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'Keep thou my feet, I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step enough for me'

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote some of our best loved hymns. What makes them so good? For me, one aspect is the way we know he is writing about himself, his own relationship with God, and his own journey in faith. Newman's hymns are not only about **the** faith, they are also very obviously about **his** faith, and that to me at any rate, makes them memorable. Newman has drifted in and out of the forefront of my life for many years now, and somehow the opening verse of this hymn is uppermost in my mind as I come to join you here at OLI. The way he reminds us that 'one step [is] enough for me' is a great encouragement for every disciple of Jesus. It reminds each of us that the Lord never asks impossible things of us, nor does He expect us to become perfect followers of His in an instant. With St Peter we are in the best of company there. Life, Newman reminds us, is an accumulation of a series of little steps towards our goal, often with stumbling and back-sliding on the way. Coming to you here in this parish community is another significant little step for me on a long road. If I look back down that road, what do I see? I can see the path I came along and recall it quite clearly. As a child, the Lord gave me a natural awareness of Himself, perhaps particularly through the grandeur of his creation, but also in an instinct for the sublime and the supernatural which I think many children share. An incipient faith was fostered by good influences and people,



a devout grandfather who was ready to take the questions of the growing child seriously; later sensitive and perceptive school chaplains. But all this was happening in the Anglican Church, so you can see the path I have trod has been a straightforward one to this place. Perhaps this was also in Newman's own mind when he wrote his hymn. I spent

over twenty years of Anglican ministry in parishes and in a school, some of it hard, much of it deeply fulfilling, latterly in a very deprived and largely Moslem part of Birmingham. I was finally received into the Church in 2010, and of course I look back down the path I have trod. So inevitably I sometimes ask myself, 'Why did it take me so long?' And that is a question people often ask themselves as they look back on their lives. 'Why did it take me so long to become a mature adult?

Why did it take me so long to marry that lovely girl? Why did I have to wait so long to break that destructive habit?' But that is not what you can see while you are actually journeying on the path. The distant scene of our destination of which Newman speaks in his hymn is often obscured and seems very far away. All we can do is take one step at a time, 'one step enough for me', and yes, when we look back down the path of our lives, we can know that something, Someone indeed, has been guiding us all along. All of us as Catholic Christians can see the pattern of God's guidance in our lives until today. As for the future, Newman has a great message for us: One step is enough, and we can leave the rest to God. He has never abandoned us yet, He will most certainly bring us to the place where we belong.

Deacon Nicolas

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)

Daily Masses 23rd-28th July 2012

Mon St Bridget
9.30am Welfare of G.Asservatham (Matilda)

Tues Feria
9.30am Paddy Murphy RIP (Mary Taylor)

Wed St James 'the Great', apostle
9.30am Pat Smith RIP (Mr & Mrs Bowe)

Thur St Joachim and St Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am Verna Hutchinson's Family (K.Jankowski)

Fri Feria
9.30am John Sullivan RIP (Kitty Fox)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat Feria
9am Joseph Xavier RIP (Alphonsa Xavier)
12 noon Baptism: Robin Michael John Price

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/29th July 2012
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Peter Connock RIP (Joe Costello)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Ann Deasy RIP (Cummins Family)
6pm Anne Keane RIP (Cruse Family)
Retiring Collection for Day for Human Life

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,931

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski
Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips)



We welcome into the Church **Imogen Lauren Edwards, Nethaya Fonseka & Sarah Anne Hopkins** who were baptised last Sunday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This 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

Next Week: 17th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet shows us that there is food enough for all people to share.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

One Lord, one faith, calls us to live in peace and harmony with everyone.

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus is "the one who is to come" and he gathers into unity the scattered children of God

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, Rouben Sarkissian, 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 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, 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 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 Carrion and Norma Latham .

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DVDs & Photos
 If you have ordered a First Holy Communion DVD or photos, please can you collect them from the Presbytery as soon as possible.
 Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Many thanks to all the parents for their support and enthusiasm for the Children's Liturgy Group this school year. After this weekend (Sunday 9 am Mass), we are on summer holiday until Sunday 9th September. Looking forward to welcoming your children back then.

Elsbeth and team.



Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio will begin broadcasting on 16th September – to do this they need to buy the necessary licences and upgrade their broadband. **Donations are needed!** Visit [www.http://hguh.co.uk/support.htm](http://hguh.co.uk/support.htm) to help. For up-to-date news follow them on Facebook or twitter.

Glasgow Midwives need your support

Connie Wood and Mary Doogan are senior midwives, each with over 20 years experience delivering babies in a Glasgow hospital. They have a conscientious objection to abortion (but they do not condemn women who have abortions).

Connie and Mary have *always* refused to be involved in abortions. In 2007 due to policy changes, the pressure to participate increased, but they insisted on their right to opt out. In 2011, they had to go to court to defend their right. The Nursing and Midwifery Council did not support Connie's and Mary's fight to defend their right. The court said that midwives cannot be forced to directly undertake abortions, but decided that as labour ward co-ordinators, Connie and Mary should supervise abortions conducted by other midwives. The court ruled that the hospital can insist that these midwives supervise abortions.

Supervising abortion means taking moral and professional responsibility for it. Connie and Mary believe this is wrong, and refuse to do it. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) supports them. Connie and Mary are now appealing to a higher court with SPUC's help.

Please help defend their conscientious objection by signing SPUC's petition to the Nursing and Midwifery Council at the back of the church. Thank you.

Saint James 25th July
 Jesus nicknamed the two brothers James and John "sons of thunder", perhaps meaning that they were headstrong, hot-tempered, and impulsive.
 We are reminded that Jesus chose his disciples not for their virtues. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God's giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are concerned, there is much about Jesus' purifying them of narrowness, pettiness and fickleness.

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 **Wednesday 25th July from 6pm to 7.30pm** and **Thursday 26th July from 11am to 12.30pm**.

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.

THE SOUTHWARK BRETHERN

This is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to Rev. Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1,150 each to 37 priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 7 working priests who had serious sickness, to help their situation. In addition, we have a Gift Aid Scheme for those paying tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a Gift Aid Form.

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:

Address:

Tel No.....

Email:

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 be 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.

NEW ROTAS

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are asked to collect their new rota from the RDJ Room **TODAY**. The rota starts next Sunday and runs until Sunday 21 October. If you are not able to minister or read on the date shown on the rota, please try your best to find another minister or reader to take your place. Should you be unable to find a replacement, please let me know as soon as possible. Pat Parker, Rota Co-ordinator – 020 8390 0179 or Email pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk

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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www.brs-ccrs.org.uk

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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.

Olympic and Paralympic Masses

The Bishops of England and Wales will celebrate two Masses in honour of Britain hosting the 30th Olympic Games and the 14th Paralympic Games. The Olympic Mass of Celebration will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28 July at 2:30pm. The Paralympic Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 28 July at 12:30pm. It is expected that past and present athletes will be in attendance at both.

What's on and where?

There are hundreds of church-related events taking place across the country hosted by every Christian denomination. For a list of London-based events taking place in and around the Olympic Park, please visit our [2012 Events page](#). If you are planning an event, however big or small, then be sure to [register it](#) to get it on the [interactive map](#).



Samaritans National Awareness Day 24th July

Since 1953, Samaritans has been supporting those in distress and/or having suicidal thoughts and intentions. Volunteers today continue to be at the heart of the organisation by delivering core services, running branches, raising vital funds, and raising awareness.

If you would like to become a volunteer or if you would like to make a donation visit www.samaritans.org

Saints Joachim and Anne Celebrating Grandparents 26th July

Today is the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus and mother of Mary! We don't have any biblical evidence, but tradition has it that Saints Joachim and Anne were rich, but very devout. They prayed a long time for a child and their prayers were answered in a big way! Today is an ideal day for celebrating grandparents and all they do for us.