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Easter time - the great Sunday

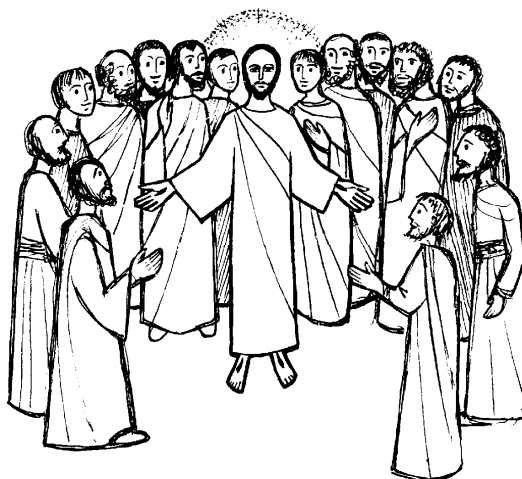
We have just come to the end of the our first week of the Easter Season. It is important to remember that the celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter Season. The Church tells us that the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast, the great Sunday.

At the Easter vigil last week, Ken and Peter were baptised, confirmed and received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. These three sacraments are known as the sacraments of initiation. Is that the end for them? Do we start planning for the next group of potential catechumens? Obviously not; it is only a beginning for them. For those who have been baptised it is suggested that they are part

of a period of post baptismal Catechesis or as it is sometimes called, mystagogia during the season of Easter. This is the time when the newly initiated experience being "fully a part of the Christian community by means of pertinent Catechesis and particularly by participation with all the faithful in the Sunday eucharistic celebration." It is a time to reflect on what has happened to them and its implications for the life now.

This is true also for us who were baptised many years ago. As it says in the introduction to this period in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: "this is a time for the community and the neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the Eucharist, and doing works of charity." The new life of Easter needs to be assimilated and lived more faithfully by all of us.

We can do this by understanding Christ in the Scriptures and especially in the Gospels. Perhaps this is the ideal time to meditate on the Gospels during our daily prayer. Our children at Our Lady Immaculate are given each week a sheet entitled 'Wednesdays Word'. We hope that a similar but not so colourful sheet will be available every Sunday for you to take home so that we can ponder on next weeks Gospel.



I am writing this just before I set off to Lourdes, so the first sheet will not be available till next Sunday. Until then perhaps you could look at the Gospel for next Sunday, 22nd April, which is the third Sunday of Easter. It is Luke 24:35-48. In this Gospel we read how Jesus himself stood among the apostles in the upper room. Luke says that he opened their minds to understand the scriptures and he said to them repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all

nations in his name. Do I want to have my mind opened so that I can understand the scriptures? Here is a final quote to ponder as we immerse ourselves in the gospels this Easter time.

"The Easter stories are just as therapeutic as the many healing stories recorded in the Gospels. The way of resurrection is open to us not only during Eastertide, but throughout the year. In situations where we feel the fragility of life, when depression and hopelessness overwhelm us, when disappointment and resignation spread, meditation on the way of the resurrection can help us to reconnect with the life that overcomes death, that rises from the tomb, that thaws the frozenness and the inner rigidity which keeps us set in our ways, and leads us into sheer breath and freedom of the resurrection." *Anselm Grun Taste the Joy of Easter St Paul's 2002.*

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 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)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Bobby Brendan Nevin & Lara May Garbett**
6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 16th April to 21st April 2012

Mon Feria

- 9.30am** Monica Grant RIP (Jo Jennings)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues Feria

- 7am** Charles Packer RIP (Diana Buse)
9.30am Fr Edmund Redding RIP (FM)

Wed Feria

- 7am** Mental & Physical Health & Birthday (Babbin Ubald)
10am **FUNERAL MASS- Michele De Cristofaro RIP**

Thur Feria

- 7am** Carol Marsella RIP (Family)
9.30am Pereira RIP (Loretta Fernandes)

Fri Feria

- 7am** Rose and Catherine Cusiack RIP (FM)
9.30am Margaret Power RIP (Molly Clifford)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1.30pm **FUNERAL SERVICE- Sheila Durrant RIP**

Sat St Anselm

- 9am** Maisie Berry RIP (Teresa Auty)

SATURDAY/SATURDAY 21st/22nd April 2012

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Tom, Bridig & Denis Kelleher RIP (Kathleen Kelleher)
Sun 9am Welfare of the Holy Father (Kitty Fox)
11am Gaetanina Marherita & Gaetano RIP (Maria Simmonds)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Aoife Anne Blair & D'Andre Simon Mulondo Odongo**
3pm **St George's Day Service and Parade**
6pm People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church **Lorena Andreadis Rocha** and **Maya Kristina Biwojno**

Last week

Collection for the Holy Places £622

We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod
Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)

Readings

This 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.

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

We are witnesses to the resurrection and the forgiveness of sins.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

God's love comes to perfection within us if we turn back to the Father.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

Jesus has been raised from the dead so that the forgiveness of sins can be preached to all peoples.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Tadhg Sheehan** (father of Tim Sheehan), **Sheila Durrant**, **Michele De Cristofaro**, **Luke Nolan**, **Tony Moore**, **Bernard Darney** (father of Clare Darney), 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), Jean Studham, Kent Ericta, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Peter Zammit, Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Winton, 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 Mathew, 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 and Norma Latham .

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

**Saturdays from 9.30am to 10am
and
5.30pm to 6pm**

FAIRTRADE GRAND RAFFLE

On Sunday 20 May after the 9am and 11am Masses, there will be a raffle of Fairtrade hampers. Please drop into the Old Chapel after these Masses.

Sale of Bedding Plants

There will be a bedding plant sale again this year for the Parish Lenten Project. Order forms will and all details will be available very soon and the plants will be ready for pick up mid May.

LENTEN PROJECT 2012 TABLE TOP SALE –BARGAINS

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL after both Masses in the Old Chapel

THANKYOU! to all who visited the Sale in the Hall and bought toys and other items since then. On **Sunday 29th April** we will be joining the 'Family Teas' in the Old Chapel and there will be a last chance to buy the remaining toys/games, table ware and bric a brac (at *Special* prices!) Come in for refreshments and browse – all proceeds to the Lenten Project.

ALTAR SERVERS RALLY

The annual Altar Servers Rally will take place on Monday 7th May 2012 (Bank Holiday Monday), at Aylesford Priory Kent. Mass 11:30 am Principal Celebrant Archbishop Peter Smith. All servers, families and friends are welcome

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.

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

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.

LENTEN PROJECT 2012

Please note that we will be collecting the Lenten Boxes before Masses this weekend and the weekends of 21/22 April and 28/29 April. Please make sure you bring your boxes to mass on these weekends. Thank you.



A new Catholic Radio broadcasting on the internet from Womersley starting 16th September. Visit Heart-GivesUntoHeart Catholic Radio Open Day at St John's Seminary, Womersley. 21st April, 2.00-5.00 pm. Everyone's invited! Pop-in for a chat and a cuppa and see what's planned. Come and talk to volunteers; look at the Catholic Art Exhibition; see the Studio; hear some of the musicians and singers; join the enthusiastic team; support the Radio. Info from Gerry Coates 07906 073376 gerrycoates@blueyonder.co.uk www.hguh.co.uk

St. Bernadette Soubirous

April 16th

Millions of people have come to the spring Bernadette uncovered for healing of body and spirit, but she found no relief from her own chronic ill health there. Bernadette stumbled through life guided only by faith in things she did not understand.



Put out into Deep Water: Leading in Catholic Schools

Aspiring Deputy Headteachers in Community Schools are warmly invited to a Saturday morning gathering to consider whether they might *put out in deep water* by moving into leadership in Catholic Schools. This will be held on Saturday 12th May from 10am to 1pm followed by lunch (included). For further details please contact Vanessa Copper on 0169 833 347 and for bookings contact Claire Cottingham on 01689 829 331 at the Archdiocese of Southwark's Commission for Schools and Colleges, St Edward's House, St Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington, Kent BR5 2SR or visit the website www.rcsouthwark.org.uk

REPOSITORY- Church Shop

Cards and gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation now on sale in the Repository after Saturday evening Mass and Sunday morning Masses.

Pat Buchanan 020 8399 2300

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

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.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards & gifts

Re:fresh books & christian resources in Tolworth Broadway has extensive stocks of cards and gifts for confirmation, first communion and baptism as well as an ever-increasing choice of cards for birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions. The range of gifts suitable for confirmation and first communion includes complete Bibles in different versions and bindings, children's storybook Bibles, books of prayers for children, picture frames, photo frames and glassware. For more details visit www.refreshbooks.co.uk

Events in April at the MOUNT STREET JESUIT CENTRE

Saturday 21st April 11am-4pm **Living with Stress** (booking essential)

Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info

Exploring both the negative patterns which cause us problems, and the energy and resources we all possess, to give us a more positive approach to living with stress.

Tuesdays 24th April-29th May 11am-1pm **St. Paul: The Man, His Life and His Work**

REPEATED Wednesdays 25th April -30th May 7-8.30pm
Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info

An introduction and guide to the life, letters and theology of Paul whose writings form a large part of the New Testament.

Thursday 26th April 11am-4pm **Beyond Belief** – Margaret Silf

Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info

To raise awareness and stimulate discussion on what it really means to be a person of faith in today's world.

Thursdays 26th April – 17th May 7-8.30pm **Theology of Prayer**

Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info

Addressing what the Church teaches on prayer and how this informs a distinctively Catholic spirituality.

Saturday 28th April 11am-4pm **Spirituality of Art**
Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info

A spiritual/prayerful experience looking at paintings and other works of art (sculpture, architecture, etc), as well as using paint and clay.

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.