.

On Easter Sunday we will be baptising **Lorena Andreadis Rocha and Maya Kristina Biwojno**

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Luke Nolan, Tony Moore, Bernard Darney** (father of Clare Darney), **Mary Anne Bastiampilai, Mary Foley** and **Gladys Millard**, (mother of Sheila Howe).

We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

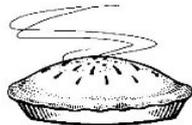
We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Mark Murphy (husband of Louise), Michael Decristofaro, Jean Studham, Kent Ericta, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Peter Zammit, Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knappgate, Brenda Killeen, Sheila Durrant, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, 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, 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, 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 and Norma

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £1,700

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

APPLE PIE SUNDAY

On Sunday 1st April 2012
After 9:00 am and 11:00 mass
In the O.L.I Catholic Hall
Please come to the hall after Mass
and treat yourself to an apple pie.
All proceeds to the OLI Lenten Project



Youth Festival- Aylesford Priory Saturday 23 June 10am to 8pm

Join us for a day of varied activities, music and celebration of Mass. For school years 8 to 11. For further information, please contact SCYS on 01227 272900

PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL TO WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2012.

LENTEN PROJECT 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

Sunday 1 April	APPLE PIE SUNDAY
PALM SUNDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 6 April	HOLY SATURDAY
Saturday 7 April	EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 8 April	SOUTH INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL& Cultural Evening
Saturday 14 April	

Weekends 14/15 April)
21/22 April) Collection of Lenten Boxes
28/29 April



EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note the last evening prayer for Lent will be held in the church this Sunday afternoon at 4.30pm.

Would you like to join Father Arbo on the Centenary year Pilgrimage of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes?

The Society is taking its annual pilgrimage to Lourdes from Thursday 31st May to Wednesday 6th June. Applications are welcomed from sick or elderly as well as able bodied pilgrims. There is a particular need for doctors, nurses, carers and other helpers but general "praying pilgrims" are equally welcome. For details, see notice in church porch or phone the Society office at 020 8848 9833.

FAIRTRADE BIG BREAKFAST

The J&P Group would like to thank all those who attended the Big Breakfast recently in the Old Chapel. We raised **£75 for the Lenten Project**.

Now that we have made people aware of Fair Trade it has been agreed that we will wind down the Sunday stall. There are still a few goods left and we are willing still to take orders. Thank you to all those parishioners who have supported us over the past three years.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons brothers and sisters.

Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him and through Him we may love you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS**

We are aware that there is little opportunity after Mass for you to introduce yourselves and families. However we do not want you to go unnoticed and therefore would be very grateful if you could complete a new parishioner form (found on our website or in the porch of the church). This allows us to include you on our database, and include you in any new parishioner's events taking place. Please pop your completed form through the letter box of the presbytery next to the church.

Many thanks and welcome.

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP
(SUNDAY 9AM MASS)
CHANGES WITH EFFECT FROM
SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2012**

All children need to be registered before attendance. This is now required by the diocese – and most other local parishes already have a registration process in place.

Attendance only by children aged between 4 and 8 years (until children have taken their First Holy Communion). A large number of children attend the Children's Liturgy regularly and there is not enough space in the RDJ room and sacristy to accommodate parents and very small children. (If your child finds it hard to settle, we are happy for parents to accompany him / her initially, but if it seems that your child is not going to settle easily, ie after 2 or 3 attempts, it may be best to wait a few months and then try again). A Registration Form can be obtained from the RDJ room, the Parish Office in the Presbytery or the Parish website (www.olionline.co.uk). If you have not already done so, **please return the completed form to the Parish Office ASAP.**

From 22 April 2012, a register will be placed just inside the main entrance to the church before the 9am Mass on Sundays when the Children's Liturgy is being run. The register will contain a list of children for whom a Registration Form for attendance at the Children's Liturgy has been completed and returned. Before the Mass commences, a parent of a registered child should sign the box next to the child's name to indicate that they are attending the Children's Liturgy on that Sunday morning.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy Group. If you would like to become involved or have any further questions please contact Elspeth Casey (Group Leader) through the Parish Office.

Day Courses at Centre for Catholic Formation 21 Tooting Bec Road Thursday 3rd May 11am-3pm **Exploring the ministry of the church environment. (Focusing on flower arranging, banner making creating focal points and cleaning the environment in which we worship.)** Free.
Saturday 5th May 9.30am-3.00pm Group Work Skills. £20 free to those currently in higher education. See notices in Narthex for more information.

Fr Anthony is in Lourdes with the HCPT for one week from Easter Monday and will pray for you all at the Grotto.

For Children

A Mass book written specially for you by a former parishioner is available at the repository. It is called "Let's go to Mass" and is a great book for children to use during Mass.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: Servers are needed for the three main Holy Week services i.e. Maundy Thursday (5 April 8.00pm) Good Friday (6 April 3.00pm) and Easter vigil (7 April 8.00pm). We need a good number of servers to ensure that all these services run smoothly. So if you can serve at all or any of these please can you sign the appropriate list in the RDJ Room.

Please note that there is a Holy Week practice for altar servers on Sunday 1 April at 12.30 pm in the church. It is important that all those serving during Holy Week attend this practice as the ceremonies are more involved. Jobs will be allocated then using the lists.

If for some reason you cannot make the practice but can serve during Holy Week, please ring Jacques Lambert our Parish Master of Ceremonies on 020 8397 2793

Retrouvaille

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Programme to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages.

For confidential information about or to register for the April Programme- beginning with a weekend on 20th - 22nd April call 0797 338 0443 or register on the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.uk

SPECIAL OFFER for the Morse enthusiast!

A complete sealed presentation set of all 13 Inspector Morse novels is available.

We will consider any reasonable offer for the set – (proceeds for the Lenten Project) Ring 0208 397 7733 for info.

LENTEN PROJECT 2012 JUMBLE SALE – RESULT

The KSC and the UCM thank everyone who supported the Jumble Sale last Saturday by donating jumble and/or coming to the sale in the afternoon. The sale raised a total of **£541** towards this year's Lenten Project. Thanks to all the helpers too who helped to raise this splendid sum.

**DID YOU LOSE A RING IN CHURCH ON
SUNDAY 18 MARCH?**

If so, please contact the Presbytery, or one of the priests.

 * Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo, Deacon Al and his wife Trudie *
 * and the Presbytery staff wish you all a very happy and *
 * Holy Easter. *

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

This is used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. It also helps the work of the Church in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries by the relief of poverty and suffering. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres there rely very much on assistance from the Collection, especially at this difficult time. **Gift Aid Donors** are asked to place their contribution in one of the spare white envelopes supplied (writing 'Holy Places' on front) thereby boosting their donation by an additional 25% tax relief.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2012

All are invited to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place from Friday 24th August to Friday 31st August 2012.
 Travel by Rail from £695 and by Air from £754 and by Coach from £525.
 Southwark Five day Option -- by Air Monday 27th - Friday 31st August 2012 from £505.
 For further information and booking forms contact:-
 Deacon Michael Kennedy (Pilgrimage Director)
 Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Archbishop's House
 150 St George's Road, London SE1 6HX
 Tel: 07521 519482 or email: rcaspilgrim@btinternet.com

Our Young People

On Saturday, 24th March, many of our young people who travelled to Madrid last year for World Youth Day, took part in a day long conference for young people put on by CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) in Wembley Arena. Nearly 9000 young people packed the arena from around the country, along with 16 Bishops and an Archbishop, for what was one of the most uplifting experiences one can imagine. The aim behind the day, to empower the young Church and give them encouragement not only in their role in the Church, but in the wider society. Through a parallel theme of "sport," to aim to do their best in absolutely everything, not necessarily actually winning, but always satisfying themselves that in all that they do, they can look back and say that had done their absolute best. **Please visit the parish website to see a complete write up of the day, and also some fantastic photos clearly showing the joy of the whole event.**

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

These are at the end of the benches- please take one and bring it to Mass next Sunday with your Easter Offering for the clergy of the parish. Thank you.

Dictionary of British Sign Language/English

New copy available to buy. Cost £30 new. All offers considered- all money to go to the parish Lenten Project.

OLI to Worth Abbey and back.

Well done to the Tolworth Tornadoes!!
 At 7:30 on Sunday 25th March (the clocks went forward that day so it felt very-much like 6.30am) 13 Tolworth Tornadoes departed on their most gruelling and longest (time wise) ever bike ride to Worth Abbey in Sussex for the Lenten Project. Caroline, who became the first Lady Tornado last year, was joined this year by Mary, Vicky and Ann.

This year the ride had more hills than ever before and some were so tough that the only way up was to get off the bikes and push them up the hills. Worth Abbey was reached after 12.00 noon by the exhausted Tornadoes. A Brother from the Abbey greeted the team and congratulated them. He was shocked to hear that the team were also riding back to Tolworth. The Tornadoes then enjoyed a picnic by the side of the Abbey Church.

The Tornadoes arrived back in Tolworth in time to be greeted and congratulated by parishioners leaving after the 6pm Mass. In all, there were 5 punctures and 1 gear problem. As in previous years Justine & Petra Manche generously provided a support vehicle and kept the Tornadoes topped-up with calories and high energy drinks (tea with sugar). Photos will be available shortly on the Parish website. Well done to Fr Arbo, Phil T, Laurie, Phil H, Jonathan, Paul, Tom, Peter, Mary, Caroline, Ann, Vicky and Tony.

Please sponsor the Tornadoes by placing your sponsorship money in the envelopes provided and putting through the Presbytery letterbox. They really did earn their sponsorship money this year.

How to reach Non Churchgoing Catholics?

It is estimated that at least two thirds of the baptised Catholic community in England and Wales is non church going which equates to approximately four to five million people. This makes for a significant constituency of people who, in most cases, self-identify as Catholic but never or rarely attend Mass. Recently the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis initiated a national project to support ministry to this group of people. Following the creation of a national core group and the putting on of a leaders day in London March 2011 five resource days for parishioners are now being offered across England and Wales. The latest is for the Westminster province and will take place at **Parish Hall, Holy Apostles Church, 27 Cumberland Street, Pimlico, London SW1 4 LY on Saturday 28th April 10am-4.30pm.** Coffee is served from 9.30am. If you would like to attend please contact Fr Anthony so that you can be booked in.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Thanks to everyone who came to help with the Jumble Sale on Saturday. You could have been enjoying the sun at the sea-side, in the park or in the garden. Instead you helped raise £541 for the Parish Project! Please note that our next meeting will be after Easter on **Tuesday April 17th** at 8.15pm. If you have any suggestions for future meetings, or topics you would like to discuss, come prepared for a lively exchange of views and opinions. All ladies are welcome