



OUR LADY IMMACULATE
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If you look at the Foundation Stone on the right hand corner of the front of our church there is a Latin inscription which reads:

D.O.M
HUNC PRIMARIUM LAPIDEM
ECCLESIAE IN HONOREM
BEATAE MARIAE IMMACULATAE
ILLUS AC REVMUS DNUS
CYRILLUS
SOUTHWARCENIS EPISCOPUS
DIE XXI APRILIS MCMLVI
RITE BENEDIXIT ET POSUIT

It says that this first stone of the church was

blessed and laid in honour of Our Lady Immaculate by Cyril Bishop of Southwark on 21st April 1956.

What I could not translate was D.O.M. I found out that it stands for Deo Optimo Maximo, which translated means "To God, the best and greatest." According to Wikipedia "*Deo optimo maximo*, often abbreviated D.O.M., is a Lat-

in phrase that originally meant "to the greatest and best god", referring to Jove, when the Romans were polytheists : IOVI OPTIMO MAXIMO (I O M). Centuries later, after the Romans had become monotheists via the adoption of Christianity, the phrase was used in reference to the Christian God, and meant "To God, most good, most great." Its use continued long after the fall of Roman civilization via Europe's retention of Latin as a scholarly and ecclesiastical language. Thus the phrase or its abbreviation can be found on many Renaissance-era churches and other buildings, especially over sarcophagi, particularly in Italy. It is also inscribed on bottles of Bénédictine liquor and is the Motto of the Order of



St. Benedict. It reminded me of the Jesuit practice of beginning all their written work with four letters A.M.D.G. (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.)

"To the greater glory of God". What a great attitude to have. In all things and at all times we want to give honour and glory to God; in our building, in our parish life and in our everyday existence. Thomas Merton in his book *Seeds of Contemplation* says that a tree gives honour and glory to God by being a tree, for in being what God meant it to be it is obeying him. He says for me to be a saint is to be myself. We give glory to God by being the person that God created us to be. As a Church and parish we give honour and glory to God by being fully the people God created us to be. This

is our calling. This is the reason for living. The purpose of being a community or gathering of God's people, a parish part of the diocese, the local church is to give glory to God by being witnesses to the Good News of Jesus. We do this through a deepening of our relationship of love with Jesus through prayer and reflection, through our community life,

through our liturgy centred on the Eucharist and through our involvement in the wider community especially in our solidarity with the poor and needy.

On the 31st of this month we are celebrating 50 years since the building was consecrated. The Archbishop is celebrating an evening Mass at 7pm. Fifty years ago the walls were anointed in twelve places. The building was set apart to give glory to God. We have also been anointed and we are the living stones choosing to give glory to God by being the people God created us to be.

Fr Anthony

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th May 2013
Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Sat 6.30pm Winifred Brown RIP (Dee & Norman)
Sun 9am Denis Deasy RIP (Fiona & Andrew Perks)
11am Sr Laurence & Sr Anthony (Maria Simmonds)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Alexandra Pierrot**
6pm People of the Parish

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

Daily Masses 6th-11th May 2013

Mon: Feria
10am Jane Hornsey RIP (Ellen Farmer)
Tues: Feria
9.30am Tim & Joan Wood RIP (FM)
Wed: Feria
9.30am Welfare of the Horrocks Family, especially Edward (Anne Sheridan)
Thurs: Feria
7am Philip & Doreen Stanley RIP (FM)
9.30am Welfare of Clement, Anita & Eugenia Choi (Rosemary Durkin)
Fri: Feria
9.30am For the Safe Return of William Estall (Rob Estall)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat: Feria
9am Nicholas Reginald RIP (Anne Sebastian)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11th/12th May 2013
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)

Sat 6.30pm Margaret & Peter Crawford RIP (FM)
Sun 9.00am K.A. Kuriakose RIP (Jomon Family)
11.00am People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptism: Francis Lewis Chalke, Dylan Snelling & James Peter Adam Wilson**
3pm **Italian Mass with Fr Giandomenico Ziliotto**
Baptism: Lorenzo Bonanomi
6.00pm Harry Schwarz RIP (Schwarz Family)

Retiring Collection for World Communications

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £1,631
Ecclesiastical Education: £ 442

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS

This 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.

Next Week: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus gives his disciples many demonstrations of his resurrection, and promises the Spirit.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Jesus, our true high priest, has entered the sanctuary of heaven.

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus, the crucified, risen and ascended Lord, is our way to the Father.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Ambrose Shayo**, brother of Fr Arbo, **Joseph Joseph**, **Veronica Heaton**, **Concy Chellar**, mother of Cornelia Jaganathran 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 Carri-

Father Arbo sent a message on Wednesday saying that Monday 29th April was the eighth and last day of the mourning period for his brother Ambrose. He wrote "There is a feeling that we will never recover from the horrible nature of my brother's death.....Keep me in your prayers and please pass on my sincere thanks to all those who have tried to reach me by phone or email, but have been unable to respond. I am very much consoled by their prayers and words of encouragement."

The retiring collection this weekend will be for Ambrose's widow, Eva and their three children, Kelvin, Beatrice and Viola

Fr Anthony

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 17th 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.

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

Year of Faith Social

Fr Anthony invites all the parishioners to watch a DVD on Our Lady on Saturday 11 May 7.30pm to 9pm in the Hall behind the church. Finger food & refreshments



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
Maundy Thursday	£373.00
CAFE	£61.00
Donation(Ring & Cat sitting)	£ 50.00
(Peggy O'Connor)	
Sponsored Walk (so far)	£ 2270.00 includes Just Giving
Raffle-Grand Draw (so far)	£ 1,249.00
OLI School	£ 1316.20
Lenten Boxes so far	£3,955.89
TOTAL to date	£18,687.90

 * **Bedding Plant Sale** *
 * Attached to the newsletter is an order form *
 * for summer plants. There is a wide variety of *
 * excellent quality plants available and the prices *
 * are the same as they were last year! *
 * All profits will go to the Lenten Parish Project *
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RESULTS FOR THE GRAND RAFFLE DRAW

A big 'Thank You' to all our generous donors and those who bought tickets for the Raffle. The amount raised will be announced soon (the Treasurer is on holiday).

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners:

- Marie Ioannou Two Grandstand tickets to British F1 Grand Prix plus Goodie bag.
- Mrs D'Agostino Google Nexus 7 16 GB tablet computer
- Clare Tett Tea for two at the Lanesborough Hotel
- Michael Donovan £100 worth M&S vouchers
- Josie Hazell Shirt signed by Brownlee brothers
- Fr Anthony Visit to Lobb shoe shop/workshop + £50 voucher
- Rian Hoskins £100 voucher for cake making and baking goodies Surbiton Sugarcraft
- Aideen Phillips Tour and lunch for two at The Royal Hospital Chelsea
- Jeanne Wickramasingham Bottle of FLORIS perfume
- Hazel Bamford Voucher for Hair Associates Kingston
- Ashali 2 hour Driving Lesson
- Martin Harding Voucher for Paul Garrett Hair Salon
- Marie-Helene Cook Voucher for Paul Garrett Hair Salon

Parish Project Committee

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land this August 19th - 27th (8 nights half board) flying from London. Follow the footsteps of Christ praying for the healing of Humanity and in support of Christians living in The Holy Land. Price £1250. Please ring Keith or Jonathan on 01423 531 222 for full itinerary.

CATHOLICITY VERIFICATION FORMS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Sadly, I have noticed that a number of families are turning up at the church to complete these forms even though they have not attended Mass. Also, a number of families are calling friends to let them know when the forms are at the back of the church. Some have even come to Mass, only to leave after a few minutes when they think the forms are not going to be available that day. This is obviously unacceptable, and even though these forms are completed, this **IS NOT** a guarantee that you will be given an 'A' rating for attending Mass EVERY WEEK. The forms are only used as a guide to the priest when signing the school supplementary form.

As a consequence, I have decided that a number of these forms are no longer a true and fair reflection of Mass attendance and will be looking into whether a fairer system can be implemented.

Fr Anthony.

CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There are over 60,000 children in the care of local authorities and finding homes for these children is one of our priorities.

At Cabrini, we offer foster placements to children who cannot stay with their birth families, where all other placement options have been exhausted. These children will have experienced disruption, trauma and loss. As a charity specialising in long term foster care, we are looking for people who are committed, flexible, patient and understanding to provide a stable, loving home for vulnerable children until they are at least 18 years old.

Foster Care Fortnight will be taking place this year from 13-26 May. We would like to hear from people who would like to know more about becoming a foster carer. We welcome applications from people of all nationalities, ethnicities and backgrounds. Our highly qualified team, rated Outstanding by Ofsted, provide guidance, training, regular respite and support 24/7. To find out more call 01962 842024 or email fostering@cabrini.org.uk

Angel Pop Choir

We have just finished writing New Material for Angel pop choir. We are pleased to announce that the Angel-pop 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

gja.borgdarcy@gmail.com.

All people involved are CRB checked. No fees for entry.

Looking forward to hearing from you Gia (Angelpop choir founder)

Mass of Celebration on the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of OLI Church

We will be holding this very special Mass with Archbishop Peter as the main celebrant on **Friday 31st May 2013 at 7pm**. There will be refreshments in the Hall after the Mass- if you can help out in this respect, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Thank you.

 * **Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the** *
 * **Dedication of Our Lady Immaculate Church** *
 * As part of the celebrations we are holding a flower festival on the 8th and 9th of June. *
 * The festival is open to any one who would like to *
 * take part, all you need to do is arrange some *
 * flowers of your choice bought or from the garden *
 * in your own design and interpretation of the *
 * theme which is 'Heaven on Earth' *
 * If you would like to take part please call Rose- *
 * mary on 0208 3990833. *

Justice and Peace Big Breakfast.

Sunday, May 19th after the 9 am Mass. Please come in and have tea, coffee and other goodies. All proceeds to the Lenten Project.

OLI J&P Group

GIFT AID MEMBERS

New envelope boxes will be available for collection from the RDJ Room after all Masses next weekend. Please ensure you collect them to avoid unnecessary postage costs.

Thank you.

Is May Still Mary's Month?

A familiar lament during May is: "We don't sing Mary's songs at Mass anymore, not even during her month of May." This may be true, and understandable. The Easter Season lasts from the Easter Vigil until Pentecost Sunday; and depending on the date of Easter, we can be celebrating this 50-day festival until at least mid-May. The music chosen for Eucharistic Liturgy would reflect the Easter Season scripture readings. A song like "Immaculate Mary" probably would not fit on any of the Sundays of Easter. On the other hand, a song like "Be Joyful Mary," which highlights Mary's joy in the resurrection of her Son, might be a good choice for a May Sunday liturgy.



After both morning Masses on Sunday 12 May, a number of religious books will be available free, in the Old Chapel, for anyone who wishes to take them.