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A man who loved the Word of God

Two religious leaders died recently. Cardinal Carlo Martini, the retired Archbishop of Milan, died on 31st August and was buried last Monday. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the Unification Church, died on 3rd September.

The unification Church is often referred to as the Moonies. It is reported that when Sun Myung Moon was asked whether he was the messiah he said, "Yes I am. But so are you." The unification Church has never been considered a Christian Church because it includes new interpretations not found in the Scriptures. Also recently it initiated a campaign called "Bury the Cross". They see the cross as a negative and debilitating part of religion and should have no place in a person's religious life.

In contrast we have the life of Cardinal Martini, a Jesuit priest, and a Scripture scholar. He was Archbishop of Milan for over 20 years until his retirement. He was a wonderful pastoral bishop. Reading his pastoral letters you could tell that he was close to the people and understood their lives. He had a great love of Scripture and as soon as he arrived in his diocese of Milan he would meet regularly in the cathedral with the young people of the diocese and help them to reflect and share the Scriptures.

In one of his many books he wrote. " Start afresh from the Word. Begin with listening to God's word. The Word of God is therefore our true rule of life, hearing it and putting it into practise we learn to know and love the Word incarnate, Jesus, and how to live in the presence of the Spirit who tells us the wonders of God in our lives and lives of each person." Despite his exalted position in the Church he was in touch with the ordinary person and was enthusiastic about helping people become familiar with the scriptures.

He wrote : "The purpose of the biblical apostolate in all its forms is not to create biblical experts, but men and women of prayer who let the Bible lead them to knowledge of the Lord who calls them in the real situation of their lives, here and now. Naturally we must avoid shortcuts and must not give in to the illusion that from every page of the Bible some spiritual fruit will grow. We must bravely walk through the labyrinth of history and biblical language, keeping the aim always before our eyes and trusting the power of that Spirit through which Scripture needs to be read and understood. The old wisdom of the Imitation of Christ remains still today the golden rule for every approach to the Word of God, 'All holy books are to be read in the Spirit in which they were written.' "

He wrote this prayer to be read as we read the Scriptures:

"We praise and thank you glorious Lord Jesus Christ, for being present among us and in us. In us you praise the Father with the voice of the Spirit, whom you have given us. Lord, may this voice of the Spirit be roused in us as we listen to the words of Scripture in a manner that is worthy and fitting, appropriated to the meaning of the text and in harmony with what is revealed to us. Make us ready to recognize how we can correspond to the teaching and example proposed to us. For you are God, living and reigning for ever and ever. Amen"

He gave me an enthusiasm to let the Scriptures lead me to understand and encounter Jesus more deeply. I thank God for the gift that Carlo Maria Martini S.J. was to the Church and to me. May he rest in peace.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 8th/9th September 2012

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

- Sat 6.30pm** Tadhg Sheehan RIP (Waller Family)
Sun 9am Mary Flynn RIP (Pat Grogan)
11am In Thanksgiving for All Blessings (Gamier Family)
6pm People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for
Catholic Association for Racial Justice**

Daily Masses 10th-15th September 2012

- Mon: Feria**
9.30am Recovery of Eileen Spellman (Mrs Hill)
Tues: Feria
9.30am Welfare of Joanne D'Costa (Thelma Staussi)
Wed: Feria
9.30am Deceased Members of the Hutchinson Family (Rita Lee)
Thur: St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the Church
9.30am Special Intention (Thelma Staussi)
Fri: The Exultation of the Holy Cross
9.30am Michael & Catherine Burrows RIP (FM)
10am Exposition and Benediction
11am School Mass
All Deceased Former Members of Staff
Sat: Our Lady of Sorrows
9am Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th September 2012

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

- Sat: 6.30pm** Monica & James Anderson RIP (FM)
Sun: 9am People of the Parish
11am Angelica & Concetta De Stasio RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Raquel Vanessa Palmer & Amelie Teresa Hambridge**
6pm Alfred Paul (Antoinette)

**Retiring Collection for
Support for the Home Mission of the Church**

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,775

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: - Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)



We welcome into the Church **Jack Sydney Austin & Alfie Noah Jack Herwynen** who were baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This week : 23rd Sunday on OT (B)

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

A song of rejoicing in the God who comes to save us from all adversity.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

True faith leaves no room for favouritism as between rich and poor.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Having made "the deaf hear and the dumb speak", Jesus is hailed as doing "all things well".

Next week : 24th Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

This is the third of Isaiah's "Servant Songs". Through prayer, the servant of the Lord – a prophetic reference either to Christ or to Israel as a nation – will receive God's word which will enable him, as in a courtroom, to confront his enemies.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

James' message is that love of our neighbour shown in practical action is the natural consequence of a living faith.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah heralds the first prediction of the suffering and death of Jesus. But this was not the kind of Messiah Peter had expected and from now on a decisive change occurs in the Gospel.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Frederick Larnier & Michael (Frank) Tucholski**

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 Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, Fr Chris O'Brien, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, 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, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegar, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurlay, 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 .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

This weekend (Sunday 9 am Mass), the Children's Liturgy Group restarts after our summer break. Looking forward to welcoming your children back then. Please remember to sign the attendance register before Mass starts. The register can be found just inside the main entrance to the Church.

If your child hasn't attended the Children's Liturgy before (and they are between 4 and 8 years (until First Holy Communion)) do encourage them to come along. It is a lot of fun!

Elsbeth Casey and team.

KINGSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

A very big thank you to all our parishioners who donated food items at last week's collection for the Kingston Foodbank. Watch the newsletter for our next collection date.

Congratulations to Anna Szymanska who has completed her painting of the Last Supper. The painting is displayed in the sanctuary area this week. There is an explanation leaflet by the painting, which you are welcome to take.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. The weekend will take place from 12th-14th October 2012 at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details contact Kath on 01942 246 542 or email kathharding@blueyonder.co.uk (*International peer grief resolution ministry for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation and for children of this loss.*)

KINGSTON DEANERY MASS

All teaching staff are invited to the Kingston Deanery Education Mass on Monday 17th September 2012 at 4.30pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church. *Car parking is limited, so please park on neighbouring roads.*

HEART GIVES UNTO HEART Catholic Internet Radio will begin broadcasting on 7th October @ www.hguh.co.uk. The Radio aims to appeal to a wide audience and will broadcast a magazine mix of programmes including:

- Daily masses
- Daily prayers
- Celebrity interviews
- Each week highlights a Catholic Charity and a Deanery with daily programmes
- Music – showcasing Catholic talent from Gregorian Chant to Catholic Rap
- Seventh Heaven – HGUH's own take on Desert Island Discs
- Island of Saints – an insight into English Saints
- Poetry Corner
- Children's Hour on a Sunday
- Lots of other exciting topics

We urgently need more altar servers, age is no barrier **young people and adults equally welcome**. The only requirement is that you have made your first Holy communion. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible to help cover all the Masses as a number have left to go to university this year. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish.

Training for new servers begins on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are about 8 sessions in all. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30**.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 (evenings preferred) and he will be only too happy to help you.

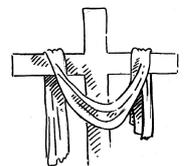
Racial Justice Sunday 9th September 2012
Being an Inclusive Church... and not an exclusive club

Our churches have a tremendous opportunity to evidence God's Kingdom on earth by taking deliberate action to include members of our minority ethnic communities in our congregations. The difficulty we can have is in not understanding the difference between allowing participation, and actively seeking the participation of those not already involved. We don't consciously decide never to change, it's just that most of us in our churches get comfortable with the way things are. We get familiar with the familiar. It's time to change with the times. Today's invitation is to consider ways that increase the opportunities for people from different ethnic backgrounds in the parish or diocese to worship, meet and undertake activities together



The Triumph of the Holy Cross 14th September

We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

The Archdiocese is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 22nd to 30th April next year to celebrate The Year of Faith. It is being led by the Archbishop and conducted by Fr. David Gibbons. Full details regarding cost, travel insurance etc. can be obtained from Gill Didino at Tangney Tours (01732 886666) or Fr. David on 020 8672 7684.

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have an exceptionally long list of requests for Mass intentions, mainly due to no 7am week day Masses being celebrated during the Summer holidays. In some cases it may be several weeks before we are able to celebrate your Mass. Although we do try to celebrate Mass on the particular date or at the time requested, this is not always possible for a variety of reasons. We can also send requests away to other priests if this is agreeable to you. It is particularly difficult to meet many requests for Masses at weekends. This is because although we have four Masses, one of those four, by Church law, has to be celebrated for all the People of the Parish. In fact, we have only a handful of weekend Masses free until the end of the year. The same applies to Holydays of Obligation. It is helpful if you can put your request in as soon possible in the year. Try also to combine the names of all family members in a single intention in preference to requesting individual Masses.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Next Sunday Home Mission Sunday 16 September 2012

Theme: 'Confident in Faith'

On Home Mission Sunday we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of

evangelisation which is coordinated by the Home Mission Desk. The money collected last year enabled: one million faith cards to be distributed to every parish in England and

Wales, materials to be created in support of the Year of Faith (www.yearoffaith.org.uk) and delivery of a free national tour called 'Crossing the Threshold' to support ministry and outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics, as well as a large number of other projects. On 16 September please pray for and give generously to support the mission of the Church. www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-mission-sunday-2012

Catholicism DVD Course

Sundays 7.15 pm in RDJ Room, Tuesday 2 pm in RDJ Room. For Wednesdays and Thursdays sessions, please contact Marie-Helene on 020 8399 4368

Ursuline High School

Open evening for Year 7 entry September 2013 to be held on Wednesday 19th September from 6.60pm to 8.30pm. Headteacher's welcome at 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.30pm, 8pm and 8.30pm. Entrance in The Downs, Wimbledon SW20 8HF

Kingston LIFE Group:

If you would like to enjoy exercise, fresh air and spectacular views of London, come and join us on Sunday September 23rd to take part in the Ten Bridges Walk. Starting at 2pm from Tower Bridge we cross the river ten times to finish on Lambeth Bridge. If you are unable to be there yourself please consider sponsoring one of the walkers. There are 3 from the parish- Pricilla and Lydia and David Walker. To participate either as a walker or sponsor please contact Therese on 020 8390 1080 or e-mail: dwalker@visuals.plus.com They will be collecting sponsors after all Masses next weekend. All money raised will go to the LIFE charity to help their caring and counselling work supporting mothers in need and their babies.

CTS UNITY SERVICE

Please note that the next CTS Unity Service (Churches Together in Surbiton) will take place on Sunday 16th September 2012 at 6pm at St George's, Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth.

Everyone welcome.

Second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm

Poetry Appreciation Group

Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street, W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info 020-7495-1673

For anyone who has an interest in poetry and would like an opportunity to reflect upon the impact of poetry on them as individuals, using specific poems as a reference point. Bring along a poem that you would like to share. All welcome come whenever you can.

Discovering New Ways of Praying Saturday 22nd September 11am-4pm

Mount Street Jesuit Centre 114, Mount Street, W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info 020-7495-1673

This experiential workshop is aimed both at individuals who would like to discover new ways of praying for themselves and those who would like to learn how to lead a prayer day for others



TALK to be given by Dr French at the Kingston Museum on Thursday 20 September 2012 at 7.00 pm (coffee or tea from 6.30 pm) entitled ***The Italian Murder and the Slums of Victorian & Edwardian Kingston?*** It is essential that anybody who wishes to come phone the Museum at 020 8547 5757 to book.

Study opportunity for adult Catholics: Foundation Degree in Pastoral Ministry taught on Thursdays at Education for Parish Service, Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec, beginning 20th September 2012. The focus is on theology and its practical application in the parish / pastoral setting, and on the individual's own spiritual journey. EPS offers a highly supportive environment for those returning to study after some years. Tel: 0208 767 4445. Email: rebekah@eps-uk.org.uk. Website: www.eps-uk.org.uk **Closing date 11 September**