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### Agatha Christie and the Holy Trinity

People love a murder mystery. Agatha Christie's 'Murder on the Orient Express' became a classic of the genre, and has been endlessly remade on T.V. and in the cinema. In essence, the formula is always the same: Hercule Poirot (he of the absurd moustache and the heavy French accent) is confronted with an unexplained murder and a number of suspects, all of whom of course have alibis. He has to gather his evidence, question his suspects and ultimately confront the guilty who always conveniently confess when confronted with the truth. We as the reader or viewer are of course frantically second-guessing the detective all along, to see if we can work out who the murderer is ahead of the game. We know that Poirot will always get his man, because he is intelligent, rational, and someone of absolutely independent judgement who questions everything. He is made to have qualities we would all rather like to have, and so is sympathetic to the audience. The enduring popularity of the genre allows us to identify a particular sense of 'mystery' - that of a puzzle to be solved by rational enquiry and good judgement of the evidence. If you are watching a 'murder mystery' with family or friends, the person who first works out who the murderer is by more than guess work, gains the respect of others. The mystery has thereby been solved. Now we Christians also tend to talk about mysteries, and yet we mean something very different. It is important to understand this when we talk about the Holy Trinity as a 'mystery', or when during the Mass, we proclaim the 'mystery of faith'. A divine mystery according to Catholic teaching is a supernatural truth beyond the finite intelligence of man. But we can know something of it by divine revelation, by union with God in prayer and by being in a state of grace. So for us the Holy Trinity is neither something unknown (like the identity of the murderer at the beginning of Poirot's investigation) nor a puzzle to be solved by rational enquiry and good judgement. It is something which transcends our capacity to comprehend or categorize it, but is certainly not unknown. A divine mystery is something we can talk about by analogy (all those clover leaves representing the Holy Trinity) we also have

the doctrines of the church to guide us, although these too are in a sense pointers towards the mystery. And we can observe the effects of the action of the mystery in our lives and in the universe. Thus the Fathers of the church considered the baptism of the Lord to be a wonderful manifestation of the action of the Holy Trinity in history, with God the Father's voice from heaven, the Spirit appearing as a dove, and the Son present in Jesus of Nazareth coming out of the Jordan. We too should be able to experience God in His Trinitarian identity through our lives of faith and prayer, and so our devotions should never neglect or underemphasise any one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity. People sometimes say religion is all 'mumbo jumbo' and the ravings of irrational people with psychological problems. I would say the Christian understanding of 'mystery' actually contains profound truths about the nature of all human knowledge. The truly dangerous people are those who think all problems can be solved like puzzles in a murder story. Some of the most dreadful ideologies in human history have been constructed on what seemed like rational and sensible lines, but which have turned out to be disastrously mistaken. The poor people of North Korea are still living under such an ideology. The Christian concept of 'mystery' contains essential correctives to this. It recognises absolute truth which exists independently of human enquiry. It accepts that this absolute truth communicates itself. It accepts very importantly that our knowledge of it is in the end partial, because we are human. It accepts that there are things at work in the universe of which we might only understand some of the effects. It accepts that we know things in a number of ways, of which rational enquiry is one important part (we might say the same of getting to know another human being, for instance). All this reminds us that the Christian use of the word 'mystery' is far deeper and more profound than the pleasantly artificial plots of Agatha Christie. As we celebrate the Feast of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, let us remember that the 'mystery of faith' is a whole way of living and trying to understand our surroundings.

Nicolas von Malaise

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th May 2013**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Paul Ramanayake RIP (Mary Peiris)  
**Sun 9am** Ambrose Shayo RIP (Perks Family)  
**11am** Well-being of Sheila Brockman (J Espiritu)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Daniella Iyanuoluwa Onibonoje and Esme Jane Rushworth**  
**6pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 27th May- 1st June 2013**

**Mon: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England**

**10am** Norma Latham RIP (Anita Choi)

**Tues: Feria**

**7am** Pope John Paul II RIP & Intentions of Maria Simmonds

**9.30am** Margaret Mary Walsh (Walsh Family)

**Wed: Feria**

**7am** Jo Jennings RIP (Elaine)

**9.30am** Glenda McKenzie (Glenda Borg-Darcy)

**Thurs: Feria**

**7am** Len Hamilton RIP (K Fox)

**9.30am** Maris Rodrigues RIP (Lauren Mellett)

**Fri: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7am** Ambrose Shayo RIP (Rosemary Durkin)

**9.30am** Cheung Fong Lan RIP (Cheung Kwai Sang)

**10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**7pm** **50th Anniversary Mass of Dedication of OLI Church**

**Celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith**

People of the Parish

**Sat: St Justin, Martyr**

**9am** Winifride Fynn RIP (FM)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1st/2nd June 2013**  
**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C)**  
**(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Joseph Barrie Charlton RIP (Fr Anthony)

**Sun 9am** Baby Rebecca Roy RIP & Family

**11.00am** Denis Deasy RIP (Keely Family)

**12.30pm** **Baptism: Florence Elizabeth Reeves & Michael Blackwell.**

**6.00pm** People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church **Luca Francesco Ferrari & Mara Miguelina Mamani** who were baptised last Sunday.

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church : £2,010**

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

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

**READINGS**

**This week: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)**

**First Reading** Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God came into being before creation as a master craftsman, delighting in the divine presence.

**Second Reading** Romans 5:1-5

Our faith in Jesus Christ brings us peace with God and we experience God's love which has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel** John 16:12-15

Jesus tells us that everything the Father has is his, and promises the coming of the Spirit of truth.

**Next Week: CORPUS CHRISTI (C)**

**First Reading** Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, king and priest, brought bread and wine.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

St Paul describes the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

**Gospel** Luke 9:11-17

From five loaves and two fish the crowd ate as much as they wanted, and the scraps filled twelve baskets.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Jo Jennings, Elizabeth Gillman** whose funeral is this Tue

sday 28 May at 12 noon at St Anne's Kingston Hill, **Gordon Cracknell, John Ribeiro, Marie Mann, Ambrose Shayo**, brother of Fr Arbo, **Sheila Leanaghan, Joseph Joseph, Veronica Heaton and Concy Chellar** 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: John Robson, Andrea Shepherd, Susan Cooney, Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Pauline Ferrara, 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), 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 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.

**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- Thank you to all those who have volunteered help and food. We would still appreciate donations of biscuits and cakes which can be left in the Hall prior to the Mass. Thank you

**PARISH AGM**

It is that time of year again when we hold the AGM of the Parish, hosted by the Parish Council. This will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Old Chapel, and will contain presentations by the Chair of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Maintenance Committee & Parish Priest. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of each presenter and the evening will conclude with light refreshments.

**GIFT AID BOXES**

This weekend is the last chance that you can collect your gift aid envelope boxes from the RDJ Room. Please make an effort to do so, as this helps keep our postage costs to a minimum.

Thank you.

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 \* **Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the** \*  
 \* **Dedication of Our Lady Immaculate Church** \*  
 \* As part of the celebrations we are holding a flow- \*  
 \* er 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. \*  
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**The 4th Tolworth Air Scout Group**

The 4th Tolworth Air Scout Group had their AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations to the following who received awards.

- Beaver of the year: Rohan Dumbleton
- Cub of the year: James Storr
- Scout of the year: Ciaran McKeown
- The McIver Cup: Libby Davidson
- The Brent Leppard Award: Theodore De Menezes.

**Congratulations!**

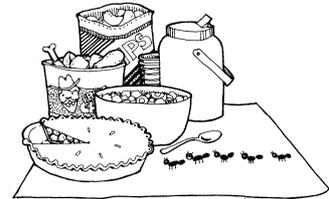
**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**THE FIRST ANNUAL 'SUMMER PICNIC' FOR OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH AND SCHOOL**

WHEN: Saturday 29th June 2013: 12.30-15.30

WHERE: Richard Challoner School Sports Grounds, Manor Drive North, New Malden

COST: a **FREE** 'ticket-only' event open to all families of the school and members of the Parish



It's Picnic Time!!

**This is set to be a fantastic afternoon for all the family!**

We'll have: Professional Face Painters, Bouncy Castle, Outdoor Garden Games, Chelsea Football Club 'Beat the Goalie', Sumo Wrestling, Home produce / cake and plant stalls. More details to follow closer to the event.

*Note: There will be limited parking in surrounding streets so please try and walk or car share. We can't take scooters/bikes in the field as they could ruin the turf.*

**Parish Library**

The Parish Library will be open after all Masses this weekend- on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May.

**KOLBE'S GIFT**

Ten Ten Theatre, the Catholic professional theatre company, are staging a production of 'Kolbe's Gift' in the heart of the West End. This powerful play tells the story of St Maximillian Kolbe, who gave his life for another in the Auschwitz concentration camp, and the impact on Franek Gajowniczec, the man whose life was saved. In this Year of Faith, the production provides an opportunity to deepen our faith and share it with others.

Archbishop Vincent Nicols said: "I am delighted to offer my support to Ten Ten in their production. As a boy, i was very inspired by the story of Maximilian Kolbe. I hope that this play inspires many people today to emulate his profound life of prayer which resulted in an act of total self-giving."

The production runs from 1-5 October 2013. Tickets cost between £12.50 and £20. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or phone the theatre box office on 08448 733 433.

## THANK YOU

OLI Justice & Peace Group would like to extend their thanks to all parishioners who came to our Big breakfast & Plant Sale last Sunday.

Thanks to the very generous donations we are able to give £250 to the Syrian Refugee Appeal. Well done!

### Syria Crisis Appeal

According to the UN, more than 1.3 million refugees have fled into neighbouring countries, although, with many refugees unwilling or unable to register, the true figure is likely to be far higher. The Lebanese government recently announced that there were more than one million Syrian refugees in Lebanon alone.

Father Simon Faddoul, President of Caritas Lebanon, writes: "What we have been seeing is unbelievable. The numbers of refugees are growing in an incredible way. The situation is getting worse. It's becoming disastrous." I appeal to all good-hearted people to please, please listen to the suffering of the Syrian people inside Syria and in the neighbouring countries. We need every bit of help we can get to reach out to these people until they can return to their homes."

You can donate online at

[www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Syria-Crisis-appeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Syria-Crisis-appeal)

[www.trocaire.org/whatwedo/emergencies/syria-emergency](http://www.trocaire.org/whatwedo/emergencies/syria-emergency)

[www.sciaf.org.uk/emergencies/syria-emergency-appeal](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/emergencies/syria-emergency-appeal)

### St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

The Governors at St Philomena's are seeking to appoint the following position for September 2013:-

Subject Teacher of Religious Education

Further details and an application form are available by emailing [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or contacting Marsha Adams on 020 8642 2025 ext 202, or can be downloaded from the school website: [www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk)

Also, see poster at the back of the church.

**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.**

### CLEANER NEEDED

An elderly lady requires a cleaner for 1-2 hours per week. If you have relevant experience and are interested, please call Terri on 020 8399 5567

### **Altar Servers Summer Break August 6th-August 9th at Woldingham, Surrey**

This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10 to 15 of the Southwark Diocese. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere, activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass as well as sports, Chessington World of Adventures and swimming. For more details take a form from the sacristy or download from [www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com) or contact Fr Stephen Boyle on 01333 220075 or [sboyle@clara.net](mailto:sboyle@clara.net)

### AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE DAY OF CELEBRATION

There will be a day of celebration at Aylesford on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July celebrating the gifts of people of all abilities. The day will start at 12.00 noon and conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Hendricks at 4.00pm. For more information, please contact the Centre for Catholic Formation on 0208 672 7684 or visit [www.cctootingbec.org.uk](http://www.cctootingbec.org.uk)

### HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Holy Cross School in New Malden is looking to recruit a full time Head of Religious Education from September 2013. For more information please visit [www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk)

### World Hunger Day 2013 28th May

World Hunger Day is an annual event which celebrates sustainable solutions to ending extreme hunger and poverty.

To do:-

- ◆ Keep your eye on campaigns run by major aid charities. Often the support requested is no more than adding a signature to a petition or sending an email to your local member of parliament.
- ◆ Support local fundraising initiatives. You might only be throwing in a handful of change for a cup of coffee, but you are helping to create a culture of giving.

### The Big IF London

#### Saturday 8th June 2-5pm, Hyde Park, London

In June, the world's most powerful leaders will come together at the G8 summit to help decide the fate of millions of the world's poorest families. The Big IF London is our opportunity to send a powerful message to world leaders that they must take action to tackle world hunger.

Join thousands of IF supporters in Hyde Park. On the day there will be inspiring talks, live music and family activities.

For more information see the poster at the back of the church or go to: [enoughfoodif.org/g8/London](http://enoughfoodif.org/g8/London)