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'I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of..'

If you were to look into your wallet or purse and be lucky enough to find a nice crisp banknote in it, you would find those words printed in rather small letters directly under the words 'Bank of England'. I don't suppose many people notice them nowadays, indeed if you were of a conspiratorial disposition, you might say you were not supposed to notice them. To what do they refer? Well, the origins of money are lost in the mists of time, but originally money as a means of exchange had to be something that itself represented value. That could be sea shells or precious stones, or of course in our experience, especially precious metals like gold or silver. When money took over from barter, or the swapping of goods, it needed to be something which everyone could recognise as valuable and a fair representation in worth of whatever it was they were trying to buy or sell. It helped considerably of course if the monetary means of exchange was relatively portable and impervious to decay. It is not much use having whale meat as a currency, however valuable that might be in your society. So the development of a gold and silver coinage was an idea with a future. But then, one day, as a result of wars, robbery, and rising government debt, some bright sparks came up with the idea of a paper currency which we still live with today. We can imagine this was rather a bold move- someone comes up to you and says, 'Yes, I owe you fifty gold pieces, but you will need to travel to the city to collect them and I will write you a note to say so'. Do you believe this person? Do they actually have the fifty gold pieces in their strong box in the city as they claim they do? But assuming you do believe them and so does everyone else, the next relatively small step is to trade on that note with other people with whom you have business. You could for instance buy something worth fifty gold pieces and simply hand over the note as a means of payment. And voilà, you have the origins of paper money.



On the face of it, not only more convenient but safer as well. And when governments of whole countries woke up to the potential of paper money, the assumption was the same, just bigger. Hence, the theory was that anyone in this country could go to the Bank of England and demand the equivalent in gold for the value of the note in their hand. In fact, the promise was

written on each and every note: 'I promise to pay the bearer on demand...'

Now we have not been on what was called the 'gold standard' for many decades, and most economists argue it was far too rigid a system for the modern world. But the current very serious and pro-

longed global economic crisis in which we find ourselves does raise moral questions about what money actually is, and what it claims to represent. The world has come very close in the last few years to calling the bluff of paper money. For now, we choose to believe those little bits of coloured paper in our wallets and purses have value, but it is a collective suspension of disbelief. It does seem important that money should properly represent value, whether of goods or the income of a whole country.

As Christians, it is important for us that we have a true sense of reality about ourselves and the world in which we live. To us, it is Christ, the 'Light of the World' who properly allows us to see ourselves and the world around us as it really is. We are wonderfully reminded of that at the end of every Baptism with the giving of the lighted candle. And even if we as Christians don't claim to have any simple, magic answers to the current economic down-turn, we should be clear with ourselves and with our leaders that money should represent reality and real worth. It cannot just be a tool of government policy or a tradable commodity. If faith allows us to see the real value of things as God intends, then if we are to have faith in our money, it needs also to represent what is true and real, no more and no less.

Deacon Nicolas von Malaisé

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** **Baptisms: : Enya Betsy-Lee Hodgson & Lucas Hendrick Thomas Weereheim**
- 6pm** Edward Tyler RIP (Evelyn Tyler)
Retiring Collection for Missio

Daily Masses 22nd-27th October 2012

- Mon: Feria**
- 9.30am** F.X. Rodrigues RIP
 (Francisca Rodrigues & Family)
- Tues: Feria**
- 7am** Servando & Juanita RIP (Carl)
- 9.30am** Ivo Aloysius Ayamnde RIP (Winnifred Groves)
- Wed: Feria**
- 7am** Welfare of Frances Clarkson (Rosemary Durkin)
- 9.30am** Elizabeth Mortali RIP (Jean & John Keenan)
- Thur: Feria**
- 7am** Welfare of Geoffrey Smart (Fr Anthony)
- 9.30am** Frank Tucholski RIP (Sadie Mills)
- Fri: Feria**
- 7am** In Thanksgiving for All Blessings (Gamier Family)
- 9.30am** Gabriele Maranzano RIP (Alex & Family)
- 10am** Exposition and Benediction
- Sat: SS Chad & Cedd, bishops**
- 9am** Molly Pattie RIP (Noreen Hagger)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th October 2012
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat: 6.30pm** Gladly Robertson (Heather Trutwein)
- Sun: 9am** Bridie Morrissey RIP (Una Morrissey & Family)
- 11am** Kate & Fred Sage 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Dominykas Sadauskas, Rakshana Godfree Robert and Grace Louise Goggin**
- 6pm** People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,846
Needs of the Diocese: £ 366

We thank you for your continued generosity .
 (Cash counters this week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod
 Next week: Paul & George Hoskins)



We welcome into the Church **Charlie Patrick Hennings** who was baptised last Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS

This 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.

Next week : 30th Sunday in OT (B) page 149

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

God will bring men and women home, from wherever they are scattered.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

A reflection on the priestly dignity of Christ.

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Our Lord responds to an appeal and heals a blind man.

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 Lerner**

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 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, 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 **Tuesday 23 October from 7pm to 8pm and Wednesday 24th October from 3pm to 4.30pm.**

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.

World Mission Sunday 21 October 2012

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

Today, World Mission Sunday is our chance to be united with Catholics all over the world in prayer, friendship and support. We share in the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they, inspired by their faith, build schools, provide healthcare and build the Church, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. Through Mission, Catholics are able to actively share in the mission of Jesus: proclaiming the boundless love of God to all peoples and pursuing a life of dignity for all.

The money collected today will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided.

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

Blessed Pope John Paul II 22nd October 1920-2005

Before John Paul's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, hundreds of thousands of people had waited patiently for a brief moment to pray before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented.



Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then dean of the College of Cardinals and later Pope Benedict XVI, presided at the funeral Mass and concluded his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing urbi et orbi ['to the city and to the world'].

"We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Urgently Needed

Family in need from our parish desperately need a washing machine. If you have a spare one, or are replacing your washing machine, please call 020 8390 1080.

Thank you.

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

HIRE OF THE CATHOLIC HALL

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

**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.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our Foodbank collections so far. Even last month with Harvest we managed a good sized collection. All food donated goes to the Kingston Foodbank, which helps local people in crisis who need food (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk).

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (27/28 October) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one packet of biscuits or bottle of squash, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food currently needed is:

powdered milk
long life milk
squash
long life fruit juice
noodles

and any items that might be useful for people who are homeless and without cooking facilities (most have access to boiling water or carry flasks) eg:

pot noodles
instant soup / cup a soup
snacks like crisps, biscuits, chocolate or cereal bars
Many thanks for your help.

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

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY-
THE BLESSING OF GRAVES**

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 4th November.
2pm at Surbiton Cemetery and 3pm at Kingston Cemetery

A DAY WITH MARY

At St Anselm's Church, Balham High Road SW17 on Saturday 10 November. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster at the back of the church for more details.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd

**"Living our Vocation for Peace and Justice in the
Year of faith"**

The Southwark Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission will be holding their Autumn Assembly on Saturday November 3rd in the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm.

Keynote speaker will be Christopher Jamison OSB, Director of the National Office for Vocations and former Abbot of Worth Abbey where he became well-known through the BBC TV series The Monastery.

Tea & Coffee available from 10 am. **Free - all welcome**
Bring your own lunch.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Could you please collect your latest rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.

Thank you

One World Week 2012

Sharing Destiny ~ Moving Towards One World

This year's theme asks how we can shape our lives to contribute to an equitable future for all.

One World Week is about balancing the needs of nature, economy and society; respecting universal human rights and economic justice and building a culture of peace. It sounds like a big deal, but there are small things that we can all do each and every day.

To do:-

Become a supermarket missionary! In the weekly shop try to make choices that reflect our Christian concern for the planet and for third world countries. Make Fairtrade choices where possible, and try to buy seasonal locally grown foods over foods that have travelled hundreds of air miles.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

To everyone who supported the recent MacMillan Coffee Morning at C.A.F.E last Wednesday. £140 was raised for their charity, so thank you.

C.A.F.E. Is not just a shop serving hot drinks, but a meeting place for all parishioners, so if you are free on Wednesday mornings then please come to the Old Chapel and join us.