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The Theory of Higgs particle and Faith in God

Possibly many of us would not spend much time to explore this story but I will try. The recent announcement that scientists discovered or detected a particle that may explain the "origins" of the universe was one of the biggest scientific news stories of the last century. It is the Higgs Boson or Higgs particle which was predicted and held by scientists as a theory or hypothesis for almost 50 years. On 4 July 2012, a machine known as Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland made this hypothesis a reality. Because of its possible role in giving an explanation of how the universe came to be, the particle has been referred to, by some people, as the "God particle".

Some people may view the whole exercise negatively, by arguing that human beings are trying to "play God." I think this is one more exciting news about human intellectual abilities and our quest to discover the universe, discover ourselves and hopefully positively affect the way we relate with everything else. As a theory, the scientists had what in the religious cycle could be termed as "faith". They had a conviction which drove them on and they never rested until they set their eyes on it. Most likely many of them lost their faith along the way. Possibly some had strong doubts in the hypothesis, but Higgs and his companions persevered to the end, at least for now.

Should faith in God through the message of Jesus Christ be seen differently? Should faith

that God exists and his effect can be experienced in our daily lives be hypothetically less convincing? Obviously there are no possibilities that either one day a large machine could be used to prove or disprove the existence of God. However it does not mean that faith in God, particularly through Jesus Christ, is blind or irrational. The dangers of any theology arise when faith is taken blindly

and irrationally. Christian Theology, in other words, the understanding of God through the life and teachings of Jesus, is well summed up by St Augustine's statement: "Faith seeking understanding."

The statement somehow presupposes doubt in the process. By seeking understanding implies that we are on a journey. In his younger years Augustine pursued the pleasures of life but could not find the

fulfilment he was seeking. As a philosopher he had a strong drive for truth and the struggle to understanding the meaning of life. His encounter with the life and message of Jesus Christ gave him the conviction that true fulfilment and meaning of life can only come through the grace of God. In this case, Faith in Jesus becomes the instrument through which the existence of God can be found. However, all we can say for sure is that our search for true meaning of life is a lifetime process. Like St Augustine we can say that our hearts will remain restless until they rest in God.

Arbo Lekule



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

Sat 11am Baptism: Imogen Lauren Edwards
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

Daily Masses 16th - 21st July 2012

Mon Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9.30am Welfare of the Hayes Family (Mary & Eddie Ryan)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues Feria
7am Malcolm Ridley RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Ron Cook RIP (Eilish McNamee)

Wed Feria
7am Esther Maud Sice RIP (FM)
9.30am Philip & Doreen Stanley RIP (FM)

Thur Feria
9.30am Winifride Fynn RIP (FM)

Fri St Apollinaris, bishop & martyr
9.30am Fr Vincent Flynn- In Thanksgiving (Mary & Eddie Ryan)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat Feria
9am Anthony Rosato RIP (Rita & John Rosato)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/22nd July 2012
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sat 6.30pm Robert Dodds RIP (FM)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Doris Moskalik RIP (Doreen Hagger)
12.30pm Baptisms: Lily Alexis Manolis & William George Elianti
6pm Antonia A. & Nanette R.L. RIP (Carl)

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,893

Apostleship of the Sea £ 710

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Gerry Hague & Tessa MacLeod

Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)



We welcome into the Church **Violet Margaret Demetz Bachelor, Jack Anthony Murphy & Natalia Angelina Flores Cardoso** who were baptised last Sunday

READINGS

This 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.

Next Week: 16th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

After the disaster of unjust leaders comes the promise of a true king.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

The barriers and divisions of humanity have been broken down by the sufferings of the Lord.

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

A great crowd, hungry for true teaching, assembles before the Lord

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 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, Francisco Dirago, 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 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 Carrion and Norma Latham .

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO:-

Deacon Nicholas Von Malaisé, who was ordained at St John's Seminary on 30th June this year, and will be working as a deacon in our parish until his ordination to the priesthood at the end of the year. I'm sure you will all make him feel very welcome.

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.

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

You are invited to our Summer party in the old chapel on Tuesday July 17th at 8pm. Please bring finger-food and a donation for a Free Raffle. All ladies welcome. This will be our last meeting before the Summer break. Thanks to all who supported the Bring and Buy Sale which raised £27.09.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2013 are available at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign these forms on **Monday 16th July** from 3pm to 4.30pm and **Tuesday 17th July** from 3pm to 4.30pm and then from 7pm to 8.30pm.

More dates for form signing will appear in the newsletter each week throughout the summer so please do not worry if you can't make these times— there will be plenty of other opportunities.

WEBSITE UPDATES

— pictures from Aylesford for the Trio of Jubilees (three of our Bishops)

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.

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**

Name:

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* **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DVDs** *
* If you have ordered a First Holy Communion DVD, *
* please can you collect it from the Presbytery before *
* the school summer holidays. *
* Thank you. *

St Philomena's Old Girls' Association

is organising a Mass at 11am, with lunch at 12.30pm and an afternoon Reunion tea from 3pm (for those not wishing to come to the lunch) on Saturday 15th September 2012. For further information please telephone 07866 598408. Bring your friends and, if possible, please pass this information to any former pupils with whom you are in contact. Tickets for the lunch are bookable in advance

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

is important and relevant for all. The parish community, in collaboration with the home and school, has a privileged opportunity and responsibility to help all concerned to grow in their faith. This is a lifelong process. To achieve this we need to help those involved with parish catechesis to share this vision and have an adult understanding of their faith.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults.

The CCRS can provide general theological knowledge and offer a better understanding of the Catholic faith. It will help participants to increase their practical application of the faith in their ministry in the Church. It provides the means to accurately and effectively communicate the principles of Catholic teaching.

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More details about start dates, fees and your nearest centre please visit the CCRS Website

www.brs-ccrs.org.uk

or call us

0207 901 1900

Christian Holidays

If you are looking for a family holiday, short break, special interest week or a conference where you can share times of leisure and spiritual fellowship with other believers, then The Christian Holiday People could be just the place for you.

The Christian Holiday People have a reputation for helping people meet strangers .. who then become life-long friends. Many young people have made friendships on holidays or conferences which have lasted the rest of their lives.

Visit www.christianholidays.co.uk

See also www.christianvacationtravel.com

Year of Faith Southwark Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

This Pilgrimage -which will be led by the Archbishop and conducted Fr David Gibbons -takes place from 22nd -30th April 2013, and is one of the diocesan events to mark the Year of Faith. It is open to everyone in the diocese, lay people, religious and clergy. Fr Anthony has some copies of the brochure can be obtained from the CCF or from Tangney Tours, but please note that booking forms should be sent to Tangney Tours.

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 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. Please also put your telephone number on the Mass Offering envelope, so we can contact you if we cannot allocate the date requested. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme please remember to tick the box on the back of the Mass intention envelope.



Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet

Radio needs enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet, so volunteers don't have to live near

Guildford – people in 13 different dioceses contributed to the Papal Visit Radio! Currently there are volunteers in 10! Go to www.hguh.co.uk or call 020 8995 7093 for more info

End of Term Fairtrade Teacher Treats.

The school term is rattling to an end and hard worked teachers everywhere are collapsing into the school holidays. Time to acknowledge our appreciation with chocolate treats. Almost certainly the treats will be better received if they are 'Fairtrade'. Look out for the Fairtrade logo on all chocolate and wines.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid 13th centuries. They built a chapel in the midst of their hermitages which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place."

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted

