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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

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### Lent is a Way of the Cross

Few weeks ago I wrote about the attempted murder of Father Ambrose Mkenda in Zanzibar. The article was reflecting on whether it was a miracle or an accidental miss that the priest survived the shooting. The conclusion was that God may not appear to intervene in every incident, but he definitely does intervene in the aftermath. Although there was an expectation that violence against Christians could happen because of preachers of hate in the area, many people were shocked by the evil nature of the incident. Because of the shooting, an international event known as "Sounds of Wisdom" which is held in the old town each year was dedicated to promote religious tolerance between Muslims and Christians. Huge crowds gathered for several days to celebrate the gift of life and common humanity.

Unfortunately, on the same weekend the "Sound of Wisdom" event was to be concluded, Father Evarist Mushi, a colleague of Father Ambrose, was shot in the head in front of his church on his way to celebrate Mass. He died at the scene. On Monday morning when a priest friend of mine called to inform me of the shooting, I immediately thought of what I had written. My vigour to believe in a God who cares and my perpetual optimism was tested to the full. The spark of hope in me seemed to go off. In this incident there was no talk of a miracle or an accidental miss.

The priest's body was never taken back to his home village, but was buried in the same place where he was killed. Funeral Masses were held

simultaneously in Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam and huge crowds gathered. Speaking to a priest who was at the funeral, he put this sad event into perspective. "Here we celebrate our faith in action." I realised that he was referring to the fact that they had just ended a festival event with music, dance and traditional foods. Then it was the first Sunday of Lent, and the priest was killed. During the Stations of the Cross in many parts of the world, women wail with pain while men sob in silence. Lenten Season is an actual Way of the Cross for many Christians today.

For these Christians, Jesus' reaction at the eighth station of the cross is true prophecy:

*"A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'" (Luke 23:27-28)*

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, let us, like Jesus, pay more attention to our neighbours; especially those who need more care and support than ourselves. Maybe, we could mourn less about lack of things which feed our wants more than our needs. Let us pray more for Christians who are persecuted because of their faith in Christ. May the soul of Father Evarist Rest In Peace.

Fr Arbo Lekule



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

**Mothering Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent (C)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Connie Young RIP (Peter Hogan)

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

**11am** Baby Liam Mouldsdale (Angelina Baird)

**6pm** People of the Parish

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER WEEK DAY MASSES**

**Mon: Feria**

**9.30am** Kenneth Wright RIP (Jo & Colin Gray)

**Tues: St JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church**

**7am** Valerie, Helen & Ann RIP (Rosemary Durkin & Maureen Baynes)

**9.30am** Welfare of Henry Garcia (Nubio Carro)

**Wed: Feria**

**7am** Recovery of Simon Doherty (Lizzie Lee)

**9.30am** Kathleene Doran RIP (Peter McDermott)

**Thur: Feria**

**7am** All Deceased Parishioners

**9.30am** John Durkan RIP (Colm O'Malley)

**Fri: Feria**

**7am** Holy Souls

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

**Sat: Feria**

**9am** Beatrice Jaising (Louise Lewis)

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent (C)**

**Sat: 6.30pm** Mary Langton RIP & Mary Campbell RIP (Maria Campbell)

**Sun: 9am** Margaret Grogan RIP (Pat Grogan)

**11am** Joyce Winifred Waters RIP (Family)

**12.30pm BAPTISMS: Thomas Joseph Chang & William Thomas Creaser**

**6pm** People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church **Gianna Nkemdilim Mbala-Dafe** and **Tyler James Spiegel-Lynch** who were both baptised last weekend.

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church : £2,041**

We thank you for your continued generosity .  
(Cash counters this week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook  
Next week: Tessa McLeod & 1 other)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays- 9.30am to 10am**

**and 5.30pm to 6pm**

**READINGS**

**This 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.

**Next Week: 5th Sunday of Lent (A) Third Scrutiny**  
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**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises us resurrection through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11

Paul tells the Romans about their risen life with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel** John 11:1-45

Jesus shows his human compassion and divine power by raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Fr Tom Heneghan, John Joseph Diver** (father of Fr John Diver), **Sylvia Avery** (mother of Angela Bailey) **Denis Deasy** (father of Helen Cummins & grandfather of Liam).

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:

Jim Eggleston, Maria Simmonds, Michael O'Brien, 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, 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 McDonagh, 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, Eileen 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 Simmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion and Norma Latham .

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS**

Please note that for today and the next weekend (**March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and 16th/17<sup>th</sup>**) 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 two weekends.

### CARDINAL SWEEPSTAKE

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket- we raised £252 for the Lenten project!  
Who said gambling never pays?  
*Please pray for the Cardinals at this time.*

**INDIAN TAKE AWAY for Parish Project available after 9am & 11am Masses 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.**

### 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)



**Saturday 23rd March Doors open 1.30pm  
Admission £1.00**

This ever-popular fund-raising event is being organised jointly by the KSC and the UCM to support the **Parish Lenten Project**. The organisers would be most grateful for any good-quality, saleable items you can donate such as clothing, shoes, handbags, kitchenware and utensils, cutlery, crockery, glassware, books, pictures, children's toys and games, and general bric-a-brac.

**NOTE:** The organisers regret they are **NOT** able to accept any furniture or electrical goods.

Please bring your jumble to the Catholic Hall **between 9am and 11am** on the morning of the sale (Saturday 23rd March). If you wish to have it collected between Monday and Friday, in the week of the sale, please contact Alex (020 8399 0833) or Leo (020 8390 2500). Thank you.

### TABLE TOP SALE 2013

Many, many thanks to all who came in to buy refreshments and browse. And to all those who made and displayed the many items on offer. The 'regulars' were all there – lots of jam, home-made shortbread, plants and toys; a lovely selection of jewellery and hand-made cards. Lots of 'general' items were for sale and both the main raffle and the 'special' to celebrate Mothers' Day were very well supported.

There is still some of the hotel ware and you may see it popping up for sale again!

A final figure, when known, will be published (because money is still coming in) but so far this event has raised over £900 for the projects this year. Thank you!

**The Parish Library will be open after each Mass next week-end of 16/17 March**

### LENTEN PROJECT 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

Sunday 10 March **APPLE PIE SALE**  
Sunday 17 March **THE BIG INDIAN TAKE AWAY**  
(after morning Masses) in Old Chapel  
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 )



### APPLE PIE SUNDAY

**Our Lady Immaculate, Church Hall . Sunday 10 March 2013 after 9am & 11am Masses. Buy an apple pie to enjoy at home or to share on Mothers Day**



### LENTEN PROJECT : MATCHED MONEY APPEAL

The Lenten Project needs your help!

Many companies run Matched Money schemes, under which they donate to a charity an amount of money relating to the amount that an employee fund raises for a charity. Others may give one-off donations to charitable causes.

Companies which run such schemes include :

*Alliance & Leicester plc, Asda Group, BAA plc, Bank of England, Barclays Bank plc, Alliance Boots plc, BP Group, Bradford & Bingley plc, British Gas Group, BT Group, Cable & Wireless plc, Camelot Group, Carlsberg Group, Centrica plc, Churchill Insurance Group, Cooperative Bank plc, Cornhill Insurance plc, Debenhams Group, DHL, Ernst & Young, HSBC Bank, J Sainsbury Group, Kellogg's Group, Kingfisher plc, Legal & General Group, Littlewoods Group, Lloyds Bank plc, Marks & Spencer plc, National Grid Group, N Power Group, Norwich Union plc, O2 Group, Peugeot Motor Group, PWC, Royal London Mutual Insurance Group, RBS Group, Santander Group, Stagecoach plc, Tesco plc, Unilever plc, United Utilities plc, WH Smith plc, Woolwich plc.*

If you work for one of these companies please do contact your Human Resources Department and find out if your company would be able to help us raise money for the Lenten Project through Matched Money.

Please do help if you can – it will make a huge difference to the amount that we can raise. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

### HELEN'S HIKERS

#### SPONSORED WALK Saturday 23rd March 9am

Would you like to join Fr Anthony and the other hikers on the Helen O'Brien Memorial sponsored walk? The total distance will be around 11 miles- so if you fancy getting involved, dust off your walking boots and tell Fr Anthony or Elaine in the Parish Office.





**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage  
St George's Cathedral  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> / 40<sup>th</sup> / 50<sup>th</sup> / 60<sup>th</sup> + 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**



**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 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

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013.** If you cannot access the website, please call Andrew Richardson on 0208 399 3466

**Mothering Sunday 10th March**

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.



Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers.

Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appre-

**Prayer for the Election of a Pope**

O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lovely spacious one bedroom flat for let in Ber-rylands, Surbiton, Surrey.  
For more information please ring 07887404558

**NEW JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

As you may have heard, we are pleased to announce that our new Junior Youth Club will be starting on Friday 19 April. This is for children from OLI Parish in school years 7 and 8, and we will meet every other Friday night, 7.15pm-8.45pm, during term time in the Parish Hall. We will have a range of informal activities for the children to take part in – music, games, crafts, a tuck shop, and time to chat with friends.

If your child is interested in joining the Junior Youth Club, do come to a brief meeting after the 11.00 Mass on **Sunday 24 March** in the Old Chapel. We will have more information then, including application forms, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Also, if you would like to help, do come along and let us know (it needn't be every time, maybe once a month or every two months). If you are not able to make that meeting then pencil the start date in your diary, and information and forms will be available on the Parish website after 24 March or at the Youth Club when we start.

**Can you help with games for the club?**

We would like to have a selection of games available at the Junior Youth Club and wonder if you have any that are in good condition but are no longer used, maybe sitting in a cupboard at home. We are looking to get easy to play games which the children can do in small or larger groups, that don't need too much setting up or that take too long to play as there will be several activities for them to do during the evening. Some of the games we were thinking of are Twister, Pass the Bomb, cards, Top Trumps, or any smaller table games like air hockey. It could be an opportunity for a good clear out!!! Please drop any games into the presbytery marked for the Junior Youth Club, or bring them along on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March when we have a meeting for parents/children who are interested. Or if you need us to collect anything from you, then please leave a message with Elaine in the Presbytery and she will pass it onto us.

**Noah's Ark Pre-school**

Do you have a child aged 2-5? Noah's Ark Pre-school is a busy, popular pre-school assessed as 'Outstanding' in our 2012 Ofsted inspection. The pre-school is situated in 'the Bungalow', between OLI church and OLI school and we offer pre-school education to children giving priority to the older child.

The closing date for applications for September 2013 entry is **28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. Please ensure your application is submitted by then. Details of our admission policy and an application form are available and down loadable from our website ([www.noahsark-preschool.org.uk](http://www.noahsark-preschool.org.uk)). If you require a hard copy please phone us on 0208 390 0011 or call in at the pre-school.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SURBITON**

The next bi-monthly service is at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th March at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. It is being presented by the Community Church and the theme is the Foodbank.

**Single professional man working at Kingston College requires single room / bedsit type accommodation for medium to long term.**

**Contact Paul Farmer – 07895 260605**

ciate and love them. Happy Mothering Sunday.



From Fr Anthony,

As you will have seen from previous newsletters, there are a number of events and activities being held during Lent to raise money for the charities being supported as part of the Parish Lenten Project.

Many of you will remember Helen O'Brien who used to undertake her own sponsored walk each year for our parish Lenten Project, and over the years, Helen raised thousands of pounds for our chosen charities. Sadly, Helen died last year, so in honour of her memory a group of us are planning the 'Helen O'Brien Memorial Sponsored Walk' and will be walking the 11 or so miles that Helen used to, taking in all of the churches in our Kingston Deanery.

Our sponsored walk will take place on **Saturday 23rd March**. I will be leading our group of walkers- '**Helen's Hikers**' on a trip of over **11 miles** starting from St Catherine of Siena in Chessington and walking to St Raphael's (Surbiton), St Agatha's (Kingston), St Ann's (Kingston Hill), St Pius X (Norbiton), St Joseph's (New Malden) and finally finishing at OLI. The team are busy training for the walk, despite the recent arctic weather conditions.

In support of the walk, and to spur us all on, our now famous **Tolworth Tornados**- including Fr Arbo- will be cycling the walk circuit, plus an additional 40 miles.

Please do consider sponsoring '**Helen's Hikers**' - we are trying to raise a total of **£4000** to go towards the charities chosen for support (their details are included again overleaf). Simply fill in the form below, place it together with your sponsorship money/cheque in the attached envelope, and post it through the Presbytery letterbox by **Easter Sunday**.

Name	Address	Amount Pledged	Amount Collected	Date Given

**Sponsorship Form – HELEN'S HIKERS - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**

***Please make cheques payable to 'Our Lady Immaculate Church – Parish Lenten Project'***

**Thank you for your Support and God bless.**

**Fr Anthony.**



## **Charities being supported by the Parish Lenten Project 2013**

### **Friends of the Holy Land:**

This project deals directly with 3 parishes in the Bethlehem area. The three Parish Priests meet to distribute food and clothing vouchers, blankets, heaters and medicines. The vouchers are “spent” at shops owned by local Christians. The Priests ensure that only the most needy receive support.

### **Emmanuel International:**

This project in Tanzania is providing expertise and engineers to provide a clean water supply to a Secondary School in Furahia. The local community provide the labour etc. At present their supply comes from a sand river bed some distance away and is both unsafe and unhygienic.

### **Asha Ashram:**

The CMI missionaries provide shelter for those physically and mentally challenged tribal people of the Jagdalpur area of Chattisgarh State in India who are often abandoned on the street. At the shelter they receive food, treatment, education & training.

### **Loreto Day School Calcutta:**

Sr Cyril, who founded the school enlists the help of older children (aged 10 to 12 years) to scout their neighbourhoods and discover where younger children are working. These very young children are growing up in factories and shops deprived of the most basic rights of food, medical care and sleep. The owners are then persuaded to release the children for a few hours to attend the school to receive that care. The hope is that these children will gain some education/training to help themselves out of their predicament.