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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

A week in the life of a priest.

Last Sunday was called Good Shepherd Sunday and traditionally we are encouraged to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. I didn't preach about the priesthood that Sunday, but I thought that I might just give you a flavour of what I did this past week as a priest who is celebrating 37 years as an ordained priest next month.

The celebration of Mass is the one constant event of every day. Even though I have been doing this every day of my priestly life, it is something I never tire of. To me it is never boring. I am fed by the scriptures and nourished by the bread of life. It is not a private act as I offer this sacrifice of Jesus with the people. It is a time of communion with Christ and the people. On Tuesday this week it was good to celebrate Mass for the staff and children of St Joseph's Primary School, in Kingston on their feast day.

There were three funerals this week. I was celebrant of the requiem Mass on Monday. The dynamic is different from an ordinary weekday Mass. The priest has met with the family and discussed the readings and the life of their loved one so that they can make the Mass a fitting celebration of the life of the deceased. Fr Arbo and I concelebrated the Wednesday funeral for Eileen Smolira whose son David is a priest. There were 11 priests concelebrating. Of course the Mass we celebrate together as a parish every Sunday is key to our week and our life as a parish. As it says in the Vatican II Document on the Liturgy, it is the primary manifestation of the local Church and, as such,

the most important and normative form of the Eucharistic celebration. An important element of this Sunday celebration is the sermon which, despite what some of you might think, it does need time to prepare. I usually begin by looking at the readings early in the week and try to give myself time to read the commentaries to the readings and also look at what others have suggested. I never feel that I have given enough time in preparation, especially when you read "the homily must be the fruit of meditation,

carefully prepared, and in length, style and content sensitively adapted to the needs and capacities of all present."

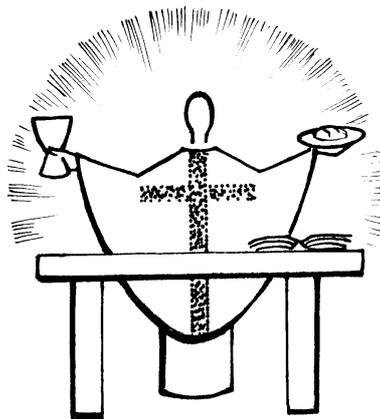
On Mondays and Tuesdays Fr Arbo and myself hold the bleep for the hospital so we are on call if anyone wishes to see a priest. This week I was called to bless a baby who died at 19 weeks in his mother's womb. Whenever I approach the ward on such occasions I pray for guidance to do

and say the right thing. It was a moment of deep sadness. The nurse brought in the tiny child wrapped in a tiny blue blanket and I said the blessing. It is for me a moving and tender moment. It brought a little comfort to the mother and the family who were with her.

Both Fr Arbo had interviews with couples who are planning to marry. We fill in paper work and help them with the choosing of readings and music. They go on a preparation course and I enjoy talking with them and getting to know them a little before the great day.

There is so much more I could write about this past week but there isn't the space in a front page. What I feel about my life as a priest is that, if I am willing, God uses me in his service. I would recommend it to any young man.

Fr Anthony Charlton



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th May 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Margaret & Peter Crawford RIP (FM)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am All Deceased Family Members of Maria Simmonds
12.30pm **Baptisms: Robyn Maisie Defoe, Michaela Andrea Gabriella Tibagonzeka & Harley Justice Amante**
6pm Margaret O'Neill RIP (Celia O'Neill & Family)

Daily Masses 7th to 12th May 2012

Mon Feria

- 10am** Tim & Joan Wood RIP (FM)

Tues Feria

- 7am** Gladys Lambrinos
9.30am Nicholas Reginald RIP (Anne Sebastian)

Wed Feria

- 7am** Margaret Davis RIP 2nd Anniversary (Family)
9.30am Philip & Doreen Stanley RIP (FM)

Thur Feria

- 7am** Welfare of Salvador R.L. (Carl)
9.30am Sheila Durrant RIP (C.A.F.E.)

Fri Feria

- 7am** Colin Wheeler RIP (Marcus Clery)
9.30am Richard Manche RIP (Manche Family)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat Feria

- 9am** K.A. Kuriakose RIP (Family)

SATURDAY/SATURDAY 12th/13th May 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Kathleen Hogan RIP (Peter Hogan)
Sun 9am Michael Kocherry RIP (Simon & Rosamma)
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptisms: Zeisha Jade Perera-King & Molly Grace Gaskell**
6pm Deceased members of the Maughan Family



We welcome into the Church **Zaccaria Michael Brown** who was baptised last Sunday

Last week

Collection for the upkeep of the church £1,735
Ecclesiastical Education Fund £ 385

We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington
Next week: Susan & Stephen Fleming)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays from 9.30am to 10am
and
5.30pm to 6pm

Readings

This week: 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

The newly converted Saul has been preaching in the name of Jesus, and is accepted by the apostolic church in Jerusalem.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

God's commandments can be summed up in two imperatives: to believe in Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he taught us.

Gospel John 15:1-8

The grace of Christ, which he gives to us, is the source of all our belief and good works. We are called to be his disciples and to be fruitful.

Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Peter goes to the house of Cornelius, and barriers of race and religion fall down.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

The love of God is the most powerful thing in the world.

Gospel John 15:9-17

The force and the power of God's love come down to us through Jesus Christ.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Margaret Walsh, Eileen Smolira, Helen Mary Andrews, Tadhg Sheehan** (father of Tim Sheehan), **Sheila Durrant, Michele De Cristofaro, Luke Nolan & Tony Moore.**

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; Kathleen Brazil (mother of Jackie Ulahan), Cheung Fong Lan (mother of Eugenia Choi), 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 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 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 .

GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

Our parish magazine GRAPEVINE will be distributed after all Masses next weekend. Suggested donation £1.

CATHOLICISM

As a parish you will have the opportunity to see the DVD series presented -entitled "Catholicism". It is excellent. There will be taster sessions this weekend, after all the Masses in the Catholic Hall

SATURDAY MAY 19th – Feed Our World

The Southwark Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission will be holding their Spring Assembly on Saturday May 19th in the New Barn, Aylesford Priory from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm. There is a coach running from Woolwich, to book a place please phone 020 8854 0359.

Speakers from CAFOD, World Development Movement, Medway Food Bank and Tradecraft FairTrade Tea & Coffee available from 10 am. Bring lunch or use the café next door. **Free - all welcome**

Mass for Migrants- In honour of St Joseph the Worker

This will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2012 at 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, London SW1P 1QW

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

THE DIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

-requires:

Primary Schools Adviser; a practising Catholic graduate specialising in Curriculum RE for September 2012. The successful applicant will have experience in teaching Curriculum RE in a Catholic Primary School. Salary c £40k.

Education Officer; required from July 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter, a practising Catholic graduate to support schools and governing bodies in the Diocese in a number of areas including statutory responsibilities, legal related issues and HR in Catholic schools. The successful applicant will have some understanding of education law and the voluntary schools sector. Salary c£44k.

Further information from Donna Gray at the Archdiocese of Southwark Commission for Schools and Colleges, St Edward's House, St Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington BR5 2SR. Tel 01689 883341. Email; donna.gray@rcsouthwark.org.uk

Closing date for applications Thursday 17 May 2010 by 10am.

JUBILEE STREET PARTY Sunday 3rd June 2012

Wanted- Entertainers, musicians, dancers. Is there anyone willing to spend around half an hour to an hour playing music, dancing, performing magic tricks etc? Please contact Sheila on 020 8390 1918 or Carol on 020 8390 7169 if you can help.



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	307.95
Bike Ride (so far)	2987.00
Fair Trade Breakfast	75.00
Maundy Thursday	948.83
Southern Indian Evening	2,501.00
Donations	651.00
Bedding Plants	Not held yet
School	TBC
Lenten Boxes (so far)	3800.00
Noah's Ark Fundraising	121.73
Car Boot Sale	200.00
Total	£14,918.35

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

The parents of children attending the Children's Liturgy should sign the attendance register next to their child's name **before the 9am Mass commences**. The register can be found just inside the main entrance to the church.

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). **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).

The Children's Liturgy Group would be grateful for any donations of pencils or crayons, which are no longer needed by your children - please leave in the RDJ room. We are also looking for new volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy Group. It is not a huge time commitment and is very rewarding. If you would like to become involved or have any further questions please contact Elspeth Casey (Group Leader) through the Parish Office.

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE

See the church notice board for details of Aylesford Pilgrimage in Honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace on 2nd June. Aylesford Summer Fayre on 17th June and the All night vigils for June and September. There are also details of the Days for May at Walsingham and Westminster Cathedral in June.

GOODNEWS

May/June copies of Goodnews available in the Narthex price £2.45 The May edition of our Diocesan newspaper is also available. Please do take a copy.

INVOCATION

Details of Invocation a festival for young adults to be held in the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, near Birmingham from 6th -8th July 2012. It is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35 who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ

* **Sale of Bedding Plants** *
* The unseasonable weather during the last couple of *
* months has had severe consequences for plant grow- *
* ers generally this year and has led to a delay in pro- *
* ducing a list of available plants for sale. However an *
* order form will be attached to next week's newsletter. *
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♥ **Cathedral Mass Celebrating Marriage** ♥
♥ If you are celebrating an extra-special wedding anni- ♥
♥ versary this year (10th, 25th, 40th or 50th) please give ♥
♥ your details to the Parish Office to receive your invita- ♥
♥ tion to this special Mass which is due to take place on ♥
♥ 16th June 2012 at St George's Cathedral in South- ♥
♥ work. ♥
♥ We will need your names, address, contact telephone ♥
♥ number and the date of your wedding. ♥
♥ *

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

Friday 18th May: Are you in your 20s or 30s? Come and have a fun night out with the SW London 20/30s, a thriving social group which attracts dozens of Catholics from parishes across the diocese. They will be meeting from 7.30pm for drinks at The Merchant, 23 - 25 Battersea Rise, SW11 1HG (a short walk from Clapham Junction). Future events include trips to the Epsom Derby and tennis at Wimbledon. For more info please contact Tim: 07849 693 400 / Rachel: 07563 285 376

Cleaning Rotas

Please note that the new cleaning rotas are ready for collection from the RDJ Room. Thank you to all our volunteers for their continuing hard work and support.

YOUNG AT HEART

On the last Thursday of each month the Community Church hold a social session at The Den, (2nd Tolworth Scout Hall), 12a Princes Avenue, Tolworth. Enjoy refreshments, homemade cakes, meeting new friends and interesting talks/activities. For further information speak to Stephanie at the Community Church office on 020 8391 1100. (Cost £1)

Youth Festival- Aylesford Priory Saturday 23rd June at 10am

This is open to young people in school Years 8 to 11 and includes varied activities, music and workshops. The day will end with a celebration of Mass. This year we will be exploring an Olympic theme linked in with Faith.

Brightlights Festival- Aylesford Priory 29th June to 2nd July

Join us for the Catholic young adults festival for 16 to 30 year olds. This includes a packed programme of live bands, liturgy, speakers, workshops and discussion groups. Please ask Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo for more information

Ecumenical
Accompaniment
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in Palestine
and Israel



EYE-WITNESS Stories from Israel-Palestine

Paul Farmer who spent 3 months (July – Sept 2011) in Bethlehem in

the West Bank. What is daily life under occupation really like? What is the Israeli peace movement doing? What can we do to promote a just peace in Israel-Palestine?

At 7:15pm (after evening mass) on Sunday 20th May In the Old Chapel

ALL WELCOME

EAPPI is a Programme of the World Council of Churches and is managed in the UK and Ireland by - Quaker Peace and Social Witness.

GIFT AID BOXES

Please note that the Gift Aid boxes containing new envelopes will be available to collect from the RDJ Room before or after all Masses next weekend.

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for May 2012 Why is Family Important?

We might often complain about our families, but where would we be without them? For most of us, our families have brought us up keeping us safe, giving us affection, appreciation, a sense of belonging and unconditional love. As part of a family we first learn Christian morals and principles of society. The family teaches us how best to survive in the outside world. The good that is in us is often thanks to our family. When we look at those in society who we consider dysfunctional it may well be that those people didn't have the love or support of a good family. This month, Pope Benedict invites us to join in his monthly prayer intention "...That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society..."

