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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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### Rite of Acceptance

I have heard many parents expressing their deep sadness and disappointment when their children happen to refuse to practice or believe in the faith they had passed on to them. They sometimes feel guilty and often blame themselves. They wonder whether they did not do enough or they did it in a wrong way. These parents remind me of my mother, who was unhappy with me when I stopped being an altar boy after just a month. My younger brother was then an altar server and in a junior seminary. My mother would sometimes say to my brother; "Don't listen to your brother. He will lead you away from your vocation to the priesthood."

A couple of years later my brother was happily married with three children and I was a priest. She never fully understood what was going on in my life and neither did I, until I started looking back. The fact is that my mother never stopped praying. I believe that her simple but strong faith in God and devotion to Our Lady, coupled with her kindness to everyone, became a source of inspiration when I had to make difficult decisions. In other words, she had planted seeds of faith in me even when I did not seem to accept or acknowledge it.

At the 6pm Mass on this Sixth Sunday of Easter, 40 young people from our Parish, will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance. During the Mass, parents will light a candle for their child. First they will hold the candle together. The priest will ask the young people **"are you ready to go forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?"**

Once the children have responded to the question, the priest will remind the parents that at their child's Baptism they agreed to carry the Light of Christ on behalf of their child. They will then be asked to let go of the candle as their

child takes more responsibility for her or his faith.

This wonderful and powerful rite of acceptance, asking the parents to let the candle go and be carried by their child, is a challenge to both the parents and their young person. It does not mean that the parents can now wash their hands out of the life of faith of their child. It simply means that their role now is to support and encourage the young person to make the best decision on the path they want to follow. On the part of the children it is a sign of the increased responsibility given to them by us as a Church to keep the flame of Christ alight in the world.



On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May the Bishop will anoint the young people with the oil of Chrism, calling them by name and add the words; **"... be sealed by the Gift of the Holy Spirit"**

While the Sacrament of Confirmation is there to give more responsibility to them, the sad part is that many of the young people may feel that they do not need to practice their faith anymore. Let's hope this will not be the case in our parish. The common excuse to this tendency is "Mass is boring!" This becomes a self-fulfilled prophecy by their own absence. Here at Our Lady Immaculate there are many opportunities for young people to get involved and make a difference. The Youth Group, the 9am Mass Sunday Choir, the readers and the altar servers are only a few of the possibilities open to them.

Like my mother, parents need to realise how much their perseverance in faith and good deeds impact on their children in the future, even when they may not seem to acknowledge it. Who knows, we may end up with priests and nuns among these children. Let us continue to pray for the parents and their children as we approach the day of Confirmation.

Fr Arbo Lekule

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 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

**Daily Masses 14th to 19th May 2012**

- Mon St Matthias, apostle**  
**9.30am** Joe Nason RIP (Family)  
**4pm** Tolworth Hospital Mass - Holy Souls
- Tues Feria**  
**7am** Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)  
**9.30am FUNERAL MASS: Mary Carter RIP**
- Wed St Simon Stock, priest**  
**7am** Tony Pereira RIP (Loretta Fennades)  
**9.30am FUNERAL MASS: Janice Margaret Arnold RIP**
- Thur Feria**  
**7am** Welfare of the Doherty Family  
**9.30am** Welfare of Joanne D'Costa-Manuel (Thelma Staussi)
- Fri St John I, pope & martyr**  
**7am** Frans Veraofstad (Anne Sheridan)  
**9.30am** Albert, Josephine & Eileen Brown RIP (Margaret Radford)  
**10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat St Dunstan, bishop**  
**9am** Patrick Galvin RIP (Mrs Hill)

**SATURDAY/SATURDAY 19th/20th May 2012**  
**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (B)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Angela and Jim Maynard 50th Wedding Anniversary (Family)  
**Sun 9am** Francesco & Ermando Perillo RIP (Mrs D'Agostimo)  
**11am** Nora & John Swan (Helen Brown)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Thobiyas & Mary John Mariyaseelan**  
**6pm** People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church **Robyn Maisie Defoe, Michaela Andrea Gabriella Tibagonzeka & Harley Justice Amante** who were baptised last Sunday

*Retiring Collection for World Communications*

**Last week**

**Collection for the upkeep of the church £1,927**

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming

Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)

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

**Readings**

**This 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.

**Next Week: The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ (B)**

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

Before Jesus is taken up to heaven he instructs the apostles about the kingdom and their mission to bear witness to him.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may fill us with a deeper understanding of all the rich glories that he has promised we will inherit through the victory of Christ.

**Gospel** Mark 16:15-20

Before Jesus ascends to the right hand of God he commissions the apostles to take the Gospel to the whole of creation.

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; Jan Lewandowski, Kathleen Brazil (mother of Jackie Ulahan), Cheung Fong Lan (mother of Eugenia Choi), Mark Murphy (husband of Louise), Jean Studham, Kent Erica, 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 Frogger, 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 Latham .

### 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.

WEBSITE – new gallery items – South Indian Food evening, and Tolworth Tornadoes Bike ride

### OLI J&P

invite you for tea, coffee and hot cross buns and the Draw for the Fairtrade Hampers. We are selling tickets after Mass for the Draw and proceeds will go to the Lenten Project. Please come along and support us as this is also the last time that we will be involved with the Fairtrade Stall, although we can still take orders for Palestinian Olive Oil and anything else that you may wish to purchase from the Catalogue.

Thank you for your support over the past three years and hope to see you in the Old Chapel.  
OLI J&P Group.



### Saint Matthias 14th May

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle.

#### In His Footsteps:

Have you ever felt like an afterthought, a latecomer? Or have you ever resented someone new who was added to your group? Try to see your community as not complete without the newcomer, whether you or someone else. On the feast day of Saint Matthias we determine to welcome any newcomers to our parish, work, family or community.



### 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	<b>£14,918.35</b>

### 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](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)).

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.

### Sale of Bedding Plants

An order form for bedding plants is attached to the newsletter this week with details of how to order and collect your plants. Please return your completed form with money by Wednesday 23rd May at the latest. There are also a few spare forms at the back of the church if you would like to pass one to a friend or neighbour. All profits will go to the Lenten Project. Many thanks for your support.

### 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.

### 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*

### 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 **this weekend**.

### Union of Catholic Mothers

An invitation to all ladies to join us at our next meeting which will be on Tuesday May 15th at 8.15pm in the old chapel. We shall be celebrating HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a party and Royal Quiz. A prize for the most original red white and blue outfit. Please bring a small amount of finger food. We look forward to seeing you.

### 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.

### 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



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### THE PASSAGE DINNER

The Rotary Club of Westminster West is hosting a dinner in aid of The Passage Day Centre and Night Shelter. The principle guest and speaker is Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

Date: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012

Time: 7.00pm for 7.45pm

Venue: The Rubens Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, SW1W 0PS

Dress Code: Black Tie

Tickets: £70.00 to include dinner and wine.

Tickets can be obtained by telephone

: 020 7592 1856 or email: [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk)

### Christian Aid Week 13th-19th May

Christians of every denomination will be fundraising and donating this week.

Whatever you do and however you do it, by being part of Christian Aid Week you can help people in poverty out of poverty. You will join 200,000 others to raise more than £13 million for poor communities around the world to help them find ways to improve their lives and have a brighter future.

No matter how much you raise, your contribution will help make a big difference. Donate online at [www.caweeek.org](http://www.caweeek.org)

