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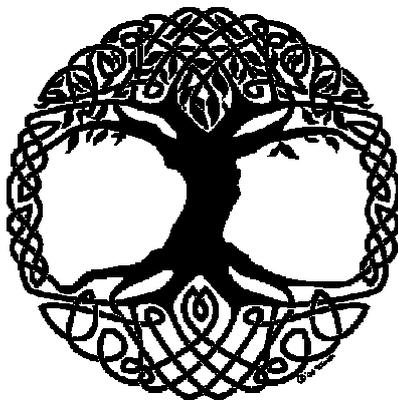
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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

Help! There's a snake in my garden.

At the beginning of our Scriptures, we have a story involving a garden with a snake in it. What's it all about? Herewith some personal reflections. When I was young, my mother used to ask me to help in the garden. I dreaded it. I could not understand why people would want to spend hours rooting around in the earth surrounded by masses of vegetation that ended up in cut down heaps all over the place. And I think that it remains largely true that gardening comes to people as they leave youth behind, with the inevitable exceptions that prove the rule. Why that is I am not entirely sure, although it may have something to do with the adult's slower pace of life and thought, coupled with the need to find and build a sanctuary from the toils and stresses of the day. Such has been my experience also. A few years ago I had the dubious privilege of inheriting about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of overgrown and rubbish strewn land around the house where I was living. It was a case of either despairing or doing something about it, and so by necessity, I became a gardener. Why did I begin to enjoy something so much, which I had at an earlier stage found incomprehensible? There is an architectural joy in developing a design and plan for what you want your garden to look like. In this way you are being creative and leaving your mark on the landscape in a way which you hope is pleasing and beautiful, and will be recognised as such by others. There is a particular pleasure in nurturing living things which you have selected. Gardeners will 'visit' their plants regularly to ensure they are flourishing and to give them what they need. I remember my mother saying plants were 'grateful' to the gardener for what was done for them, and their gratitude was expressed in big healthy blooms and strong shoots. There is certainly a kind of relationship or bond between the gardener and his plants. So it is no surprise really that Genesis uses the image of God as the divine gardener and His Creation as a garden. A garden is a creative act. If you abandon the land to itself, the result is a wilderness, a kind of



chaos, the formless void of which Genesis speaks before the Creation. This notion of chaos is important. The Creation accounts as we have them seem to be both a borrowing from, a reflection on, and a correction of some of the stories about the beginning of time which were circulating in the ancient Near East. The Jews, perhaps especially in their Babylonian Exile, shaped these stories to give them their unique and special form as we now have them in the Bible. This is where the snake comes in. Perhaps I am in a minority, but I do not find snakes particularly terrifying. On the rare occasions I have seen one, they seemed to want to keep out of my way as much as I theirs. But in the pagan religion of Babylon, the god-king Marduk has to fight and overcome Tiamat the chaos dragon for the world to exist. This Babylonian religion may well have been the backdrop against which our Creation accounts were shaped by the Jewish exiles. Now a dragon is of course a quite different prospect. Our crafty Satanic snake was probably originally a dragon, which may be why our story has him being punished by God to crawl along the ground - something that makes more sense if he originally had limbs. But now he is a mere snake, and mankind can crush his head. The chaos dragon has been seriously demoted. What the Jews understood through this, and what distinguishes our faith from paganism, is that the Creator God is infinitely more powerful than chaos and sin. There is no 'eternal struggle between good and evil' or between various gods, no constant fear of the hopeless end of all things. Even though he is fallen, there is no necessity for man to be a slave to chaos and wickedness, God has not abandoned him. And even if the beautiful harmony of the Garden was barred to him after the Fall, the infinite mercy of God foresaw a Second Adam and a New Eve, and a more glorious Tree of Life, which would allow the door to the Garden to be opened to us again.

Nicolas von Malaisé

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6th/7th July 2013

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)

Sat 6.30pm Karen Hoey & Paul Matthey RIP (Family)

Sun 9am James McGrath RIP (Pat Grogan)

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptisms: Marakas Vingily's & Callum Benedict Wright

6pm Maggie Sawyer RIP (Anita Choi)

Daily Masses 8th 13th July 2013

Mon: Feria

7am For All Blessings Received (Gamier Family)

9.30am Welfare of Angelene Seby- Birthday

Tues: Feria

9.30am Sr Philomena Thannikot RIP OLM Convent (T J Simon & Family)

Wed: Feria

9.30am Jo Jennings RIP (Mary & Brian Farrelly)

12 Noon FUNERAL MASS: Maria Skinner RIP

Thurs: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

7am Welfare of Anthony & Evelyn Durkin (Rosemary Durkin)

9.30am Claramma & Sebastian (Stella Ubald)

Fri: Feria

10.30am FUNERAL MASS: Yvette Waters RIP

Sat: St Henry

9am John Robson RIP (Mary O'Mara)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th July 2013

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sea Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Ambrose Shayo RIP (Fr Arbo)

Sun 9am People of the Parish

11.00am Harry Golab RIP-Anniversary (Teresa Golab) Church Parade

12.30pm Baptisms: Jesse Clinton-Zaks & Charlie James Piller

6.00pm Gloria Edirimanasingha RIP (Antoinette Krishna)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



We welcome into the church **Anayah Wambui Kanjoya, Alexander James O'Toole & Scarlett Anastasia O'Toole** who were all baptised last Sunday.

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,902

Peter's Pence: £ 341

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

WE REGRET WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY IN THE COLLECTION.

READINGS

This week: 14th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

The Temple, restored in Jerusalem, is a place of mercy, comfort and peace.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

Christ, by his Spirit, makes us a new creation. It is God's grace, not the Law, which saves us.

Gospel Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Jesus sends his disciples out to impart his peace to a troubled and hostile world.

Next week: 15th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The Law of God is not beyond our strength or beyond our reach. God's Word is in our mouth and heart.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

In this beautiful hymn St Paul praises the divinity of Jesus in creation, in the Church, and in reconciling and uniting everything in heaven and earth.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Jesus relates the much-loved parable of the Good Samaritan.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **John Robson** (husband of Pam), **Yvette Waters, Maria Skinner, Raymond Thorn** (husband of Kitty), **Nora Savage, Rosamma Mattathil**, (mother of Rosamma Kocherry), **Maria Rosa Anna Nappi, Asgar (Tony) Fazal** (husband of Philipina) , **Jo Jennings** , and **Ambrose Shayo**, brother of Fr Arbo. 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: Eleo Kayrouz, Sean McAleenan, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, Andrea Shephard, Susan Cooney, Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, 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, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), 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,, Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegam, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, 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 and Vic Carrion.

Retiring Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2014 are available at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign these forms on **Tuesday 9th July from 3pm to 4pm and Wednesday 10th July from 6pm to 7pm.**

More dates for form signing will appear in the newsletter each week throughout the July, so please do not worry if you can't make these times— there will be plenty of other opportunities. All forms need to be submitted by **28th July 2013.**



Year of Faith Meeting

Fr Anthony invites all the parishioners to watch a DVD on Catholicism **Saturday 20 July from 7.30pm to 9pm** in the Hall behind the church. Refreshments available.

YEAR OF FAITH 2013

OLD MOBILE PHONES

Fr Arbo is collecting old mobile phones again for his charity **You Touch Africa**. If you have all the accessories, please give these too. Even if you have an old charger without the phone, please pass these on as they are very expensive to buy in Tanzania. In addition, if you have any old laptops, these are also invaluable so please donate these if you can.

Thank you.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from the middle of September, and will start from 7.30pm. Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests or drop them into the Presbytery. Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

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FR CHRIS O'BRIEN

Fr Chris thanks you all for your thoughts and prayers, whilst he has been unwell. Thankfully, he is making a good recovery and hopes you will continue to keep him in your prayers.

Support The Tolworth Tornadoes as they do

'THE CHICKEN RUN' in support of Fr Arbo's brother

On Saturday 13th July the Tolworth Tornadoes will be undertaking a 50 mile bike ride in support of Fr Arbo's brother's family. The Tornadoes are a small, but plucky, band of determined cyclists who are already practising for the ride. The ride will be led by our own Fr Arbo.

Fr Arbo is trying to raise funds to help Evarista, Ambrose's widow, open a chicken farming project which will be a source of income for the family in the future. It is hoped that this would give the family sufficient income to pay for the children's education.

If you are able to, and haven't made a donation already, please consider sponsoring the Tornadoes to ride 50 miles to help this family. Fr Arbo is very grateful for the money you have raised already. Envelopes will be provided on the benches in church on the weekend of **6th & 7th July 2013**. The envelopes should then be posted through the Presbytery letterbox 401-403 Ewell Road, Tolworth.

After the bike ride by the Tolworth Tornadoes , Fr Arbo will celebrate the 6.30 pm Mass for the repose of the soul of Ambrose, followed by shared food and drinks in the parish hall and hopefully some live music.

Please support the Tolworth Tornadoes.

"Pope Francis has said that we must be a "poor Church for the poor." Following the tragic death of Fr. Arbo's brother, the Tolworth Tornadoes are organising a bike ride to raise funds to help Fr. Arbo's family start a chicken farming project at their new home. Perhaps we could all make ourselves a little bit poorer by supporting this very worthy cause to help Fr. Arbo's poor family."
+ **Peter Smith Archbishop of Southwark**

Special coffee morning

Sunday 21 July from 10 to 11 am . In the Old Chapel. For Sale: Cheap children books - toys and DVDs, adult fiction novels



HOUSE OF PRAYER- EAST MOLESEY

We would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s or 50s to come for a discernment weekend from 4th - 6th October 2013 to explore vocation to Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God, and for whom prayer is a priority. And who would have the desire to continue and develop the ministry of Retreats and Spirituality in our small Congregation. For more information please contact the Sisters on: 020 8941 2313 or email us at: info@christian-retreat.org

FASHION SHOW by Community Church, Surbiton
 HIGH STREET AND DESIGNER CLOTHES AT BARGAIN PRICES!! Watch the show, try on and buy this seasons fashions at massive reductions!
THURSDAY 18TH JULY At The Kings Centre, Chessington (Coppard Gardens, Chessington, KT6 2GZ)
 DOORS OPEN: 7pm
 SHOW STARTS AT: 7:30 pm
 TICKET PRICE: £6
 (Including canapés and welcome drink)
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TICKETS CONTACT:
 Stephanie on 0208 391 1100
 Or EMAIL malawifashionshow@yahoo.co.uk
 THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY CHURCH'S YOUTH TRIP TO MALAWI WITH NO ORDERING, BUY CLOTHES ON THE NIGHT – PAY BY CASH OR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD

Papal Prayer Intention for July 2013



Hundreds of thousands of young people are set to descend on the carnival city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil for World Youth Day 2013. Pope Francis will make his first Apostolic Visit to his home continent of South America since he was inaugurated the 265th

successor of St Peter in March. It is always a faith-inspiring time where Catholic spirituality comes to the fore in the presence of the Holy Father. This month we are invited to join in the papal prayer intention, **"...That World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel."**

THE SOUTHWARK BRETHERN

The Southwark Brethren is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask your help again this year. Please send donations to Rev Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1050 each to 36 priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 7 working priests who had serious sickness, to make their situation a little easier. In addition, we have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a Gift Aid form.

THE PASSAGE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending the Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 12 July from 6pm to 8.30pm. Tickets are £32 each, which includes wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020 7592 1856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds to The Passage.

Sea Sunday 14th July 2013



Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many of us have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers are unable to practise their faith due to long periods away from home, whilst others are denied basic rights and working conditions that we take for granted.

Next weekend's second collection is our opportunity to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable AoS to continue its work with seafarers. Please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit their website at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Saint Benedict July 11th

Born in 480 of Roman nobility, Benedict, frustrated with the lack of discipline displayed by his fellow students in Rome, adopted the life of a hermit and spent three years living in a cave. He later founded a monastery and the well-known Benedictine Order. For some reason, Benedict did not always get on well with fellow monks. It is documented that he once had an attempt made on his life by poisoning! Regardless, Benedict went on to establish twelve more monasteries. Today he is patron saint of students, kidney disease and poison sufferers.



OFFICE HELPER WANTED

Part time office helper needed in Ewell Village for a coffee and tea manufacturing company. Variable hours. Duties to include basic book keeping, correspondence, admin and answering the telephone. If you are interested, please call Philip Moseley on 07957 555 636

St PHILOMENA's HIGH SCHOOL for GIRLS

The Governors at St Philomena's, Pond Street, Carshalton are seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body. Further details and an application form are available by emailing recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contact Marsha Adams on 020 8642 2025 ext 202.