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Don't you remember me?

I used to work in a school. On the great summer sports day, the old boys would return to relive their glory days, to see each other, and sometimes their old teachers. The great dread of many staff was some unknown young man coming up to us with a cheery greeting and a wide smile. The mistake then was to stare back blankly in bewilderment. Better to feign recognition, even if you no longer had the faintest idea of who they were. Otherwise you were likely to be in receipt of the rather pained question: 'Sir, don't you remember me? You taught me!' We want to be remembered by people who were important to us in our lives, and if they forget us, it is disappointing, even if, as in the case of teachers, we should remember the very many pupils they will have taught in their careers, and not to be too cross if they can't remember us without some helpful hints. But generally speaking, to be remembered is to feel cherished and valued. It is why in families it is important to remember birthdays and anniversaries, and to have photographs that act as visual memories of important events or stages in the life of the family. It is why the onset of dementia is so peculiarly painful for the loved ones of sufferers. The first time the devoted wife goes to visit her husband in the home and he no longer remembers her after decades together can be agonizing. But the sufferer too is sometimes aware that his memory is slipping away from him and can feel angry and frightened. It is why this journey alongside loved ones with dementia has been called the 'long good-bye', and why we should do everything in our power by prayer and practical support to aid those undertaking it. The absence of memory in dementia sufferers reminds us how important memory is to our conscious and perhaps also unconscious identity. The psychologist Jung even speculated there was something called the collective 'ancestral memory' which defined our humanity at a pre-rational level. Human beings use memory to guide their responses and to shape their understanding of their surroundings. But we also know that memories are shaped by the way we use them, they are not some kind of film archive that can be recalled at will. 'Do you remember when we used to ...?' can for instance be the prelude both to a statement about the past being so much better than now, or just as easily, so much worse. In neither case does the memory exist in a neutral environment. This is easy to see on the collective level too. A nation will have a 'memory' of its past that is a particular narrative, in which certain events are highlighted and interpreted whilst others are ignored or suppressed. In a dictatorship, the state goes to extreme lengths to try and wipe out the memory of the previously existing regime or of particular individuals, and this is the origin of people being 'air brushed' from the historical record. We are reminded that for us as human beings, all our faculties, of which memory is one of the most important, exist alongside our conscious and moral identity. How we remember is totally connected with what we remember. And that very much holds true for us as Christians. The Lord has given us two profound and wonderful ways of remembering our Christian identity, and it is not by accident that they form the two essential parts of the Mass. In the first part of the Liturgy, we hear the Word of God, containing the 'memoirs' of those the Lord has inspired to speak truthfully concerning Him. In the second part, we fulfil His command to 'do this in memory of me'. The word the Gospel narratives use for 'memory' has rich layers of meaning that include a sense of making present now, which point us directly to the mystery of the sacramental Presence of Jesus under the outward veils of bread and wine. So of course you have come to Mass today for a variety of good reasons. But one of the most important is to remember: To remember in the fullest sense who Jesus is, to remember who you were, to remember who you are, to remember who it is the Lord wants you to become. The Mass is a sacred remembering, and from it we draw our identity day by day as Christians.

Fr Nicolas von Malaisé

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 BAPTISM: Gianna Nkemdilim Mbala-Dafe

and Tyler James Spiegel-Lynch

6pm P Reginald RIP (Maria Sebastian)

Daily Masses 4th-9th March 2013

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon: Feria

9.30am Mary Foley RIP Anniversary (Jo Jennings)

Tues: Feria

7am Roy Rogers RIP & Carol Marsella RIP

(Rogers Family)

9.30am Kathleen Curran RIP (Denise Curran)

Wed: Feria

7am Welfare of Donald Sullivan (Great Grandchildren)

9.30am Martin Sullivan RIP (Colm O'Malley)

Thur: Feria

7am Jenny Huntingford RIP (Rosemary Durkin)

9.30am Concetta Creda RIP (Tina Pozella)

Fri: Feria

7am Antonia RIP (Carl)

9.30am Welfare of Fr Nicolas von Malaisé

(Cook/Froger Family)

Sat: Feria

9am In Thanksgiving Anne's Family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9th/10th March 2013 Fourth Sunday in Lent (C) Mothering Sunday

Sat: 6.30pm Connie Young RIP (Peter Hogan)

Sun: 9am In Thanksgiving for the Life of Mary Estall (Rob)

11am Baby Liam Moulsdale (Angelina Baird)12.30pm Baptisms: Leonardo Silva Stantos

6pm People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church Freya Eve Harri & Emily Rose Soraya Denegri who were both baptised last weekend.

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £1,645 £545

We thank you for your continued generosity . (Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)

READINGS

This week: 3rd Sunday of Lent (A) First Scrutiny Page 164

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

The people of the Lord put him to the test to see if he is with them or not.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

The greatest sign of God's love for us is that Christ died

for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel John 4:5-42

Jesus gives living water to those who believe in him.

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Lent (A) Second Scrutiny

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First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Last but not least, the boy, David, is chosen to be king. God's ways are different from ours.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul reminds the Ephesians how they were once darkness. To be in Christ is to live in the light.

Gospel John 9:1-41

The dynamic story of the man born blind, and the wilful blindness of those who think they see.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Charles Diver** (father of Fr John Diver), **Denis Deasy** (father of Helen Cummins & grandfather of Liam), **Lorna Cooley, Mora Witton**, **Ralph Cooper** (husband of Maggie Cooper) & **Jean Studham**. 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 Haves. 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 Thurley, 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 Latham .

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays- 9.30am to 10am
and 5.30pm to 6pm

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Please note that for today and the next two 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.

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LENTEN PROJECT 2013 TABLE TOP SALE –

THIS WEEKEND- 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.

Teas and coffees and cakes and biscuits will be on sale. Call in after the Saturday evening Mass and the 2 morning Masses- meet friends and support the project! THANKYOU!

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

Total cost for half board will be approximately £910 (including flights) and will include some excursions and entrance fees. Full details can be found on the parish website. Closing date for applications is 27th March 2013. If you cannot access the website, please call Andrew Richardson on 0208 399 3466

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 today- Sunday 3rd March.

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



The Year of Faith Meeting

Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hallwith the DVD: "The Passion"

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

Charity Day Friday 15 March 2013

In aid of the 2013 Lenten Project & Brain Cancer Trust At 87 Elgar Avenue, Tolworth 11:00 – 16:00

Come along and enjoy tea, coffee or even a glass of wine plus a Ploughman's lunch.
Enjoy a relaxing hand & arm massage, bring & buy sale, raffle, quizzes & much more!
Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend
RSVP 020 8399 7788 (Toni) or 020 8399 8174 (Magda)

LENTEN PROJECT 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

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
Saturday 6th April
South Indian FOOD FESTIVAL

& CULTURAL EVENING

Weekends 6/7 April)

13/14 April) Collection of Lenten Boxes

Union of Catholic Mothers

We were pleased to have Canon Anthony with us at our last meeting. Our thanks to him for researching our questions and leading the discussion.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 5th March will be our AGM at 8pm in the Old Chapel.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the OLI Lenten Project Quiz last Saturday. Your generosity helped us raise £424 which will make a big difference to the lives of people in developing countries.

INDIAN TAKE AWAY for Parish Project available after 9am & 11amMasses 17th March. A box of Chicken Biryani will be available for £4. Ring Joshy on 07838446488 or Michael 07886196564 to pre -order. Plenty available on the day also.

Calling all apple pie makers... APPLE PIE SUNDAY

Our Lady Immaculate, Church Hall Sunday 10 March 2013

After 9am & 11am Masses (Please bring pies, crumbles & cakes to hall before Mass) Please contact Justine on manchejm@yahoo.co.uk or



07710 349871 if you can make an apple pie, crumble or cake for the sale.

SERVERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS: Servers are needed for the three main Holy week services i.e. Maundy Thursday (28 March 8.00pm) Good Friday (29 March 3.00pm) and Easter vigil (30 March 8.00pm). We need a good number of servers to ensure that all these services run smoothly so if you can serve at all or any of these please can you sign the appropriate list in the RDJ Room.

Please note that there is a Holy Week practice for all those serving during Holy Week on **Sunday 24 March** at **12.30 pm** in the Church. It is important that all those serving during Holy Week attend this practice as the ceremonies are more involved than normal. Jobs will be allocated then using the lists.

If for some reason you cannot make the practice but can serve during Holy week, please ring Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793