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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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### A Miracle or Simply an Accidental Miss?

It is one of the most beautiful parts of the world, I have ever been to. Walking in the hot, narrow alley ways of the old town with its nice smell of spices like cloves, I fell in love with the place. People sat by specially made pavements playing games and whenever I asked for directions they were very polite and helpful.

My host received me with a big smile and welcomed me with a glass of cold beer, which tasted great. We discussed many social and development projects run by the Diocese in different parts of the island and the next day we visited water projects, a vocational training centre and a hospital. Since the island is predominantly Islamic, almost all the beneficiaries of these projects are Muslims. Although they had very few Christians to whom they offered their "traditional" pastoral services, the nuns and priests were very happy with what they were doing. At the end of my visit I even felt a strong desire to commit my life to the island. This was twelve years ago in the island of Zanzibar.

On Christmas day last year I received a text message from a friend that Father Ambrose Mkenda was shot! I immediately recalled my experience with him as described above. He has worked in Zanzibar for over twenty years. As the vicar general and the financial secretary of the diocese, he was responsible for many development projects which served the poorest parts of the island.

He was on his way back from the Christmas Eve Mass in a neighbouring parish. Two gunmen on a motorcycle followed him closely. As he waited for the gate of his compound to be opened, one of the men shot him twice at point blank range.

One bullet hit him just above the heart and the other dislodged under his chin. It is clear that the gunman aimed to kill. Doctors in Zanzibar acted fast to save his life and then he was moved to the Dar-es-Salaam for more surgery and further treatment. Thanks to the doctors and our prayers, his condition has been improving since then.

Although there is no clear evidence of who is responsible for the shooting, a radical Islamic movement known as "The Awakening" has been calling for the island to be run under sharia law. There had been a number of clashes between the police and members of this movement. A few days before the shooting, unidentified people displayed leaflets that carried messages which incited Muslims to attack "non-believers." In the face of these unfortunate incidents, Fr Mkenda would have been aware of the growing insecurity around him. But his dedication for the people of Zanzibar had remained strong.

There is a strong belief that it was simply a miracle that the bullets didn't kill Fr Mkenda. That God guided the bullets away from any major arteries. For a sceptic or cynic, this was simply an accidental miss. If God did intervene, why didn't he make the gunman miss altogether? I believe that God works in mysterious ways. Although he may not intervene in every incident, he does intervene in every aftermath. The peace and tranquillity experienced by many in Zanzibar will never be taken for granted any longer. It appears that human beings have to be provoked by evil incidents to awaken to the glorious presence of God's grace in our daily lives.

As we continue to pray for Fr Ambrose and the people of Zanzibar, let us thank God for every moment we experience of peace in our lives.

Arbo Lekule



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9th/10th February 2013**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**Day for the Unemployed**

**Sat 6.30pm** Philip Aseerwatham RIP (Family)

**Sun 9am** Eileen & Bill Stevens RIP (Judy Williams)

**11am** People of the Parish

**12.30pm BAPTISM:**

**3pm** Italian Mass

**6pm** Michael Gallagher RIP (Schwarz Family)

**Retiring Collection for the Cabrini Children's Society**

**Daily Masses 11th-16th February 2013**

**Mon: Feria**

**9.30am** Catherine Burke RIP (Kathleen Kelleher)

**Tues: Feria**

**7am** Welfare of Michael McDonagh (Family)

**9.30am** Maureen Davis & Family (Anne Sheridan)

**Wed: ASH WEDNESDAY a day of fasting & abstinence**

**7am** Anthony Coffey RIP (Delaney & Doherty Families)

**9.30am** Michael & Mary Kelly RIP (Carol Perry)

**11am** School Mass

Sophie & Charlotte Conway (Family)

**8pm** Robert Burns RIP (Fagan Family)

**Thur: SS CCyril, monk & St Methodius, bishop**

**7am** Maderline Poulton RIP (Daisy)

**9.30am** Iris Sundar RIP (Louise Lewis)

**Fri: Feria**

**7am** John Loades RIP (Winnie Dowling)

**9.30am** Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)

**10am** Exposition

**Sat: Feria**

**9am** George & Molly Ryde RIP (FM)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16th/17th February 2013**

**First Sunday in Lent (C)**

**Sat: 6.30pm** Danny Reilly RIP (M Reilly)

**Sun: 9am** In Thanksgiving (Tissero Family)

**11am** People of the Parish

**12.30pm Baptisms:**

**6pm** Mr & Mrs S M Fernando RIP (Gowthaman & Family)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays- 9.30am to 10am**

**and 5.30pm to 6pm**

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church : £1,961**

We thank you for your continued generosity .  
(Cash counters this week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips  
Next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)



We welcome into the church **Eliza Jean Ishmail**  
and **Sophie May Lillian Bowden**, who were  
baptised last weekend.

**READINGS**

**This Week- 5th Sunday in OT (C)**

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**First Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8

The Lord takes away the sin of the prophet and invites him to be his messenger.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul speaks about the hope of the resurrection and the confidence that he has received from God's power at work in his life.

**Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls Simon Peter and commissions him to preach the Gospel to all people.

**Next Week- 1st Sunday in Lent (C)**

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**First Reading** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A thanksgiving to God for life and blessings.

**Second Reading** Romans 10:8-13

Faith is not obscure or complicated. It is pure and simple, and finds its echo in the human heart.

**Gospel** Luke 4:1-13

All the conflicts and struggles of Our Lord's life are captured in the drama of the temptations in the wilderness.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Lorna Cooley, Mora Witon, Ralph Cooper** (husband of Maggie Cooper), **Jean Studham, Patricia Howard, Jeremy Morton, Joan Lancaster and Clara De Litta** (mother of Sonia Di Libero). 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:

Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, 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, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurlley, 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 Lat-ham .

### Year of Faith Bishop's Catechesis

All young people are invited to an afternoon with Bishop Paul on Sunday 3rd March at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU, 2:00pm – 4:30pm. The afternoon will consist of music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, testimonials, and an opportunity to ask the Bishop questions. Mass will follow at 5:00pm.

### AUTISM SUNDAY

**Express**

Today is Autism Sunday - a global event to raise awareness. It is an international day of prayer for all those living with autism. Express CIC is your local community group set up to support young people with autism and their carers.

Please find us at [www.localgiving.com/charity/expresscic](http://www.localgiving.com/charity/expresscic). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### St Philomena's Catholic School for Girls

The Governors at St Philomena's in Carshalton are looking for a Teacher of Mathematics. Further details and an application form are available by emailing [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or by contacting Marsha Adams, Personnel Officer/ PA to Headteacher on 020 8642 2025 ext 202. Closing date Friday 22 February 2013. Interviews week commencing Monday 25th February.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

8 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land following the steps of Jesus. Leave from Heathrow on 9th October and returning on 16th October 2013. Cost £1,050 including all excursions. Early booking advisable. For further information please call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027 301.

### HOME HELP REQUIRED

Home help needed for a parishioner for 1-2 hours each morning. Please contact Maureen on 020 8399 6575

### Year of Faith

Second talk at St Catherine of Siena Chessington on 11th February at 7.30pm.

A talk on the work of the Ecumenical Councils in the **Second Millennium**- medieval and modern eras and will cover the work of all the 13 Councils in this period touching briefly on codification of Canon Law St Thomas Aquinas and St Catherine of Siena Avignon Papacy Lutheran and Anglican Schisms Sacrosancta concilium, Tridentine Mass, Age of Enlightenment, Dei fidelis and Pastor Aeternus- Vatican I and II

### WALK WITH ME

Walk With Me booklets for Lent are available at the back of the church, and are FREE to parishioners to help reflect on the readings during Lent.

### Our Lady Immaculate Lenten Project 2013

#### Can you help?

Our Lady Immaculate Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for over 40 years. Over the years we have raised in excess of £300,000 for countries in the third world. The 2012 Project raised over £18,000.

This year we have set a target to raise over £20,000 for good causes in India, Africa and the Holy Land.

We are planning to have a **Grand Raffle Draw** as one of the planned activities. We have already had some very generous donations to offer as prizes (more details to follow). We are looking for Parishioners who are able to donate prizes for the Grand Draw or one of the many small raffles which take place at the various events.

Do you work for a company who might be willing to assist with the printing costs for the Draw booklets?

Similarly, do you work for an organisation who might be able and willing to offer a prize?

If you are able to help please contact Phil Townsend on [Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk) on 8399 3481.

Thank you.



Our Lady Immaculate Church  
Parish Lenten Project

### LENTEN PROJECT 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

Saturday 2 February )  
Sunday 3 February ) Distribution of Lenten Boxes  
Saturday 9 February )  
Sunday 10 February )

Saturday 16 Feb **UCM CAKE SALE**  
(after 6.30pm Mass)  
Sunday 17 February **UCM CAKE SALE**  
(after morning Masses)

Saturday 23 February **QUIZ NIGHT**  
Sunday 3 March **TABLE TOP SALE**  
Sunday 10 March **APPLE PIE SALE**  
Saturday 23 March **HELEN O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SPONSORED WALK**

Saturday 23 March **KSC/UCM JUMBLE SALE**  
Saturday 6th April **SOUTH INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL & CULTURAL EVENING**

Weekends 6/7 April )  
13/14 April ) Collection of Lenten Boxes  
20/21 April )

### Our Lady of Lourdes 11th February

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film The Song of Bernadette: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."



**Saturday 2nd March 2013: Are you in your 20s or 30s?** Come and have a fun night out with the SW London 20/30s, a thriving social group which attracts dozens of Catholics from parishes across the diocese. They will be meeting from 7.30pm for drinks at The Goat Pub, 66a Battersea Rise, Clapham, London, SW11 1EQ.(near to Clapham Junction Station). For more info please contact Jenna 07538113531 / Clare: 07818 455 011.

Sean, the son of parishioner Ann Francis, will be cycling from London to Paris- in just 2 days- with a few lads from his watch to raise funds in aid of the Fire-fighters Charity.

If you can donate to this cause- even just £1, then please visit <http://justgiving.com/UbergreenLONDON2PARIS>

Thank you.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight and the Big Breakfast**

A date for your diary - the Justice and Peace Group invite you to join us for tea, coffee and other goodies to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight on Sunday **24th February** after the 9 am Mass in the Old Chapel.

OLI J&P Group.



**Copies of the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter that is being read out at all Masses are available at the back of the church.**

### **Two Lenten musical events at St. Raphael's, Surbiton**

#### **Friday 15 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM**

The Stations of the Cross will be accompanied by Pergolesi's setting of the Stabat Mater for soprano, mezzo-soprano and organ. Verses will be sung as we make our 'pilgrimage' between the chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death. Pergolesi's intensely moving setting and Blessed John Henry Newman's meditations provide an opportunity for devout reflection on this first Friday of Lent.

#### **Saturday 16 MARCH, 7.00PM**

The Merbecke Choir will visit St. Raphael's to sing Mozart's Requiem. This sacred music, amongst the crowning achievements in the European repertoire, gives an opportunity for prayerful reflection and preparation for the celebration of the event of the Cross and Resurrection.

### **Ash Wednesday 13th February 2013**



Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.

### **From Ashes to Easter**

This coming Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent.

This is our preparation to celebrate Easter.

Next Saturday those preparing for reception into the Church or baptism at the Easter Vigil will be going up to St George's Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This is when the Archbishop calls them to celebrate the sacraments at Easter. For all of us it is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You have plenty of opportunity for almsgiving by getting involved with various activities associated with the parish Lenten Project.

Regarding Prayer there will be Stations of the Cross after every morning Mass.

In the Repository there are various sets of Stations of the Cross for adults e.g. Women's Way of the Cross, Stations of the Cross by St Alphonsus. For children, Lets Go the Way of the Cross and The way of the Cross Colouring Book. Also in the shop there are numerous reasonably priced books of reflections for each day.

Lent Extra £1.50; Called to life, Called to Love, 80p; Wisdom in Waiting 99p; Lent in Action £1.30; Imitators of Christ 80p; Daily reflections for Lent £1.60; Lent with St Francis £2.50; Sacred Journey £1.99; Followers of the Cross 80p; Lent and Easter Wisdom from St Vincent de Paul 7.95p; Lenten reflections by Scott Hahn from his book A Father who keeps his promises £9.95; There are also several books for families for Lent: Welcome Risen Jesus £1.25; Who do you say I am? Family Scriptural reflections and prayers for each day of Lent. 80p; God's Social Media Grace Book: Lenten Updates for Teens and young adults. 80p;

We have for Children Footsteps to the Cross which comprises a card display and a little book with stickers and reflections. Everyday when you read a scripture verse you place a sticker on the path to the cross. £1.30; He's Got the whole world in his hands, Daily activities and devotions for the Forty days of Lent: 80p; Every Day for Lent and Easter, A book of activities for Children based on the gospels for Year C, £2.95; There are several books that cover Holy Week and Easter e.g. My very first Bible stories. The Easter Story £1.00; The First Easter (hardback) £3.95, Easter activity Fun (puzzles etc) £1.99; Easter Sticker Book £1.99; Easter Activity Book, £3.99; The Story of Easter Colouring Book £1.25; Easter Days £3.99; My very first Easter Story Sticker Book, £2.99; I can make things for Easter, £5.99;

Finally there are some adult and children's calendars for Lent.

The Repository shop is open on Saturday night after the 6.30pm Mass and the two morning Masses on Sunday.

#### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

The St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble will be performing a concert in church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time.