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My Experience in Lourdes

Most probably I will be right to say that the older we get the less we are interested in taking photographs, with the exception of professionals.

There may be many reasons for this loss of interest, but possibly the strongest one is the inability of a camera to capture the reality we see. Neither a painter nor a sculptor can claim to do a better job in capturing a reality. May be words can assist in describing what we see or experience. But again, words can only help our imaginations to wonder.

Last week I came back from Lourdes where I went on pilgrimage organised by the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes. From the first day of our arrival the skies were blue, the mountains around Lourdes were radiating deep green with the snow peaks of the Pyrenees in the background and the fast flowing river around the shrine added to the magical beauty of the place. As

usual I carried a camera with me and in the first two days I had snapped hundreds of photographs. As I experienced more prayerful times at the grotto and joined in the several spiritual exercises, I gave up on the camera. It became obvious that I was not going to be able to capture the profound experience of my pilgrimage through a camera.

We can only imagine how difficult it would have been for the 14 year old girl, Saint Bernadette, to explain to others the special experience she was having with Mary the mother of our Lord. When she described that the lady who appeared to her was dressed in a flowing white gown, with a blue sash around her waist, a sculptor produced the iconic statue that currently stands in the cave within the Grotto. On seeing it, we are told that

Bernadette was profoundly disappointed with this representation of her vision. Can a human being replicate or reproduce a supernatural experience in any way or form?

> I too had numerous experiences, not like the Saint, but all the same supernatural. To see thousands of people of all ages, races, nationalities and even different faiths; many of them in wheel chairs, quietly passing at the Grotto and joining in the processions, I was deeply moved. Because of my fear of cold, I was not keen to get into the cold baths at the spring. But I changed my mind as I saw the serene faces of those who had gone in, especially the sick. I immersed myself in the water shivering with fear, but when I came out. I was filled with a warmth of joy and peace. I had some opportunity to hear personal stories of some of the pilgrims. Some stories made a profound effect on me as I realised that each person had a personal story to tell and some of them were

breathtaking, thanks to their visit to Lourdes.

It is true that there have been many miraculous healings which have been documented by the Lourdes Medical Commission, but there are many more which will never be written. Obviously large numbers of sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes each year in the hope of physical healing, and we hope their hopes will be fulfilled. However, for me the deeper healing was the spiritual renewal given to all us pilgrims and neither a camera nor words can capture or express this reality. Let us pray for the success of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes who celebrated their 100 year of organising pilgrimages to Lourdes. I hope this will not be my last pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Arbo Lekule

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16th/17th June 2012

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

Sat 6.30pm Tadgh Sheehan RIP (OLI Staff) Sun 9am Gladys Millard RIP (Sheila Howe) Porpirio Pescoza RIP (Josie Espiritu) 11am

12.30pm Baptisms: Dimitri Prakash Ciais, Alfie George

Parker & Dominic Alexander Coker

6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 18th June 2012 to 23rd June 2012

Mon Feria

9.30am Eamonn Walsh RIP (Eddie & Sheila Walsh)

5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues Feria

7am Gladys Lambrinios (Kitty Fox)

9.30am John Midford RIP & Penny Hennings RIP (Una Midford)

Wed St Alban, proto-martyr of Britain

7am Welfare of Victoria & Rey R.L. (Carl) 9.30am Ken Stacey RIP (Mary Stacey)

Thur St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

7am Welfare of Pasquele Pozella (Franco Pozella & Family)

9.30am Christy Power RIP (Cummins Family)

SS John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs Fri

> 7am Delia Kelly RIP (FM)

9.30am Bridie Filmore RIP (Daughter Clare) 10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sat Feria

> 9am Margaret O'Neill RIP (Celia O'Neill & Family)

> > SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th June 2012 THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (B)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS Sat 11am

Welfare of Lee Family Children (Mr & Mrs Doherty)

2.30pm FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Holy Souls

6.30pm Pat & Eileen Costello RIP (Costello Family)

Sun 9am People of the Parish

> 11am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

> > Mrs D'Agostino's Intention

1.30pm Baptisms: Ava-Mai Suffin & Amelia Lily Rose

6pm In Thanksgiving (Family Request) Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church: £ 1,686

We thank you for your continued generosity. (Cash counters this week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)



We welcome into the Church Noah Hamilton-Brister who was baptised last Sunday

READINGS

This week 11th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading (Ez 17:22-24)

From the small remnant of Israel, God will make himself a new people.

Second Reading (2 Cor 5:6-10)

In the tensions of a life lived in faith a Christian tries to live close to Christ and to prepare for the definitive encounter of the Lord.

Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)

God is active, whatever the appearances. His word will bear fruit. Notwithstanding its humble beginnings, God's kingdom will surpass all expectations.

Next Week: The Birth of St John the Baptist (B) First Reading (Is 49:1-6)

John the Baptist is loved and called by God even before he is born. His task as a servant will be to lead people to God.

Second Reading (Acts 13:22-26)

John's task was to prepare people's hearts for the coming Saviour and then humbly to fade away.

Gospel (Luke 1:57-66, 80)

His birth from old parents and the wonders before and after his birth all speak of John as a man chosen by God for a very special mission.

We pray for all the faithful departed who have recently died.

We pray especially for **Baby Rebecca Roy** baptised and died 2nd June at St George's Hospital, Fr William Scanlan, Mary Thursfield, Daphne Silock (mother of Donald and Catherine) Yvonne Ellis, Pat Smith (father of Trish Collins), Kathleen Brazil (mother of Jackie Ulahan), Maeve Mitchell, aged 8 (relative of

Carmel & Matt Blair) and Eva Hansford. 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: Fr Chris O'Brien, Bishop Patrick Lynch (recently diagnosed with prostate cancer), Frank McCabe, Sheila Dovle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlore, Mark Murphy (husband of Louise), Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), 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, 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, 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 Carri-

on and Norma Latham.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

Pathways of the Spiritual Life Day of Reflection - 30th June 2012

This Body - The Sensation of Prayer - Julian Maddock 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Cost: £15 Please bring a packed lunch.

At The House of Prayer 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey Surrey KT8 0PB 020 8941 2313

For more information or to book please get in touch:

Phone: 020 8941 2313

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChristianRetreatSisters

Parent Governor Our Lady Immaculate School, Tol-

There is a vacancy for the above post at Our Lady Immaculate School.

Parent Governors are parents of children at the school and are elected by other parents in the school.

Notification of this has been sent out by 'parent mail and pupil post' and the closing date for nominations is Tuesday 26th June 2012. If you are a parent and have not received this letter, or would like a nomination form, please call in or contact the school office on 020-8399-9854.

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Elaine Hallam presents The Singers and Songs

Summer Singing Party and 'Open Mike' Night

ひひひひひひひ A charity fundraising event in aid of The Princess Alice Hospice, Local Alzheimer's Charities and YOU TOUCH AFRICA (Fr Arbo's charity). On Saturday 23rd June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Thames Ditton Centre, Mercer Close, Thames Ditton KT7 0BS. Entry by ticket only- cost £7 available from the Presbytery or via email-

🎝 ahuyurdakul@yahoo.co.uk

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ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **FOR GIRLS**

Open evening for transfer to secondary school in September 2013 will be taking place on Monday 2 July from 3.30pm to 8pm at Pond Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PS

Refugee Week 18th-24th June

The plan for this week is for everyone to do one simple action to make a big change to the way refugees are perceived. For ideas visit www.simpleacts.org.uk

...... **GOLD & RUBIES- A TRIO OF JUBILEES**

In 2012 Archbishop Peter Smith, Bishop John Hine & Bishop Patrick Lynch are celebrating significant jubilees of their ordination as priests. Bishop John celebrates his Golden Jubilee of priesthood on 28th October, Archbishop Peter celebrates his Ruby Jubilee of priesthood on 15 July, as does Bishop Pat on 21st July.

The three Bishops would like to invite you to join them for a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark their joint one hundred and thirty years of priestly ministry on Saturday 7th July at 12 noon at Aylesford Priory.

We have a minibus with 16 places available for parishioners wanting to attend cost £5, so please contact the Parish Office if you would like to go.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage -Saturday July 14

This special day of faith and fun at Aylesford Priory is designed to enable grandparents to celebrate with their children and grandchildren the joys of being family. It will also provide an important opportunity for grandparents, as major contributors in the work of passing on the faith, to meet with their peers and exchange ideas and experiences. A joint effort involving Westminster, Brentwood and Arundel & Brighton dioceses as well as Southwark, The Grandparents' Pilgrimage will run from 11am to 4.30pm on July 14th with Bishops John Hine and Kieran Conry concelebrating Mass at 3pm.

Kingston Foodbank

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You may remember from last week's newsletter that we are launching Foodbank collections at OLI this weekend. This is for the Kingston Foodbank, which is part of a



UK-wide initiative under the Trussell Trust, to help local people in crisis who need food.

Please remember to bring donations for our Foodbank collections after all masses this weekend! We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food. For more information please see the display in the church porch, where there is also a box for donations. Food needed is listed below, and those items which are currently in short supply are highlighted in bold:

Biscuits or snack bars, cereals, coffee (instant) 100g, custard (packet or tin), fish (tin), fruit (tin), fruit juice (carton), granulated sugar 1kg, jam, meat (tin), milk (UHT or powdered), **noodles**, pasta, **pasta sauce** (bottle), potatoes (instant or tinned), rice, rice pudding (tin), soup, spaghetti, sponge pudding (tin), tea bags (80s), tomatoes (tin) and vegetables (tin).

We will collect donations in future on a monthly basis, on the last weekend of the month.

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

***************** FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next weekend we are celebrating our children receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. There will be 21 children making their first Communion on Saturday at 11am, 25 children making their first Holy Communion on Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm and 20 children coming next Sunday at 11am. I would like to thank especially all those who have helped to prepare them for this happy day, their parents and families and our catechists. Please do remember them in your prayers especially this week.

Saints Thomas More and John Fisher A Day of Prayer for Those Suffering Denial of Human Rights 22nd June

Thomas More and John Fisher angered Henry VIII by steadfastly refusing to approve the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. They further angered the king by refusing to acknowledge him as supreme head of the Church of England. For refusing to compromise their beliefs, both were beheaded.



On this day, the Church invites us to pray for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

A day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. **Saturday 23 June** from **9.45am till 4.30pm** at Holy Cross School, 25 Sandal Road, New Malden KT3 5AR. £25 per couple. Bring a packed lunch. Contact Deacon Phil and Mary Pond tel: 020 8651 2477

FAMILY FUN DAY

Churches Together in Surbiton are once again (fourth time) putting on a Family Fun Day on 21st July from 2pm-5pm in Alexandra Park. OLI are very much instrumental in organising this event, which in the past has attracted up to 2000 people. There will be a bar-b -q, several large inflatables including bouncy castle, bungee run, jousting and an assault course. There will be crazy golf, face painting, refreshments, Olympic style sports, a band, giant games like snakes and ladders, children's play area, and so much more. Entrance and all activities are totally free (as a gift from the local Christian churches, including ours). We do need some additional helpers on the day to man some of the stalls (such as supervising bouncy castles which OLI are responsible for) on a rota so no one person is tied up for more than 45 minutes. Please do put the date in your diary and bring the family along, and if you can help in any way, please call Andrew Richardson (the OLI representative) on 0208 399 3466.

OLI J&P Group

A big thank you to all those who attended our recent breakfast and for those who bought a raffle ticket. After payment of our final invoice to Traidcraft we raised £103 towards the Lenten Project. We will continue to do our breakfasts every 2/3 months and hope that you will continue to support us. Any money raised will also go to the Lenten project. Although we will no longer hold the Fairtrade stall we are still able to take orders by telephoning 0208399 7788 and we will continue to give a small discount on the catalogue price. We will leave a catalogue on one of the Notice boards. There will always be a small stock of Palestinian Olive Oil.

Thank you once again for your very welcome support over the last three years.

100 Days of Peace

The Olympic Truce is an ancient and sacred tradition originating from Greece, one that dates back to the 8th century BC. The truce – an agreement to lay down arms and put all fighting on hold – was promulgated before the Olympic Games to ensure all athletes and spectators could travel safely to the Games. Many had to travel through enemy states: the Truce guaranteed them safe passage to and from their respective homes. During the Truce period (lasting up to three months), no one was allowed to carry a weapon in Olympia, wars were suspended, armies were prohibited from endangering the Games, legal disputes were postponed, and death penalties were forbidden.

In order to develop this tradition on a worldwide scale, the International Olympic Truce Centre was founded in July 2000 in Athens. In addition to this, the United Nations issued the following statement in its Millennium Declaration:

"We urge Member States to observe the Olympic Truce, individually and collectively, now and in the future, and to support the International Olympic Committee in its efforts to promote peace and human understanding through sport and the Olympic Ideal."

This year, during London 2012, many organisations are working together to promote "100 Days of Peace" starting on 8th June 2012. At the back of the church, we have booklets called 'Your Journey to Peace' cost £1.50, in which you'll find a thought for each day, personal stories and inspiration to help you make peace a reality – in your community, in your school, in your world and in your heart. We also have prayer cards (these are free) with the Peace Icon on the front and a reconciliation prayer on the back for the 100 Days of Peace. Please take one.

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have a large number of requests for Mass intentions, particularly for weekend Masses. When a Mass is requested for a particular date or day of the week, we try to accede to your request. But this is not always be possible if a Mass intention has already been allocated for that particular date or day. In such cases we try to allocate your Mass intention to another day or date as near as possible to the one requested. In some cases, however, it may be some time before there is a vacant date. When requesting a Mass intention therefore it is helpful to give as much advance notice as possible. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

CHAIRMANS REPORT - PARISH COUNCIL AGM - 12th June 2012

This report provides a summary of some of the work of the Parish Council over the past few months since the last AGM back in June last year. It will also look at some of the other events which have taken place which have provided a witness of Christ's work both within the Parish and the wider communities of Tolworth and Surbiton.

I would like to start by thanking all members of The Council for their work throughout the year, and especially Elspeth who has tirelessly supplied us with minutes of our meetings.

Since last year, we have held a number of social events in the parish which have been well supported, including the St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble with some 140 people in attendance, the annual parish meal with around 100 people, and several events organized as part of the Lenten Project.

The spiritual and prayer life of the parish is, and must remain centre to our existence as a Catholic. The liturgies this year have been carried out with much thought, grace and reverence by all involved. We currently have nearly 1300 people attending mass at the weekend, which is a figure which continues to rise. Weekday masses continue to be very well supported, as is holy hour on Fridays. Once again, midnight mass on New Year's Eve went well, and the return of Evening Prayer of the Church throughout Lent was also very well supported. The carol service just before Christmas was also a great success.

The Sacramental Programs have been run, as always, very well, and our thanks must go to all of the catechists involved. The First Holy Communion Programme this year has over 60 young people preparing to receive our Lord for the first time, there were 40 in the Confirmation programme, and as always, it was a privilege for all present at the Easter Vigil, to witness the climax to the journey of all those who had been part of the RCIA program for the last few months.

At last year's AGM, we were looking forwards to the New Translation of the Roman Missal, which has now been fully implemented. For those who have accepted this transition with an open mind, it has given the opportunity to re-connect with the liturgy as we study and learn the new texts. Along with this is the new music which has been written to reflect the truer translation of the original Latin texts which all Masses are getting to grips with. It is essential that we all find our own way to engage with the liturgy in order to keep our experience of Mass alive and fresh for ourselves, and in order that we can pass on our faith to our children and the young people in our care. Congratulations must go to the clergy and musicians in finding their way through these changes, along with maintaining a degree of sanity!

Let us remember the many organisations in the parish who work tirelessly week in and week out for the good of our community: from those involved with the liturgies of the Church, the cleaners, catechists, prayer groups, musicians, servers, welcomers, those working with the youth of the parish, the school, finance committees, maintenance, and everyone who helps in any way, large or small. The Lenten Project has, as always, been superbly run and they must be congratulated on raising another superb amount of money, made even harder again this year due to the economic situation of the country and individuals. OLI is a large organisation, so we are grateful to everyone for their contribution.

Our primary school is not only an incredibly important asset to the parish as a whole, it is an integral part of the triad which is so vital to the passing on of the faith to future generations: that of Church, Family and School. We wish the school, teachers, parents and children every success in all their ventures over the coming year.

The fabric of the church building and grounds takes much looking after due to the large volumes of people who use it and the Council would like to thank the members of the Maintenance Committee for all of their efforts. The narthex has now received its new lighting, and it is hoped that in the coming weeks some tidying and re-organisation of notice boards can take place. The RDJ Room has been tidied, and in the coming weeks will receive new paint and decoration, along with new curtains – all users will be encouraged to keep it tidy so it does not return to a general "dumping ground."

Looking ahead to the coming year, the parish will celebrate on 31st May next year the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the building. The Archbishop will visit on that evening and celebrate Mass with us, and we will have some form of celebration with refreshments in the hall afterwards. On 21st July (next month), we have the Churches Together in Surbiton Family Fun Day using the Olympics as the theme (it is actually in breach of copyright to call it an "Olympic" Fun Day as we cannot use the brand, so it is just a Family Fun Day!) and OLI is one of the key players in that. Additionally, we are looking at twinning with an overseas church or community and we hope that will come to fruition in the coming months and that as many people

as possible will become excited in building relationships with that community. We also have our pilgrimage to the Holy Land coming up in October, and some of our parishioners have just returned from Lourdes.

The Year of Faith starts in October, and as part of that we hope to be able to become more proactive with our message of evangelization, especially where "resting" Catholics are concerned. As Christians, we all have a responsibility of evangelising, and the Council will be discussing ways of reaching out to the community especially during this Year of Faith. Representatives of the parish have recently been on a course entitled 'Crossing the Threshold' which has given many fantastic ideas for our consideration.

Of course, evangelization, being the process in which the Church seeks to spread the Gospel and the knowledge of the Gospel throughout the world, in many respects must start with ourselves as we challenge our own faith and knowledge of scripture, which in turn gives us the tools we need to look beyond the comforts of our own lives and spread The Word. The 'Catholicism' course which Fr Anthony has recently started (with much hard work being done by Marie-Helene Cook) is a fantastic opportunity to look in much more detail into the teachings of the Church and the words of scripture, and I for one would commend it to all

Also, along the theme of "reaching out," it is fantastic that the parish will be joining other Christian Churches in Surbiton and Kingston by supporting the Kingston Foodbank. As individuals, we might find spreading The Word through evangelization somewhat challenging, but no one can say that supplying some items of packet food each month is beyond our comfort zone, or responsibility. I hope that everyone gets behind this great cause, and we thank Helen and her team for the work undertaken so far to get this off the ground.

Our young people are a very important part of parish life. We have already mentioned the school and the catechetical programmes, but let us not forget the Children's Liturgy and Young Peoples Group. Elspeth has recently done tremendous work breathing new energy and focus into the Children's Liturgy, and we thank her, and all of the helpers for their commitment and dedication to this important work.

The Young People's Group goes from strength to strength with over 40 using the group regularly, and a further dozen or so not quite so regularly. The "fertilizer sessions" (catechesis) held at the end of each session, facilitate their continued journey in faith, and they have requested a weekend retreat to further deepen their relationship with God and his Church. They will attend the Diocesan Youth Centre on the first weekend of Advent for a special Advent Retreat. Of course, World Youth Day last year was a massive success and in many respects, changed the lives of all of those involved, and although we will not be travelling to Rio next year due to the ridiculous costs, the parish is currently working with the diocese to plan a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome instead. A huge vote of thanks must be passed on to all of the leaders for their commitment to our young people.

In time for next year's Parish Council AGM, it is my intention to discuss ways in making it more "relevant" to the parish as a whole and change the format. The Parish Council has its own projects and ongoing discussions, but under its "umbrella" also reside the Maintenance Committee, Liturgy Committee, and Finance Committee, all of which effectively operate independently of what we call The Parish Council. Next year, I hope to have a representative and report from all of those committees, and an opportunity for questions and comments to be passed to each of them from the floor. Along with suitable "marketing" of the event, I would hope that more people would come along to hear a fuller account of the life of the parish: in other words, the AGM becomes less of a "Parish Council" AGM, and more of a "Parish" AGM.

We are, of course, very fortunate in this parish to have three ordained ministers who work tirelessly for the good of the parish. Deacon Al does so much for the parishioners of the parish from visiting the sick and housebound to looking after Tolworth Hospital, and I know he is a great support to Fr's Anthony and Arbo. We thank Al and Trudie for all that they do for us.

We were reminded of priestly ministry last weekend in the newsletter when Fr Anthony mentioned the "130 years celebration of priestly ministry" due to be celebrated next month in Aylesford. No, Fr Anthony is not that old himself! This is the celebration of Jubilees of three of our Bishops, but it does serve as a great reminder of the lifelong commitment our priests have made. Fr's Anthony and Arbo have given their lives to the service of others and it is a privilege to have the opportunity of witnessing their ministry. On behalf of the whole parish, I would like to extend a huge thank you to them for all that they do and assure them of our love, prayers and support in the year to come.