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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

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## GAUDETE SUNDAY

We have reached the Third Sunday of Advent and are ever closer to the coming of our Saviour, Jesus. The Latin word 'Gaudete' means 'Let us rejoice'. The opening Prayer in Mass expresses this in the following way:

'Father or Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Saviour's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time.'

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord forever and ever.'

As the second paragraph alludes to, we live in a very complex and fast-moving society. It is very easy for us, if we are not careful, to lose our way amid the jungle of news and opinions with which we are being constantly assailed. The mass media can both enlighten and lead astray the human mind. So, indeed, we need to sift out the things around us that hinder us from feeling the joy and hope of the imminent coming of our Lord Jesus.

Recently, there have been a number of families in our parish who have been bereaved. Trudie and I heard on Monday evening of the sudden death of Harry, a very dear friend whom we have known for some thirty years. He was part of a small group that met monthly to support one another and share a meal. Such a loss is hard to bear at any time of year, but seems particularly so just before Christmas. We are saddened, too, by the death of the nurse who took her own life following the 'spoof' phone call. But

Keith Vaz MP, who after visiting her husband and children, spoke of their strong faith giving them strength at such a time of tragedy in their lives.

The Opening Prayer above takes us beyond the immediate coming of our Saviour as an infant in swaddling clothes, to remind us of the Saviour's ultimate purpose. We are to look forward with longing to his coming at the end of time.



The Seasons of Advent and Christmas bring with them a variety of images. There is, of course, the consumer Christmas, from which there is no escape these days. There is the Charles Dickens image- the snowy scenes, roaring fires, plum pudding etc. Then there is the crib, which depicts for

us what Christmas is about, and which in all its simplicity is deeply moving. The fourth and most profound image is the belief that in the person of the baby Jesus, God's Son took our human nature for himself and entered our world in weakness and love. He came to remind us that we are God's children and have an eternal destiny. This last image is the one which will help us find the peace, joy and hope in the other three, even (or maybe especially) if we are bereaved or over-burdened with the affairs of the world in which we live- all of which are part and parcel of the humanity our Saviour took upon himself for love of us. Gaudete!

Al Callan  
(with acknowledgements to Fr Flor McCarthy SDB)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th December 2012**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**Gaudete Sunday**

- Sat 6.30pm** Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Joseph Coutinho)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Joan Lancaster RIP (Choir)  
**6pm** John Cruse RIP (Family)

**Daily Masses 17th - 22nd December 2012**

**Mon: Feria**

- 9.30am** Franisca Rodrigues' Intentions  
**5.30pm** Syro Malabar Mass

**Tues: Feria**

- 7am** John Joyce RIP (Mary Gray)  
**9.30am** Deceased Members of the McDonagh Family  
(Lydon Family)

**11am FUNERAL MASS - JEAN STUDHAM RIP**

**Wed: Feria**

- 7am** Josephine & Patrick Delaney  
(Delaney & Doherty Families)  
**9.30am** In Thanksgiving Marlee & Xavier  
25th Wedding Anniversary

**5.30pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**Thur: Feria**

- 7am** Fr Phil Vinteres RIP (Angie Carrion)  
**9.30am** Funeral Mass: Patricia Hancock RIP

**Fri: Feria**

- 7am** Dorothy Shields RIP (Liz & Peter)  
**9.30am** Coleman Kerr RIP (Gerry Harvey & Family)  
**10am** Exposition and Benediction

**Sat: Feria**

- 9am** Welfare of Henry Garcia (Nubia Carro)  
**2pm** Wedding: **SUZANNA SPARROW &  
MATTHEW SANDERS**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd December 2012**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

- Sat: 6.30pm** Nancy & Noel Ryan RIP (Monica Tett)  
**Sun: 9am** Joaquim De Mello RIP (Michael De Mello)  
**11am** People of the Parish  
**6pm** Eddie Savage RIP (Jennifer Savage)

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,761**

We thank you for your continued generosity .  
(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski  
Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 15th December- 9.30am to 10am and**

**Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm**

**Saturday 22nd December- 9.30am to 10.30am,**

**11.30am to 12.30pm and 5pm to 6pm**

**READINGS**

**This week : 3rd Sunday in Advent (C) Page 88**

**First Reading** Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord takes away all fear and brings us great joy.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:4-7

Our prayers will bring the peace of God to guard our hearts.

**Gospel** Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist announces the coming of the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire

**Next week: 4th Sunday in Advent (C) Page 90**

**First Reading** Micah 5:1-4

The Old Testament prophet foresees the coming of the Messiah.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:5-10

God no longer wants the sacrifices of the Old Testament. The loving obedience of Jesus is more powerful than all of them.

**Gospel** Luke 1:39-45

Mary, carrying Jesus in her womb, goes lovingly to help her pregnant cousin Elizabeth.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Jean Studham** whose funeral is at 11am on Tuesday 18th December, **Patricia Howard, Jeremy Morton, Joan Lancaster, Clara De Litta** (mother of Sonia Di Libero), **Sheila Doyle** (sister of Philomena Olliffe), **Margorie Coleman, Fr Muradech Tuffy, Kathleen Feery, Yvonne Savage & Ethel Larkin**. 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, Martin and Jane Estall, Jack Hoey, Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Ralph Cooper, 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, 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, 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 .

### Primary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony & Fr Arbo will be available to sign the priest verification forms for **primary schools on Tuesday 18 December from 3pm to 4pm and Wednesday 19th December from 3pm to 4pm**

Please note that there will be two signing sessions each week until the closing date.

### Deacon Nicolas von Malaisé

Congratulations to Deacon Nicolas who is being ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 19 January 2013 at 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral. He will then celebrate his first Mass at OLI on Sunday 20th January 2013 at 11am. Deacon Nicolas (Father Nicolas) will then be with us until Easter, when he will receive his appointment.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for all the Christmas Masses i.e. Christmas vigil at 6pm, Midnight, 8.00, 9.15 and 11.00 am masses. We need readers, gift bearers, collectors, Welcomers, Eucharistic ministers and of course Altar Servers. If you can help please can you sign up on the relevant sheet in the RDJ room. Many thanks. Jacques Parish Master of Ceremonies

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please put Saturday **12th January 2013** in your diaries for a retreat day. To be held at the House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Rd, East Molesey KT8 0PB. From 11am to 4pm. Invite to follow shortly.

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL Admission arrangements for the academic year 2014/2015

In accordance with The Education and Skills Act 2008 **admission arrangements for the academic year 2014/2015** are currently being consulted upon.

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames will issue a public notice making details of consultation for community schools available in local newspaper and online. *These details will be displayed on the church notice board and in the newsletter once they are published.*

**As Our Lady Immaculate Primary School** is a voluntary aided school, draft copies of the Admissions policy and the supplementary information form (SIF) for 2014 are

**available at the school office (0208 399 9854)** where there is a response form if required.

The draft Policy and SIF can also be found on the school website (*address on front of this newsletter*)

**Any response to these documents should be returned through that office by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.**

### WEBSITE UPDATES

- ◆ Holy Land Pictures – Part 3 (Gallery)
- ◆ Young Peoples Group Retreat (Gallery)

### OLI CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Lady Immaculate church is pleased to invite all its parishioners and friends to a lovely Christmas carol service, this will be held on **Wednesday 19th December at 5:30pm** in the church. This concert is being organised in aid of, and to raise awareness for, the Fircroft Trust. All donations will go to Fircroft. The Fircroft Trust is a charity which supports adults living in the community with mental health problems and/or learning disabilities. The organisation enables people to maximise their potential through positive action for mind and body.

This year's carol service will see all 3 OLI choirs, the folk group, the 11 am church choir and the Angelpop choir teaming up as one to bring the best and loved Christmas carols to life. As Our lady Immaculate is a very multicultural community this year we are bringing some international songs right here at OLI. We are sure to have most of you going down memory lane and remembering some childhood Christmas carols. We look forward to seeing you at this free event and invite you to join us afterwards for mince pies and mulled wine or fruit punch for the younger audience in the RDJ room. For further information please contact Gia on [gia.borgdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:gia.borgdarcy@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU From Express:

We wanted to thank all those who attended our Pamper Evening last month. It was a fantastic night and we were overwhelmed to have raised almost £1,100! If you weren't able to make it on the night but would still like to support Express you still can. We are very pleased to have been accepted on Local Giving's "Grow your Tenner" campaign. Every donation of £10 given will be matched & Express will receive £20. If you would like to make a donation to a local cause this Christmas please consider us via [www.LocalGiving.com/charity/expresscic](http://www.LocalGiving.com/charity/expresscic) Many Thanks to you all & we wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas.

### ANGELPOP CHOIR CHARITY CD

#### Christmas Time charity single 2012.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a copy of the Charity CD in aid of Fr Arbo's charity 'You Touch Africa'. The single can still be purchased from Refresh books on Tolworth Broadway and from the OLI parish presbytery- minimum donation £5.

### 2013 SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

Please note that the 2013 Southwark Catholic Directory is now available to purchase from the Repository at a cost of £3.

**Advent and Christmas reading for adults and children are also available in the Repository.**

### HELP NEEDED FOR 'SPOKEN SPANISH'

I need someone to help my 16 year old son with 'spoken Spanish'. Hours and payments to be discussed. Please contact Alex on 07898 867 595 (OLI Parishioner) if you think you can help. Thank you.

### Gaudete Sunday

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments can be worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath

#### THANK YOU

The Joel Community Trust have sent OLI parishioners a letter of thanks for our donation of £165. This charity is dedicated to helping homeless people living on the streets of Kingston. The Joel Community Trust wrote: "Not only do we want to give these people a roof over their heads and food in their stomachs, we plan to restore their self-esteem, give them hope and a future. Many thanks again for your huge generosity and commitment."

#### Will you go hungry this Christmas?

The answer for most of us will be 'No'. When you shop for your food at this festive time many of us will take advantage of Buy one Get one free, buy 3 for the price of 2 and other enticing offers etc. But, do we buy because it's a bargain or because we will consume, and do we then throw away because we have not actually used the product or it has gone out of date.

This Christmas and next year perhaps we should all give a little more thought to how we shop and buy only what we need, and in this way we actively will be aware of those who do not have waste because they do not have the money to buy the extras which so many of us take for granted.

OLI Justice and Peace Group

#### Books wanted for the new Parish Library

**Donations of recent spiritual books** (adults and children) **in good condition** would help in building up the new Parish Library in OLI. Please bring them to the RDJ Room\*, in a bag with a clear label: "For the Parish Library"

We would also like to raise funds by selling any kind of books in reasonably good condition or CDs and DVDs; if you want to get rid of some, please leave them in a bag labelled: "For Sale" in the RDJ Room\* (\*The RDJ Room is on your way to the Sacristy - right hand side at the top of the church )

#### CARER NEEDED

A lady parishioner needs help for a couple of hours each morning to get up and dressed and to help prepare breakfast. If you think you can help please contact Caroline on 07714 708 658.

#### NEW YEAR CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTION

Don't throw away your unwanted clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes (tied together please), belts and handbags **in any condition for reuse or recycling**. Please keep them until January, as we cannot store them at the moment. The date for bringing your items will be given in the Newsletter and all funds raised will go towards books for the new library.

### URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL CRESCENT ROAD LONDON SW20 8HA

Email : [rachel@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:rachel@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

Website: [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

#### CATERING ASSISTANT

20 hours per week (9.00 am – 2.00 pm Monday to Thursday) term time only plus 1 week during the school holidays (a total of 40 weeks)

Full time salary ME1 £14,697 (paid pro rata).

The position is subject to CRB disclosure.

The school is committed to safeguarding its students and post holders must be responsible for the safety of the students in their care.

Details and application forms from the website address or from Mrs Martin on 020 8879 4381 or email as above.

Closing date: **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Olive Aid

Thousands of Olive trees have been destroyed in the Palestinian areas of the West Bank and Gaza strip, depriving farmers of their economic livelihood causing families to be forced into poverty. Olive Aid's aim is simply to restore the injustice suffered by the Palestinian people by replanting the Olive groves. To help, visit ...[www.oliveaid.com/buy-an-olive-tree](http://www.oliveaid.com/buy-an-olive-tree)

#### Migrants Day 18th December



Many organizations and communities celebrate the day through various activities to alert the general public on facts about migrants, problems with human trafficking, the lives of migrant workers' children, the plight of refugees and ways in combating racism. Websites, such as [www.britkid.org](http://www.britkid.org), gives people the opportunity to have a virtual experience of what it is like to come from a migrant background. Lobby groups may also use this day as an opportunity to pressure local public officials to look at issues concerning legalization, immigrant enforcement and migrants' human rights. Special films and documentaries about migrants are also screened or broadcast on this day.

***"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35)  
Today the immigrant comes before us like that  
'stranger' in whom Jesus asks to be recognised. To  
welcome him and to show him solidarity is a duty of  
hospitality and fidelity to Christian identity itself***

#### SCHOOL OF FAITH

A new study course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church for the Year of Faith held at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS. From 9th January to 23rd March 2013 on Wednesday evenings for a light supper, to hear expert and dynamic speakers and to join in small group discussions. Speakers to include Archbishop Peter Smith, Bishop Philip Egan, Mgr Keith Newton, Fr Tim Finigan, Sr Judith Russi, Fr Stephen Wang, Fr Kevin Hale, Mgr John Armitage, Fr David Gibbons, Dr Caroline Farey & Canon John Redford. Contact the Centre to reserve a place on 020 8672 7684.



#### Christmas Eve 6pm Family Vigil Mass

Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, kings or angels.