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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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### Eating and recognising the Body of Christ

Today, the Gospel of Luke tells us about the two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They were relating as best they could what Jesus had told them to the Eleven and other disciples who had shut themselves away in a room in Jerusalem, bewildered and fearful.

“They told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread”.

In last Sunday’s Gospel, we learnt of doubting Thomas who became believing Thomas, in front of a gathering of disciples, similar to those described in today’s Gospel.

However, the theme of the group being dumbstruck or doubting their eyes takes a different focus. Even after being allowed to touch him and to see his wounded hands and feet, Jesus could see they were still not taking it in. So he did something more which would leave them in no doubt that his body was real and not a ghost. He asked for something to eat and ate it. He proved that his resurrection was of the body as well as of the soul.

How very important it is, therefore, for us to understand the significance of the act of

eating in relation to recognising the risen body of Christ.

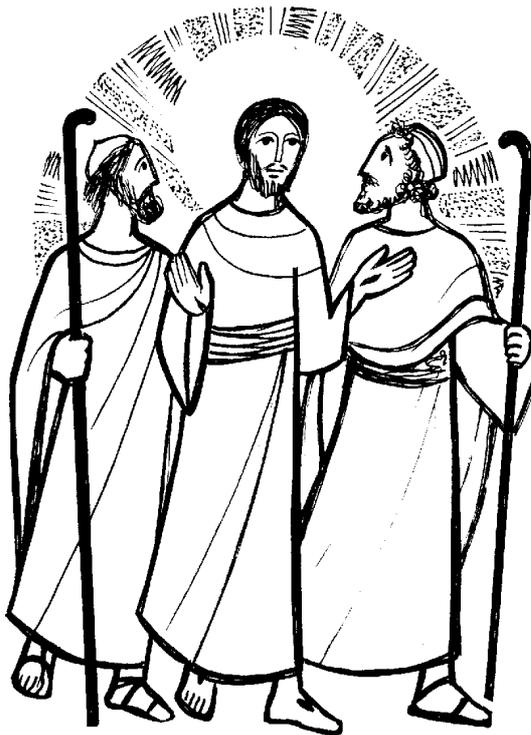
In other parts of the Gospels, telling us about the days after the Resurrection, the act of eating is shown to be crucial to the disciples in recognising the Risen Christ.

There were the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, already mentioned. There were also the seven disciples (including Peter) on the shore of the sea of Tiberias who recognised Jesus when he was cooking a fish on a fire and when he called them to “Come and have breakfast”, giving them bread and fish. (Whilst they ate, did any of them recall Jesus’ feeding of the five thousand, I wonder?)

In responding to the call in the Holy Eucharist to come and

eat, we are, just like the first disciples, truly witnessing to the death and resurrection of Our Lord. Let us be enthusiastic disciples, too, and worthy messengers of the Good News.

Al Callan



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 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

**Daily Masses 23rd April to 28th April 2012**

**Mon ST GEORGE, martyr, Protector of England**

**9.30am** Jim and Nancy Furlong RIP (Chris Furlong)

**Tues Feria**

- 7am** Welfare of the Doherty family
- 9.30am** Patrick & Sadie O'Donovan RIP (Rosemary & Roger Morton)

**Wed St Mark, evangelist**

- 7am** Martin & Harlanda Fox
- 9.30am** Danny Kerr RIP (Studham Family)

**Thur Feria**

- 7am** Miss Bidgette's Deceased Relations & Friends (FM)
- 9.30am** Raymond Brady (Kitty Fox)

**Fri Feria**

- 7am** Mary Foley RIP (Mary O'Mara)
- 9.30am** Mary Bastiampillai RIP (Surendran Family)
- 10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr**

**9am** Mary Cassidy RIP (Marley Family)

**SATURDAY/SATURDAY 28th/29th April 2012**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
- Sun 9am** Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
- 11am** Deceased Members of the Qualter family
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Zaccaria Michael Brown**
- 6pm** Mary Linstead RIP (FM)



We welcome into the Church **Bobby Brendan Nevin & Lara May Garbett** who were baptised last Sunday

**Last week**

**Collection for the upkeep of the church £2,098**

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski

Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips)

**Readings**

**This 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.

**Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter (B)**

**First Reading** Acts 4:8-12

Peter tells the leaders of Israel that although they rejected Jesus, he is their way to salvation.

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2

When Christ appears, we will recognise him because we have been made the children of God.

**Gospel** John 10:11-18

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, loved by the Father and freely offering up his life on our behalf.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Margaret Walsh, 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 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 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 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 29<sup>TH</sup> 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. Next **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage**

If you are celebrating an extra-special wedding anniversary this year (10th, 25th, 40th or 50th) please give your details to the Parish Office to receive your invitation to this special Mass which is due to take place on 16th June 2012 at St George's Cathedral in Southwark.

We will need your names, address, contact telephone number and the date of your wedding.

**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.

**LENTEN PROJECT 2012**

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



**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 Cottington 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](http://www.rcsouthwark.org.uk)

**Lenten Project 2012 total raised so far.....**

Yet again the Parish has responded magnificently to the many events held to raise money for our adopted charities. Please see future newsletters for further updates.

EVENT	Amount Raised
Quiz Night	465.00
Table Top Sale (so far)	1342.16
Jumble Sale	541.16
Cake sale	557.00
Wine Tasting	137.00
International Night	405.00
Apple Pie Sunday	305.45
Bike Ride (so far)	2891.00
Fair Trade Breakfast	75.00
Maundy Thursday	948.83
Southern Indian Evening	2,501.00
Donations	520.00
Bedding Plants	Not held yet
School	TBC
Lenten Boxes	Still coming in.
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,688.60</b>

The Lenten Project Committee.

**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*

**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.

**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

**POLISH STUDENT**

A female Polish student is looking to stay with an English family for the Summer holidays. She is willing to help with domestic chores. Please call 020 8399 8174 for more information.

**Free Electric Organ**

There is an electric organ outside the RDJ Room, that is free to anyone who wants it. Please speak to Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo if you are able to collect.

**International Mother Earth Day 22nd April**

A day on which we are invited to help reach the ambitious target of a "billion acts of green." You can visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) to register your green pledge.... but the important thing is just to use this day as a day to save energy, start growing your own vegetables, leave the car at home or recycle something that's been sitting in the attic.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)**

This weeks Children's Liturgy is the first for which the revisions to the way we run the Group at Our Lady Immaculate Church come into effect.

An attendance register has been placed just inside the main entrance to the Church. This register contains the names of all children for whom a Registration Form for attendance at the Children's Liturgy has been completed. **The parents of children attending the Children's Liturgy should sign the register next to their child's name before the 9am Mass commences.**

If you have not yet registered your child, a Registration Form can be obtained from one of the Children's Liturgy Group leaders, the RDJ room, the Parish Office in the Presbytery or the Parish website ([www.olionline.co.uk](http://www.olionline.co.uk)). **Please return any completed form to the Parish Office, so that your child's name can be added to the attendance register.**

It should be noted that the Children's Liturgy Group is not run every Sunday - it is not run on the last Sunday of the month (Children's Mass), Holy Days or school holidays. A list of dates on which the Group will be run in 2012 and the beginning of 2013 can be obtained from one of the Children's Liturgy Group leaders, or from the Parish website ([www.olionline.co.uk](http://www.olionline.co.uk)).

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.

**New Rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

The new rotas are available to collect from the RDJ Room before or after all Masses. Please ensure you collect them today, as the new rotas commence from next weekend.

**Parish Lenten Project**

**Southern Indian Night Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

The latest event for the Parish Lenten Project was the Southern Indian Night held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Hall was packed and those attending were treated to a wonderful night of Southern Indian food and culture. The event was organised by around 20 families who provided a lavish buffet of Southern Indian food. The entertainment was non-stop from 7.30 – 10.00pm, with wonderful singing and typical dances from South India and a few just for fun!

Fr Biju Kocherinalpathil the Syro-Malabar Chaplin for the Southwark diocese attended, as did Fr Arbo who opened proceedings with a prayer as well as blessing the food.

The event goes from strength to strength and this year raised an impressive **£2500** for the Lenten Project which is a great credit to the many families who helped make it so enjoyable & a great success.