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What stands between us and God? What stops us talking to God on a daily basis? What makes us hesitate to ask for God's help? What prevents us from believing God will help us when we have reached our lowest ebb? Perhaps we have had negative experiences of talking to God in the past. Perhaps we feel God has got more important things to do than pay attention to our insignificant problems. Do we feel unworthy of God's help, or that God must be tired of our same old prayers?

Today two desperate people ask for Jesus' help. Firstly Jairus, a father whose daughter is dying, and secondly a woman suffering from an incurable haemorrhage. The two stories impact each other in that they set up a series of barriers. Firstly Jairus is a leader of the synagogue. The officials of the day had already decided that Jesus was dangerous. Jairus was seriously risking his own reputation by asking for Jesus' help. The woman with the haemorrhage was a social reject. Her illness made her spiritually unclean. It certainly wasn't socially acceptable for her to approach Jesus openly, which is why she sneaks through the crowd and touches Jesus' robes. Things are about to get more complicated for

Jairus. When Jesus turns to heal the chronically ill woman, this in turn would have made him unclean in the eyes of the religious leaders. Now it would be even less acceptable for Jairus to take Jesus to heal his daughter. Worse, in the time that it has taken Jesus to cure the woman, Jairus' daughter is pronounced dead. The situation is now seemingly hopeless, yet Jesus says "Do not fear, only believe." That the little girl has died is not a problem for God. To the amazement of the crowds, Jesus goes to the house of Jairus and raises the child back to life.



At the heart of today's Gospel are a whole series of barriers. The nameless woman is considered a 'nobody' but to Jesus she is a 'somebody' and she goes on to represent everybody who feels they are insignificant. Jairus represents our differences. He represents all of us who feel our faith is out of sync' or that our cause is seemingly hopeless.

Jesus is not as concerned about the human barriers we impose; he is only concerned about our pain. To all of us the message is clear, "Do not fear.... only believe."

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30th June/1st July 2012

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat 3pm Wedding: Michael Wijayanayagam & Hilda David**
6.30pm In Thanksgiving (Paul & Sally)
- Sun 9am** James McGrath RIP (Pat Grogan)
11am In Thanksgiving (Esme Mills)
12.30pm Baptisms: Hayden Alan Gonnella & James Michael Tattershall
6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 2nd- 7th July 2012

- Mon Feria**
9.30am Wellbeing of Ethel Larkin (Tessa Mac Leod)
- Tues St Thomas, apostle**
7am Servando RIP (Carl)
9.30am Deceased Family Members (Anita, Jajath, Vincent & Michel)
- Wed St Elizabeth of Portugal**
7am Walter Arthur Chester Rip (FM)
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Roman & Anna Szymanski)
- Thur Feria**
7am Arthur & Helen Waight RIP (FM)
9.30am Edward Agbakoba RIP (Felicia Agbakoba)
- Fri St Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr**
7am Most Forsaken Holy Souls
9.30am Maria Cruz RIP (Francesca Rodrigues & Family)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat Feria**
9am Bernard Evans RIP (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7th/8th July 2012

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) SEA SUNDAY

- Sat 6.30pm** William Henry & Eileen Powell RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)
- Sun 9am** Gloria (Antoinette)
11am 4th Birthday of Angeline (Serby Paul)
Church Parade
12.30pm Baptisms: Violet Bachelor, Jack Anthony Murphy & Natalia Angelina Flores
6pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 2,884

Peter's Pence Collection £ 245

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming

Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)



We welcome into the Church **Ava-Mai Suffin, Kaitlyn Chelsea Suffin, Kara Marie Suffin & Amelia Lily Rose** who were baptised last Sunday

READINGS

This week : 13th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God takes no pleasure in death or extinction but delights in all living things.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

A call to share our surplus with people in need and build a more caring society.

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Two stories of healing that reveal Jesus as the source of life.

Next Week: 14th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel is to carry out his prophetic ministry come what may.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul examines his own experience and realises his strength comes only from God.

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is unable to minister in his own town because of the suspicion of the people.

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

We pray especially for **Mark Murphy** (husband of Louise), **Danny Reilly, Cecilia Catling** (sister of Lucy Smallwood), **Baby Rebecca Roy, Fr William Scanlan, Mary Thursfield, Daphne Silock** (mother of Donald and Catherine), **Yvonne Ellis** and **Pat Smith** (father of Trish Collins).

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: Clint Samson, Fr Chris O'Brien, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch (recently diagnosed with prostate cancer), Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlore, 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, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrigge, 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 Carrion and Norma Latham .

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

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.

Saturday 14th July: 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 Druids Head, 3 Market Place Kingston-Upon-Thames KT1 1JT (a few minutes walk from Kingston Station). For more info please contact Tim: 07849 693 400 / Emma: 07539 277 395.

100 Days of Peace - Legacy of the 2012 Games

OLI Justice and Peace Group invite you to join us and Churches Together on the weekends of 14/15 July in the InterFaith Walks.

The walks start at 10.30am from Norbiton Station and finish at 5.05pm at the Sikh Temple in Lower Marsh Lane. Places of Worship that are visited include the Korean Buddhist Temple, St. Georges Greek Orthodox, St Raphael's Church, Kingston Synagogue and the Mosque. Some of us have done this walk in previous years and it is both uplifting and fulfilling. Further details can be found on the Notice Board at the back of the church.

All or part of the walk can be done and we plan to take part on **Sunday, the 15th July**. Please come along if you are free.

RDJ ROOM

The RDJ Room has recently been tidied, and we now aim to have it decorated before having the carpet cleaned. In order to save on the costs of professional decorators we hope we can do the decorating ourselves. If you feel you can spare some time to join with others to complete this, can you please give your name to Andrew Richardson on 02083993466.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Ladies, are you looking for value for money? Then come to our next meeting on Tuesday July 3rd at 8pm in the old chapel when we shall have a Bring and Buy. Please bring your offerings - and leave with a bargain! All ladies welcome to join us.



14th July 2012 **Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Radio** will be holding a training day at Womersley - How to make a radio programme. This day is designed to show you how easy it is to make a Radio Programme. Info at www.hguh.co.uk

Download form from http://hguh.co.uk/index_html_files/training-day.pdf

100 Days of Peace Bracelets

These will be for sale at the end of all Masses- 20p each. Lovely rainbow coloured bands- the children will love them!

Book Appeal

You've finished your exams and there's a whole stack of text books cluttering the place up that you will never read again. Oxfam are appealing for books of any description and they are very good at selling them. Books that can't be sold are recycled or even made into cardboard boxes. Nothing is wasted!

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from September 12th 2012, and will start from 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests, or drop them into the Presbytery, or contact Fiona Perks on 020 8224 9412. Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

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Parish AGM 2012

Report from Parish Priest

This year I will have been 37 years ordained priest and on 1st September I will have been 12 years in the parish. The document on the priesthood from the 2nd Vatican Council makes clear that the priest is Shepherd, Teacher and Sanctifier. When I was inducted as parish priest I was asked to preach Christ, to gather together the people of God for prayer and sustain them as they go forth to carry out the mission of the Church to the world, to care for the people by celebrating with them the sacraments and to promote justice and peace among all peoples and to share the good news with all who are persecuted, marginalized and underprivileged in society and to sustain and guide the people along the way to unity with all Christians. But the people of the parish were also asked if they too would take on these commitments and thus work with the priests of the parish. In Canon Law it says that with the collaboration of the faithful parish priest is to make every effort to bring the Gospel message to those also have given up religious practice or who do not profess the true faith.

I would like to thank all those who are part of Our Lady Immaculate Parish family for all the time they have given so willingly within the parish.

The Mass, the Eucharist or the Liturgy is the source and summit of our life. Well done to our musicians and singers at the 9am Mass and the 11am Mass. Since September we have been getting used to the third edition of the Roman Missal. The challenge for us now is to learn to sing the new memorial acclamations and those parts of the Mass that have a new translation such as the Gloria and the Sanctus. We are blessed with a good group of servers ably helped by Jacques and Greg and some senior servers. We have yet to crack the problem of a proper care of albs. Care of the church building expresses a care for the living stones. Thanks to all who clean the church and do work in the sacristy. Rosemary and her team do a wonderful job with the floral decorations. We have a good number of children that come to the Children's liturgy of the Word. Our thanks go to Elspeth and her team. Although some parishes no longer have communion under both kinds, it is important to remember that the General Instruction on the Roman missal says that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharistic Banquet in the Father's kingdom. For this to be possible at OLI it is important that we have committed lay people as Eucharistic ministers. More volunteers are needed for this important ministry. Over the past year we have had some young people as readers of Mass. We are still looking for more readers especially at 6 o'clock Mass on Sunday night.

Over the past year the OLI Care group has been has been visiting the elderly and those who are unable to get to Mass.

I would like to thank Andrew, Judy and Laurie for their work in leading our Youth group which seems to be going from strength to strength. The ongoing formation in faith of our young people and of adults is extremely important. I would like to thank all those who are catechists for 1st Communion and Reconciliation, and for confirmation, and those who help prepare parents who are having their children baptised. I am pleased that adult formation in the faith is underway through the Catholicism DVD course.

What do I see is the challenges that face us in the coming year?

An obvious challenge for us is bringing the Gospel message to those who have given up religious practice. We could call them resting Catholics, inactive Catholics, or the lapsed. How do we reach these people? In 2008 we had a parish mission. We did try to visit many people and encourage

them to come to the various services provided by the mission team. I am not sure how successful this event was. I am aware that many families who have had their children prepare for 1st Holy Communion and have come to have their supplementary form signed for secondary school are no longer coming to mass regularly. What should we do?

What calls for our attention this coming year?

As you know the **Year of Faith** begins this October, which is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the 2nd Vatican Council. With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, *Porta Fidei*. Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, 2012, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith. The Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

This is also the year when we have the **Olympics and Paralympics** in the UK. You have already most probably heard about 100 days of peace. We are asked to pray and work for peace 50 days before the event and 50 days after the event. As part of this our parish will have the Pax Christi icon. It will be displayed in our church for a week from 20th October before it returns to St George's Cathedral for the final week and then it will be handed over to the Brazilian community. I do hope that we will be able to use this opportunity to pray for peace and think of creative ways to proclaim peace. Hopefully the Justice and Peace group will be in the forefront at this special time.

Next year is the **50th anniversary of the consecration of our church**. This took place on 31 May 1963. Since it would be contradictory to consecrate to the service of God a mortgage-burdened building, the rite of consecration or dedication of a church is carried out only if the building is debt-free. When our church building was consecrated it was anointed with oil and the 12 crosses you see around the walls of the church mark the place where the oil was smeared on the wall. Archbishop Peter Smith has kindly accepted an invitation to come and celebrate Mass next year on this date which is the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. When we celebrated the golden jubilee of the opening of the church 5 years ago we had a parish mission, a flower festival, the pilgrimage to Lourdes and printed a special anniversary calendar. What shall we do to mark the special occasion next year?

In the past year our church has been used by the Catholic Korean community who has now moved to a church, which they purchased in Sutton. We are also very blessed to have as part of a parish family those of the Syro Malabar Rite from Southern India. They celebrate Mass in their own Rite once a month. Their prayerfulness and enthusiasm are a great example to us.

The diocesan newspaper "The Pilgrim" appeared this year. Although we were asked to charge 50p it is available free to parishioners. Please take a copy of this publication from the back of the church, and let Fr Arbo or myself know what you think of it.

Our links with Our Lady immaculate School are very important and we try to model a partnership between home, school and parish. This year the school have been giving copies of The Wednesday Word for children to take home to families so together they can reflect on the Sunday readings. We are trying to provide copies of the Wednesday Word for parishioners.

We are privileged and fortunate to have Father Arbo as assistant priest and I wish to thank him for all he does for the people of the parish. I would also like to thank deacon Al Callan for his unstinting work with the support of his wife Trudy, and our parish Administrator Elaine Intranova for all she does to help the smooth running of the parish.

Canon Anthony Charlton