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Summer Reading

I had an interesting discussion recently with two women who had both read a current best seller, which from reports and articles in the press is what many refer to as soft porn. My contention is that life is too short to be filling our minds with words and images that neither feed the mind or the soul, but gives a perverse and distorted view of the importance and beauty of sexuality. They were not able to give me one convincing reason for spending time reading such books.

Summer holidays are a great time to spend time reading on the beach or relaxing in the sunshine. I will not attempt to give you my list of what I consider a good read, but I wanted to reflect on the importance of story in our lives.

We grow up listening to and reading stories. Take the story that was enacted by Year Six of Our Lady Immaculate School this last week; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This has endured for over fifty years and not only has the BBC made a series of all C.S.Lewis books of Narnia, but in the last few years three films have been made: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, Prince Caspian and The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. Now there is also a production of the Lion, The Witch and Wardrobe in Kensing-

ton Gardens. Like most stories this is a story of redemption. In this case it is a story of a land frozen waiting for spring that never comes. It is under the spell of evil and awaits the arrival of goodness in the form of a lion to break the spell.

Many stories include a battle between good and evil. Good stories give the human struggle to resist temptation to choose the right way. Good stories give us betrayal, and the triumph of love. I am not asking you to read the Narnia stories, but find an author and a genre that uplifts you and sustains your interest. Recently I read my first Anthony Trollope novel, "Barchester Towers"

which is a story of intrigue, and the desire for power but is also a love story. The style might not suit everyone. I also love biographies and a few years ago was given a book at Christmas that I would never have chosen myself. It was the fascinating and tragic story of Henrietta Lacks. It is called The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks. Born a poor black tobacco farmer, her cancer cells - taken without her knowledge - became a multi-million-dollar industry and one of the most important tools in medicine. Stories of the lives of others can help us understand our own humanity and ultimately, through our longing for happiness and fulfillment, our longing for God.

Anthony Charlton



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7th/8th July 2012
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) SEA SUNDAY

- Sat 6.30pm** William Henry & Irene 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

Daily Masses 9th-14th July 2012

- Mon Feria**
10am **FUNERAL MASS: Daniel (Danny) Reilly RIP**
4pm Tolworth Hospital Mass All Deceased Parishioners
- Tues Feria**
7am All Holy Souls
9.30am Albert & Paul Taylor RIP (Family)
- Wed St Benedict, abbot, patron of Europe**
7am Michael and Mary Foley RIP
9.30am Sheila Durrant RIP (Tessa MacLeod)
- Thur Feria**
7am Cheung Fung Lan RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Welfare of Eileen Kaye (80th Birthday)
- Fri St Mildred, abbess**
7am Private Intention (Angie Carrion)
9.30am Welfare of Joanne D'Costa (Thelma Staussi)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat Feria**
9am Harry Golab RIP (Teresa Golab)
11am **Baptism: Imogen Lauren Edwards**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14th/15th July 2012
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Karen Hoey & Paul Matthey RIP (Jack & Mary Hoey)
Sun 9am Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)
11am Noreen & John Browne (Helen Browne)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Nethaya Fonseka & Sarah Anne Hopkins**
6pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,744

We thank you for your continued generosity .
 (Cash counters this week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook
 Next week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod)



We welcome into the Church **Hayden Gonnella & James Michael Tattershall** who were baptised last Sunday

READINGS

This 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.

Next Week: 15th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

Surprisingly the Lord calls the poor man Amos to do his work.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

We have been chosen to live an exalted vocation as children of God.

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

We are called faithfully to proclaim our hope in Jesus Christ, even if we suffer for it.

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

We pray especially for **Alan Og Mundow, Mark Murphy** (husband of Louise), **Danny Reilly, Cecilia Cating** (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

Sea Sunday 8th July 2012

Seafarers transport more than 95% of the food and goods the world uses every day, and yet these 1.2 million hardworking men and women are often forgotten. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career.



Sea Sunday is a day set aside in the Church calendar to remember the brave and dedicated men and women who we rely on to keep our global economy afloat. Through special services, fundraising events, parades and ship blessings, congregations around the world celebrate the vital contribution seafarers make to all our lives, and pray for them, their families and those that support them.

Today we have Simon Culshaw, a Trustee for the Apostleship of the Sea, speaking at all the Sunday Masses. There will be a retiring collection for the Apostleship of

FAMILY FUN DAY

Churches Together in Surbiton are once again putting on a Family Fun Day on Saturday 21st July from 2pm-5pm in Alexandra Park. OLI are very much instrumental in organising this event. 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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

7 day pilgrimage to Fatima by plane from Gatwick - departing 25 November 2012 to 1st December 2012 for £599. Includes half board, accommodation in Lisbon, all excursions and full board in Fatima. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843

The Diocese is looking for a full time accountant to join the Finance Team based in Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JE. If you would be interested in this position please visit the Diocesan website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk for more details.

100 Days of Peace – CD of Peace Songs and Poems



This CD is now available - the cost is £8 plus £2 post and packing and £1 for each CD sold goes to Pax Christi. It has 19 tracks of which four are peace poems. The poems and songs are all original and are sung by the songwriters themselves – a very talented bunch of guys – Ooberfuse; Debbie Walcott Grappie; Jimena & Martin Brown, Gerry Coates and Paul Dempsey. Order forms are at the back of the church.

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.

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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Distribution of Funds to Charities adopted for 2012 Parish Lenten Project

Our Lady Immaculate Church

Parish Lenten Project



At the meeting of the Lenten Project Committee on 11th December 2011 it was decided that 30th June 2012 would be the cut-off date for the distribution of funds to the adopted charities.

By the 30th June the total amount collected was over **£18,000!** This is testament to the amazing generosity shown by our Parishioners, who have not only been generous financially but with their

time too. There were 19 separate events and activities which involved literally hundreds of people. The Southern Indian Night alone was organised by 20 families. It really would be unfair to single-out individuals as this is, in truth, a Parish event.

The Lenten Project has, since it began in 1971, now raised in excess of **£300,000** for good causes in the developing world.

The Lenten Project Treasurer has this week distributed **£4500** to each of the charities which the Committee had previously adopted. There is a small balance which is used to pay for the money transfers to the charities bank accounts and also to replenish the Lenten Boxes which are passed recycling. To remind you of the recipient charities:

Good Shepherd Sisters, Bangkok, Thailand

The Sisters provide a refuge for young unmarried mothers. They look after them throughout the pregnancy and provide the young women with skills to help themselves and their child following the birth.

The Sisters' sole purpose with this program is to stop the exploitation of young girls and women and help them to break out of a vicious unending cycle of poverty, debt and exploitation.

St Martin's Children's Home, Zambia

The Home is situated in the city of Kitwe and is run by the Religious Sisters of St. John the Baptist. Presently, the Home is looking after 35 Children who are residential and 40 outside the Home who are either with some relatives or some well wishers though the support comes from the Home. The children were orphaned due to the parents dying from HIV/AIDS.

Magnificata Charitable Society – Southern India

The charity wants to provide a safe, clean comfortable home for people who suffer with leukemia. It is difficult to get proper treatment for leukemia in India and people often travel miles to receive this treatment. Whilst they receive treatment they need somewhere to stay close to the hospital.

They currently have a rented property for this purpose but are looking to acquire suitable property to ensure that this service can be provided in the future. They also train staff to care for patients.

Mukuru Promotion Centre, Sisters of Mercy, Kenya

The slums of Mukuru are home to 400,000 people. The Promotion centre provides schools, a rehabilitation centre for 60 street boys and a HIV/AIDS testing clinic. They run community-based health projects and a skills training centre for 100 students.