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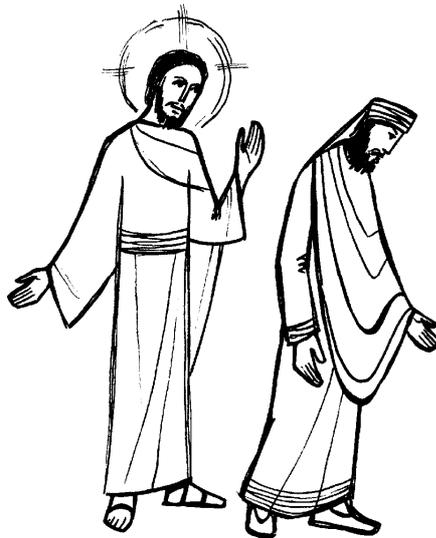
Feeling rich with a pair of sandals

The Iraqw or Barbeq is a tribe which lives in north-central Tanzania, alongside the wild animals of the Serengeti National Park. I am a Chagga by tribe and we live on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. I grew up being told many amusing and scary stories about the Barbeq people. That they were very poor and wild like the animals. That they never wore clothes and they hated strangers. They sometimes even ate strangers, especially Chagga people!

After my A-Levels I had to travel by bus across their land to a College which was on the other side of the country. I prayed for a safe crossing of the Serengeti. The bus had to leave at 4am because we had to cross the Serengeti during the day. My fear was not of lions but of the Barbeq tribesmen. Around noon, while the sun was burning very hot and in the middle of the national park, the bus overheated. The lid on the radiator blew up inside the bus and within seconds the bus was filling up with steam and smoke. We broke the windows and jumped out to save our lives.

A moment later a group of Barbeq warriors arrived. The driver asked us to stay calm and he went in the car and brought out two old tyres. He exchanged few words with them. They took the tyres with a big smile on their face and continued on their way. Few hours later they came back wearing sandals cut out of the tyres. They also carried containers made of animal skins filled with cool water which we drank and used to cool down the engine. The journey continued safely. They literally saved our lives!

I later learned how the Barbeq people valued sandals made out of tyres because they helped them walk long distances with their cattle without damaging their feet. They did not have money nor what we considered proper clothes; they did not live in fancy houses, but with a pair of sandals made out of tyres, they felt as rich as they could be. The people I had been told that were very poor, cruel and enemies saved my life and did not demand anything I would have considered of value.



We live in a world where we strive to accumulate as much as we can and basic needs no longer bring us any satisfaction. For many of us, the more we have the more we want and the less we share. This is a fact with programmes like "Tax Avoidance Schemes." We can easily be blinded by material things to the point of not seeing what really matters in life. This Sunday's first reading and the Gospel draws our attention to this very subject. The author of the book of Wisdom speaks of the

spirit of wisdom and understanding as a priceless stone. Compared to wisdom, he held riches as nothing and all gold as a pinch of sand.

This metaphor is what Jesus prayed for the young rich man in the Gospel to see. Unfortunately the young man could not accept this vision and he walked away sadly. Jesus is our true wisdom who should stand above all the material possessions we have. As the Barbeq people cherished their simple sandals made out of tyres, and they went out of their way to help others simply because they own a pair, let us pray that Jesus will be the source of all the good we do to others in the coming week.

Fr Arbo Lekule

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th October 2012
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9am Tomas Casey RIP (Pat & Elspeth Casey & Family)
11am Grace Antonypillai RIP (Genny)
12.30pm Baptisms: Charlie Patrick Hennings
6pm Welfare of Molly Dupartt (Heather Trutwein)

Retiring Collection- Needs of the Diocese

Daily Masses 15th-20th October 2012

- Mon: St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor of the Church**
9.30am Welfare of Phil Manche (Manche Family)
Tues: St Hedwig, religious
9.30am Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)
Wed: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr
9.30am Jadwiga Lewandowska RIP 1st Anniversary (Lucy)
Thur: St Luke, evangelist
9.30am Arthur Charlesworth (Bernadette Quilter)
Fri: Feria
7am Derek Brophay RIP (Sadie Mills)
9.30am Welfare of Jane & Martin Estall (Robert Estall)
10am Exposition and Benediction
7.30pm Ecumenical Service for Peace Icon
Sat: Feria
9am Cath Cullen RIP (Mark Cullen)
11am Anointing of the Sick Service

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20th/21st October 2012
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Mission Day

- Sat: 6.30pm** Peter & Joseph Campbell RIP (Maria Campbell)
Sun: 9am People of the Parish
11am Sidney De Souza RIP (Lourdes De Souza)
12.30pm Baptism: Betsy-Lee Hodgson & Lucas Hendrick Thomas Weereheim
6pm Edward Tyler RIP (Evelyn Tyler)

Retiring Collection for Missio

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,992
CAFOD Fast Day £ 450

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm



We welcome into the Church **Charlotte Patricia Ann Hodgson, Erin Louise Hall & Leonardo Silva Santos** who were baptised last Sunday.

READINGS

This week : 28th Sunday in OT (B) page 144

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

The Wisdom of God helps us to discover what is truly valuable.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God penetrates the hidden depths of our hearts.

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

The rich man discovers the cost of discipleship. The challenge is for all of us to discover a new scale of values and live by them.

Next week : 29th Sunday in OT (B) page 146

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

Those who suffer on behalf of others do not do so in vain, even if they die in the process. God will reach out through their pain and touch the hearts of many people.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Through Jesus' life on earth, he knows exactly how difficult it can be to overcome our weaknesses. We can, therefore, be confident of his mercy.

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

James and John looked for preferential treatment. Jesus, however, told them that greatness is achieved through service, not through self-aggrandisement.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **John McCormack, Father Josef Gula S.Chr, Elanka Nayagam** (father of Uma Baskara), **Sheila Cook**, (sister-in-law of Eileen Sullivan), **Barbara Coombes** (mother of Debbie Board), **Dennis Conroy, Helen O'Brien and Frederick Larnar**

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:

Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Ralph Cooper, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knappgate, 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, 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 Burrige, 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 .

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony & Fr Arbo will be available to sign the priest verification forms for secondary schools on **Thursday 18 October from 3pm to 4.30pm and on Saturday 20 October from 3pm to 4pm.**

There will be at least two form signing sessions each week until the end of October.

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when the priests are available for form signing. Thank you



The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for over 40 years. The aim of the project is give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund raising for third world projects.

The Lenten Project Committee will be meeting shortly to agree which charities will be supported for Lent 2013 and we are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A CHARITY:

1. Charity or organisation needs to be based in the third world
2. Direct help – we looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
3. Christian based
4. Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
5. Value for money – small and professionally run charity/ organisation in the third world
6. Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference
7. Only one charity will be supported per country per year

Only four charities will be supported per year

If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2013 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: <http://www.olionline.co.uk/parish-groups/lenten-project/>

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

Once you have completed the form please either email it to info@olionline.co.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.

Thank you.

VOCAL COACHING

Affordable vocal coaching classes available for adults and children aged 5+. Also available one-to-one classes in the comfort of your own home. Call Gia for more information and to book your free initial assessment on **07767 145 821** or email gia.borgdarcy@gmail.com

THE PAX CHRISTI PEACE ICON

Yesterday, Saturday 13th October our parish received the Pax Christi Peace Icon, which will be displayed on the altar for one week. This is part of the 100 days of peace celebrations around the Olympic Games. We are the last of the 7 Southwark parishes chosen to host the icon for one week, after which it will spend a week at St George's Cathedral before being handed over to the Brazilian authorities.

From 15th-19th October, after the 9.30 Mass each day there will be a short session of prayers for peace, followed by coffee/tea in the Old Chapel or RDJ room.

At **7.30 pm on Friday 19th October** there will be an Ecumenical Service, to which all the Churches in Surbiton, as well as other parishes in our own deanery, are being invited, followed by refreshments.

It is hoped that as many OLI parishioners as possible will attend this occasion, or take the opportunity to visit the icon at any time during the week. The church is open from 7 am to 7 pm.

On Saturday 20th October the icon will be removed and taken to St George's Cathedral.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

Our thanks to Teresa and Maja for coming to speak to us about the Olympic Games. Dressed in nurses' uniforms they performed extracts from the NHS dance routine for us and with great enthusiasm described what being part of this great event meant to them.

On **Tuesday October 16th** Chris from the Kingston Food Bank will explain how it began and answer any questions. She will begin her talk at 8pm so please be punctual. All ladies are welcome. Please bring an item of non-perishable food with you

HIRE OF THE CATHOLIC HALL

Please note that the Catholic Hall is not available to hire for private parties or functions. *Fr Anthony Charlton*

Introduction to the Study of Scripture

An Opportunity to attend Scripture classes on five consecutive Thursdays beginning 8 November, 11.15 am – 3.45 pm with Fr. John Deehan, at Education for Parish Service, The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS, next door to Tooting Bec Underground Station. Parking available. Reading supplied. Cost: £25 per day. Further details from 0208 767 4445 (Tues or Thurs) or anneinman@eps-uk.org.uk

World Mental Health Day is held on **10 October** each year to raise public awareness about mental health issues across the globe. This event promotes open discussion of mental health problems, as well as investment in prevention and treatment services.

Mental health in all its forms can have a huge impact on individuals, families and communities, leading to everything from relationship breakdown to time off work and in the worst scenario, suicide. As many **as one in four** of us will have some sort of mental health problem in our lives, yet it's still a taboo subject. It's important to make sure you keep your emotional and mental health in check and recognise if there's a problem.

In the UK today there are around 1.5 million carers; people who are the mainstay of practical and emotional support to someone affected by mental health problems. Every year hundreds more become carers to a partner, family member or friend, so it's important that society understands mental illness. There are a number of ways to practically support those with a mental health diagnosis. As a first step, seek out professional help to gain a greater insight and understanding into the particular condition.

It may be worth considering professional support in the form of a therapist, counsellor or support group. Talking to people who are experiencing feelings similar to your own can bring welcome relief and understanding.

Rethink, a national mental health charity, works to support both those suffering from mental illness and their carers. If you are a carer, aged 16 or over, you have the right to an assessment to consider your needs as well as the person you care for. A number of concessions may apply, including a carer's allowance, council tax concessions, financial help, time off work and flexible employment options, breaks and general advice and support.

Finally, it's important to remember that someone experiencing mental health difficulties is usually able to live a full, successful life, particularly if they're receiving help to manage their illness. Staying positive yourself can be a great help to everyone.

Often, people with mental health difficulties worry that people will tease or treat them differently; so it's important that you listen to them without judgement. For example, if a loved one has hallucinations or delusions don't make fun, criticise or argue with them. The calmer and more accepting you can be the less alarming it is for them.

In our parish we have many people who suffer from some form of mental illness as well as those who suffer from physical disabilities. As a Christian family we welcome all those who suffer in whatever way alongside the more able. Many find our church a place of respite and peace.

Useful websites:

<http://www.rethink.org/> <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/mentalhealthinfo.aspx>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/emotional_health/mental_health/

Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese

If you feel called to serve the Church in a deeper way, or would like to find out about more about Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese, come to one of the following day for enquirers:-

St Joseph's Church, Montem Road, , New Malden KT3 3QW on 20th October 2012. The day starts with Mass at 10am and finishes by 12.30pm. You and your wife can turn up on the day or register your interest by emailing southwark@diaconate.org.uk

See poster at the back of the church

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER 2012 DOORS OPEN 1.30pm : ADMISSION 50p

This ever-popular event is being organised jointly by the KSC and UCM to support their charity and other activities. They would be most grateful for any good-quality, saleable items you wish to donate such as clothing, shoes, handbags, kitchenware and utensils, cutlery, crockery, glassware, books, pictures, children's toys and games, and general bric-a-brac.

PLEASE NOTE: The organisers regret they are NOT able to accept any furniture, TVs or other electrical items.

Please bring your jumble to the Parish Hall **between 9am and 11am on Saturday 27th October**. If you wish to have your jumble collected, between Monday and Friday of the week of the sale, please contact either Alex (020 8399 0833) or Leo (020 8390 2500). Thank you.

World Mission Sunday 21 October 2012

"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. **"The offerings that will be collected on World Mission Sunday are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope's name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world."**

There will be a retiring collection for MISSIO after all Masses next weekend.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Elspeth and Pat Casey together with their team of volunteers who decorated the RDJ Room this week. Well done- it looks great!

Fr Anthony & Fr Arbo

Social Evening for the Year of Faith

The first of the monthly socials for the Year of Faith will take place on Sunday 11th November after the 6pm Mass.