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### Oh to be in Amsterdam now that spring is here

When I worked in a school, we would sometimes ask the pupils where they had been on holiday. If the answer came back 'Amsterdam', we would usually be concerned. At the time, the city was known mainly amongst some youngsters as a centre for substance abuse. But there is a much better reason to visit Amsterdam, and never more so than now, because one of the greatest museums in the world has just reopened after being shut for over ten years. That in itself is a striking statistic, - I am not sure we would dare to shut the National Gallery for ten years. It appears, however, that the Dutch were prepared to wait, because the Rijksmuseum has an extraordinary significance to them, that goes far beyond what most of us think about museums- dusty places where the kids are dragged on rainy winters' days when they've been spending too much time on the computer again. No, for the Dutch the Rijksmuseum is a repository of Dutchness, it is an element of national identity. Above all, this is because it contains many of the masterpieces of the so-called Dutch 'Golden Age' of painting from the seventeenth century, which give visual expression to the character of the people and their land. When the museum was built in the nineteenth century, it was constructed around its single most famous exhibit, Rembrandt's 'Night Watch'. For a painting, it is gigantic, measuring thirteen feet by sixteen. It depicts one of the city militias of Amsterdam, who are trying to form up for some kind of parade or procession. The scene is tumultuous, half chaotic, with dogs, children and several not very military looking types tumbling towards each other. A musket seems to be being fired by a careless youth



that might easily have accidentally hit one of these weekend warriors. It's all a bit of a mixture between 'Dad's Army' and a day out for the boys. Despite its subject matter, this is not a martial picture, but it does convey a sense of civic pride, of bonhomie, of common identity which in the end is more important than the individual portraits of the members of the militia. No wonder it came to be seen as the pictorial representation of Dutch identity, conveyed by one of the greatest masters of the human psyche and observers of human relationships, Rembrandt

himself. The place of the 'Night Watch' at the heart of the Rijksmuseum and at the centre of Dutch national self-understanding is more than a tribute just to Rembrandt, however. It is a great expression of the power of images as such, even centuries after they were made. This painting, like any painting, is more than a photograph. It is a vivid representation of the subject interpreted by the artist. That this is possible at all in Western art we took for granted for centuries, but its origins lie in our faith. It is the genius of Christianity, unlike other monotheistic religions, to allow the image or icon, indeed to encourage and celebrate it as a representation of the activity of God in the world, or indeed heaven. The entirety of Western pictorial art rests on the Christian understanding that God was made man, that He could be seen and heard and touched in the Person of Jesus Christ, Who is, as the Scriptures say, the image of the invisible God. Of course as in any human activity there are bad pictures, there are ineffective or second rate pictures, but the fact that some of the greatest creative acts undertaken by human beings are in the form of paintings, emerges out of our faith in the Incarnation. And all great museums, such as the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, are a kind of celebration of that.

Fr Nicolas von Malaisé

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th April 2013**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Michael Doherty RIP on his 69th birthday  
(Family)
- Sun 9am** Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
- 11am** Harriot Munford (Mrs East)
- 3pm** **St George's Parade**
- 6pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 29th April - 4th May 2013**

**Mon: St Catherine of Siena**

**7am** Welfare of Maria Victoria Lorenzo (Carl)

**9.30am** Mary & Sidney Linstead RIP (FM)

**Tues: Feria**

**9.30am** Tom Casey RIP & Family (Kathleen Kelleher)

**Wed: St Joseph the Worker**

**9.30am** Jim Eggleston RIP (Betty Maguire & Family)

**Thurs: St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church**

**7am** Elizabeth Doherty RIP (Daughter)

**9.30am** Dennis Peiris RIP anniversary (Family)

**Fri: SS Philip & James, Apostles**

**10am FUNERAL MASS: Concy Chellar RIP**

**Sat: The English Martyrs**

**9am** Charles Thurley RIP (Elizabeth Saunders)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th May 2013**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Winifred Brown RIP (Dee & Norman)

**Sun 9.00am** Denis Deasy RIP (Fiona & Andrew Perks)

**11.00am** Sr Laurence & Sr Anthony (Maria Simmonds)

**12.30pm** **Baptism: Alexandra Pierrot**

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for Fr Arbo's brother- Ambrose RIP, his widow Eva and children Kelvin, Beatrice and Viola.**



We welcome into the church **Matthew James Russell** who was baptised last Sunday.

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church : £1,855**

We thank you for your continued generosity.  
(Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski  
Next week: Michael & Angela Donovan)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**READINGS**

**This week: 5th Sunday of Easter (C) p271**

**First Reading** Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas consolidate the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere.

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:1-5

John describes his vision of the end of time, when God will make all things new.

**Gospel** John 13:31-35

Jesus' legacy to his disciples: love one another as I have loved you.

**Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter (C)**

As the first communities of Christians are formed, we hear how differences of opinion emerge, and how they are worked through: by argument, consultation and attentive listening to the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

The Lord prepares for all his people a radiant and peaceful future in the new Jerusalem. In the Spirit we catch a glimpse of this promise.

**Gospel** John 14:23-29

As Jesus prepares to leave his friends, he promises that the Spirit will be given them, and will bring them peace and courage in all the difficulties and uncertainties that lie ahead.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Ambrose Shayo**, brother of Fr Arbo, **Veronica Heaton**, whose funeral is on Wednesday 15th May at 1pm, **Concy Chellar**, mother of Cornelia Jaganathan whose funeral is on Friday 3rd May at 10am, **Norma Latham**, **Charles Thurley**, **Jim Eggleston**, **John Walsh**, **Michael Doherty**, **Fr William Hogg** and **Fr Tom Heneghan**. 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:

Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Pauline Ferrera, 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 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, 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, 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.

Father Arbo appreciates your kind prayers and thoughts on the death of his brother Ambrose Shayo. May he rest in peace. We also pray for his widow Eva and their three children Kelvin, Beatrice and Viola.

There will be a retiring collection for Ambrose's family next weekend.

#### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS :

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 8pm in the Old Chapel. Since it is May, Our Lady's month, we shall say the Rosary. This will be followed by a Quiz and refreshments. All ladies in the parish are invited to join us at any of our meetings - young, not so young, single, married, separated or divorced. You will be most welcome.

Thanks to all who came to our auction. We raised £50 for RNIB

#### Mothers Prayers. OLI School

##### Mum's, Nan's, Godmother's, Carers, Aunties.....

The next Mothers Prayers will take place on Tuesday 7th May. The OLI Mothers Prayer Group meet on the first **Tuesday of every month from 2.20pm to 2.50pm** in the **Lady Chapel**, just before you pick up your child/children from school. All mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunties and carers are warmly invited for half an hour of prayer. Spend some quiet time praying for the children in your lives.

#### CONCERT AT OLI CHURCH

We are very excited to be welcoming back the St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. This is a truly amazing evening and comes highly recommended. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults (£5 for under 16's) and drinks will be served in the hall in the interval. Tickets should be purchased in advance via the presbytery by placing in an envelope (addressed to St Petersburg Concert) your name and address (so that we can send you your tickets) and your cheque or cash (a stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated). Cheques can be made payable to "Our Lady Immaculate Church." More details on the poster in the narthex.

#### Ursuline, Wimbledon, O.G.A.

All 'Old Girls' and ex-staff of the school are invited to attend the Annual Reunion, which takes place at the school on Saturday 11th May from 3pm. Refreshments will be served. The reunion will close with Mass at 5.15pm in the school chapel.

#### Parish Library

The library will be open after every Mass this weekend with Grapevine being available there. Please note the library will open on the last Saturday and Sunday of the month.

#### Repository/ Church Shop Notice

Cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now on sale in the Repository after 6.30pm Saturday Mass and 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.

#### Lenten Project Money Raised So Far...

U.C.M. Cake Sale	£509.00
Quiz	£424.00
O.L.I. P.T.A.	£100.00
Fair Trade Breakfast	£ 80.00
Sweep Stake	£255.00
Table Top Sale	£1,067.54
Apple Pie Sunday	£553.74
Indian Takeaway	£313.00
Charity Day (Toni & Magda)	£200.00
Noah's Ark	£ 74.50
Jumble Sale	£544.54
Southern Indian Night	£2,670.00
Donations	£ 1067.54
Maunday Thursday	£373.00
CAFE	£61.00
Donation(Ring & Cat sitting ) (Peggy O'Connor)	£ 50.00
Sponsored Walk (so far)	£ 2270.00 (includes Just Giving)
Raffle-Grand Draw (so far)	£ 759.00
TOTAL to date	£11,371.86

#### HOLY MASS IN ITALIAN AT OLI SUNDAY 12th MAY at 3pm

There will be a **Mass in Italian** with Father Giandomenico Ziliotto at **Our Lady Immaculate Church**, 401/403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey KT6 7DG.

After Mass we will meet in the church hall. Everybody is welcome. Please bring some food to share. For further information, please contact Maria Iacuzio [mar\_iacuzio@hotmail.com] or phone 0208 399 2898

#### Angel Pop Choir

The Angelpop choir together with Muttley and Gia would like to thank you all for helping us raise £610 to date with our single Christmas Time. This was a great achievement as it was the first year of Angelpop. THANK YOU for supporting us so far. We do hope you will be able to support us with our future plans to help raise money for the primary school in Kirarachia in Tanzania. We will keep working towards our goal in raising the rest of the money to see the school finished.

We have just finished writing New Material for Angel pop choir. We are pleased to announce that the angelpop choir will be holding auditions for this year 2013/14. There are 30 places available. The auditions will be taking place on Saturday 11th May 2013 between 1 - 5pm. in the RDJ room. (Once an application form is filled in, the children will be invited to an audition and given a specific time)

This great opportunity is open to all children from Our Lady Immaculate church, ages 4 - 14.

Children will need to have prepared a piece to sing A Capella, no longer than 2 min each.

For an application and more info please call me on 07519915668 or email me on [gia.borgdarcy@gmail.com](mailto:gia.borgdarcy@gmail.com). All people involved are CRB checked. No fees for entry. Looking forward to hearing from you Gia ( Angelpop choir founder)

#### Norma Latham RIP

Simon, Julia and Valerie thank you for your loving support at the death of Norma. As Simon said in his eulogy, Norma would have been overwhelmed to see the church so full for her funeral.