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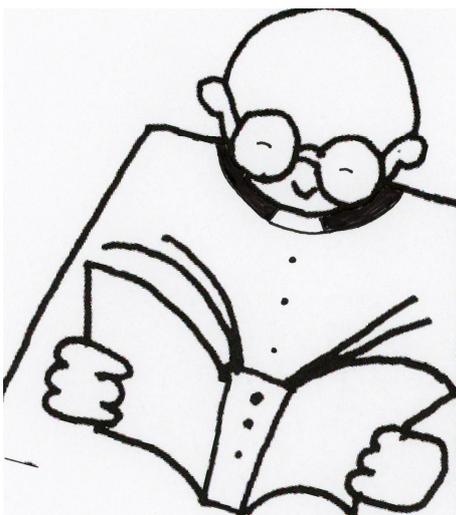
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I feel ambivalent towards words.

I love words in books. One of the highlights of my early years as a youngster was the great thrill I felt as I crossed Poynders Road, Clapham from our flat to visit a little library housed in a prefabricated building to renew my books. Sadly this has now been pulled down and a fine block of flats built in its place. At home we had a glass-fronted book-case, which held ornaments and a few books, but my father would borrow his books from the library. He was an avid reader. Mum would read her weekly women's magazine; they would both read the paper every day. For me, of course the great rivals to words were images flickering on the black and white telly and trips to the cinema. Yet I found the spelling of words was my downfall. One teacher called me stupid in my secondary school because of my persistent misspellings. I got an A for my English Literature O Level but had to re-sit my English Language exam because I failed the first time. I am sure this was because of my poor spelling. Today we live in a digital age. Our books are stored on e-readers so we are able to carry around hundreds of volumes that we can slip into a coat pocket. What is really important still are the words, the sentences, the style, the vocabulary and the meaning that stimulate the imagination and can fill us with joy, fear, laughter and sadness and wonder.

The other week I was in a Year 6 class at our school with a group reading a novel by Michael Morpurgo. They were doing a group exercise in comprehension and this brought home to me how expressive our language is and what a joy reading can be.

I have been thinking about words because in this week's Gospel we read of the encounter Peter, James and John had on Mount Tabour where they saw the appearance of Jesus change. The voice that came to them said, "This is my son, the chosen one, listen to him". In the opening prayer at Mass today we say "O God, who has commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased we pray to nourish us inwardly by your word."



We are called to listen. If we develop an attitude of listening to the word, which is Jesus, we will be nourished. Nourish is a very expressive word. It can mean to provide with food or other substances necessary for life and growth. We need to fill our minds with the living word that stimulates in us life and growth. The Word found in the Scriptures is life-giving for us. I am reading a book at the moment

entitled "Reading to live" by Raymond Studzinski OSB. He quotes Gustave Flaubet who once wrote "Read in order to live". Studzinski's book is about the ancient practice of Lectio Divina (Divine or sacred reading). This is a way of praying using the scriptures. The author shows how the Christian art of reading is based in Judaism, and he charts its development through the centuries. He concludes his book with the words "the person who engages in Lectio reads for life, a life that will last forever."

During this Lenten season let us treasure the word, chew it over, let it feed us and nourish us.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th February 2013

Second Sunday in Lent (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Vanessa Cunningham RIP (Cruse family)
Sun 9am Francescantonio D'Agostino RIP & Giuseppa Gelormini RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
11am Mora Witton RIP (Parish Choir)
12.30pm **BAPTISM: Freya Eve Harri & Emily Denegri**
6pm People of the Parish

Collection of CAFOD Fast Day Envelopes handed out last weekend

Daily Masses 25th February- 2nd March 2013

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon: Feria

9.30am Jim & Tracey Maughan RIP (Imelda Qualter)

Tues: Feria

9.30am Kevin & Frances Glynn & Family (Anne Sheridan)

Wed: Feria

9.30am Vincent John Burrows RIP (FM)

Thur: Feria

9.30am Ken Stacey & Nellie Walmsley RIP (Mary Stacey)

Fri: St David, bishop, Patron of Wales

Women's World day of Prayer

9.30am Laurentia Tully RIP (Mary Taylor)

Sat: Feria

9am Sr Kathleen Glynn & Sr Patricia (Anne Sheridan)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2nd/3rd March 2013

Third Sunday in Lent (C)

- Sat: 6.30pm** Joe Cullinan RIP (Pat Grogan)
Sun: 9am People of the Parish
11am Tommy Cassidy RIP (Tom & Noel Lynch)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Gianna Nkemdilim Mbala-Dafe and Tyler James Spiegel-Lynch**
6pm P Reginald RIP (Maria Sebastian)

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £2,014

We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski
Next week: Susan & Stephen Fleming)



We welcome into the Church **Emelia Rose Strudwick** and **Eileen Mary Delaney** who were both baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays- 9.30am to 10am
and 5.30pm to 6pm**

READINGS

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First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, who hears and heeds the voice of God.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Paul calls on the followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the life and teachings of the Lord.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop and the voice of God is heard, urging humanity to listen to Jesus.

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First Reading Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

In a mysterious and wonderful way Moses becomes aware of God's presence and that he has been chosen for a special mission by God.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

through the sea of reeds as prefiguring baptism and God's gift of Under the leadership of Moses, the people of Israel passed from slavery to freedom in the Exodus. Paul sees the passage manna in the desert as prefiguring the Eucharist.

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Jesus urges repentance and uses a parable to illustrate the loving mercy of God.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Lorna Cooley, Mora Witton, 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 Knappgate, 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 Thurlay, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrigge, 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-

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Please note that for the next three weekends (**March 2nd/3rd, 9th/10th and 16th/17th**) the Sunday Mass Readings will be taken from **YEAR A**. This is part of the preparations for the Catechumens (unbaptised) and Candidates (baptised) in our parish who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (March 30th). We ask all **READERS ON THE PARISH ROTA** to make a special note of this important change to **Year A Readings** for the next three weekends.


CARDINAL SWEEPSTAKE! £3 per name. After all Masses this weekend- names to be picked out of a hat. If you choose the name of the next Pope, you win £100!! All profits go to the Lenten Project.

LENTEN PROJECT 2013

WANTED FOR TABLE TOP SALE – Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March

The Table Top Sale involves new and nearly new items as well as the very popular, home-made *jams, marmalades* and of course the *plants* stall.

The pupils of OLI school are planning to collect a good supply of *toys, books and games* both new and in very good condition.

Do you want to **book a table** and bring new/nearly new items to sell for the project?

Or do you have any **unwanted goodies?** gifts – chocs – toys that are ‘over’ after Christmas? - we can sell these, or use as raffle prizes to raise money for the Lenten Project this year. If so, we are now able to arrange delivery or collect anything you can’t bring in.

Ring **0208 397 7733** to arrange collection of goods or to book a table. *Teas and coffees and cakes and biscuits will be on sale.*

Call in after the Saturday evening Mass and the 2 morning Masse- meet friends and support the project!

THANKYOU!

The Pilgrim

The new edition of the Pilgrim is now available, and has a special focus on Pope Benedict XVI following his resignation from office, as well as other news and many other interesting articles. Pick up a copy today.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISSI 2014
10th-17th June 2014

Closing date for applications –27th March 2013, as hotel rooms in Rome are booked far in advance. A deposit cheque (payable to Our Lady Immaculate Church) for £100 is required for each pilgrim together with:-

Name (of each person travelling)
Address
Email address (if you have one)
Contact telephone number

Please hand your deposit and personal details into the Parish Office, marked for the attention of Andrew Richardson- tel no 020 399 3466

Further details are available on our website.

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND- Improving their lives

Archbishop Vincent Nichols is chairing a meeting from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 19 March at Westminster Cathedral Hall, organised by the Friends of the Holy Land- (one of our Lenten Project charities). No charge. Refreshments provided. For tickets, call the FHL office on 01926 512 980.

ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTA

Would all altar servers please collect your new rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.

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 on 8399 3481.

Thank you.


LENTEN PROJECT 2013
EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

Saturday 23 February **7.30pm QUIZ NIGHT**
 Saturday/Sunday 2/3 March **TABLE TOP SALE**
 Sunday 10 March **APPLE PIE SALE**
 Sunday 17 March **THE BIG INDIAN TAKE AWAY (after morning Masses)**
 Saturday 23 March **HELEN O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SPONSORED WALK 9am start**

Saturday 23 March **KSC/UCM JUMBLE SALE 1.30pm**
 Saturday 6th April **SOUTH INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL & CULTURAL EVENING**

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

The Year of Faith Meeting

Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall- with the DVD: "Mary, the Mother of God"

Presented by Fr Anthony. All welcome. We will also have finger food and soft drinks.

NEW MEMBERS OF GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

On Sunday, 17th February 2013, Canon Anthony enrolled sixteen altar servers into the Guild of St Stephen. He reminded them that 'a good server is the one who not only knows what to do, but also understands why it is being done'. Congratulations to all 16 new members who are :

Agnel Abraham; Samuel Baird; Kwaku Bennett; Olivia Dove; Andrew Emmett; Robert Eyles; Rohan George; Alex McKay; Conor Murphy; Abi Noharathalingam; Sandra Osei-Bonsu; Sineka Paraneetharan; Tianni Patel; Mark Roderigues; Harley Stammers and Abigail Watters.

Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our Foodbank collections. Kingston Foodbank have expressed how grateful they are for our support and donations. Please be assured that all food donated goes to help local people in crisis who need food (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk).

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses **this weekend (23/24 February)** – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food currently needed is instant mashed potato, noodles, steamed puddings and rice. In the run-up to Easter it would also be nice to include some chocolate treats.

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver
(OLI Foodbank Coordinators)



Opening of our Parish Library

If you are aged between 4 and 94, come & borrow a book.

Sunday 24 February 10am to 11am & 6.45 to 7.30pm

In the RDJ Room (On the right of the church towards the sacristy)

My name is John Davy and a previous member of the parish of Our Lady Immaculate Tolworth from 1934 until 1962; also a member of the 4th Tolworth Air Scouts and Tolworth Catholic Youth Club.

Last month four ex-parishioners with myself met in Surbiton over a meal after a 50/60 year gap or more.

During the conversation it was suggested that there may be other members at Tolworth like ourselves who would enjoy meeting friends of years gone by - the suggested criteria to start with is : aged between 76 and 80 years.

Should there still be Club, Guides or Scout members in the Parish who come in the age bracket we - Michael Axtmann, Anthony Clark, Roger Partridge and John Davy would love hear from them

Please contact : John Davy, 27 Linkside, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4LB

E-mail : johnrdavy@yahoo.com or 020-8942 9835

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage St George's Cathedral 15th June 2013

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th / 25th / 40th / 50th / 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please give your names and details to Elaine in the Parish Office as soon as possible so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop



Mass in thanksgiving for Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI & for the Election of a new Pope

Archbishop Peter will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2nd March at 12.30pm, in thanksgiving for the ministry of Benedict XVI as Pope, and for the Cardinals who will elect his successor

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 **TODAY- Sunday 24th February** after the 9 am Mass in the Old Chapel.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us for the March For Life in Birmingham on 10th March! We will be powerful witnesses for the beauty of life and protection of the unborn baby! The March For Life could be the biggest it has ever been, as it has been advertised on a national scale this year.

There will be a coach going from St. Raphael's Church, Kingston-upon-Thames, straight after the 9:30am Mass. You are welcome to join us for Mass and then jump on the coach, or arrive at St Raphael's at 10.30.

To book your place, please confirm your place by emailing Michael and Margaret Nicholson:

moggs64@hotmail.com It will cost £11.50 per person (this may increase to £18 if numbers are low).

KSC Fraternal Cross

As part of their Year of Faith activities the Knights of St Columba are circulating a Fraternal Cross throughout Great Britain. Starting its pilgrimage in Glasgow in October 2012 it has passed from Province to Province and will return to Glasgow next October. The cross will pass from Sussex to Surrey during a short handover ceremony at the end of the 11 am Mass at OLI next Sunday 3rd March.

Union of Catholic Mothers:

Many thanks to all bakers and buyers of cakes at our Cake Sale. Your efforts and generosity raised £509 towards the Parish Project. Thanks also to those who gave prizes for the raffle. The winners were:

Vivian Phillips:	Bottle of whisky (green ticket 432)
Doreen Ford:	Chocolate cake (yellow ticket 266)
Aideen Phillips:	Easter egg (green ticket 403)
Marie-Helene Cook:	Bottle of wine (yellow ticket 380)
Aideen Phillips:	Bottle of wine (green ticket 396)
Ralph Smallwood:	Bottle of wine (green ticket 497)

AWAKENING

Come help us to continue the chain of prayer as it sweeps across the country. The Jesus youth cordially invite you to be a part of 24 hours of '**Awakening**', a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration an initiative happening all cross the UK, and now it's our turn here at Our Lady Immaculate church in Tolworth; starting at 9.30 am on Monday the 4th of March till 9.30 am on Tuesday the 5th of March. There will be the celebration of Holy Mass at the beginning and conclusion of the 24 hours. Join us as one family in prayer as we pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and for the Church in the UK.

The Jesus youth is an international Catholic youth movement that had its beginning in India, and currently has an active presence of over 25 countries around the World. The strength of the movement is its special focus on a life centered on the Lord Jesus Christ.