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“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God”

Last Sunday, during his Angelus address to the people gathered in St. Peter's square, Pope Francis called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Syria, in the Middle East and across the whole world, on Saturday 7th September (which, if you're reading this on Sunday, was yesterday). If you have missed this day of prayer and fasting, it is possible to make up the day at another time, which I would recommend.

The Pope could have asked us to do many different things, he could have encouraged giving aid, he could have encouraged us to boycott Syrian products, or American products perhaps. The Pope has asked us, however, to pray and fast for peace. Let's look at how these spiritual weapons will help us to make peace.

“Injustice, excessive economic or social inequalities, envy, distrust and pride raging among men and nations constantly threaten peace and cause wars” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2317). We may not have the power to affect the national and international manifestations of these sins, but we must recognise that we are all, to some extent, envious, distrustful and proud. We all have within us, in a small measure, the seeds of war, and so as long as these six elements exist there will be no true peace, but “everything done to over-

come these disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war”.

Just as charity begins at home, so does the making of lasting peace. These six disorders need to be purified from our hearts, we need to have mastery over these disorders, as much as we are able. Fasting is one way to help us gain mastery over our instincts (#2043). By fasting we humble our



bodies, we recognise our need for bodily food, and as the body affects the soul, we recognise our need for spiritual food also. By fasting we suppress our own needs, so that we can become more empathic to the needs of others. By fasting we lose the distractions

that cooking and eating provide for us, and give ourselves space and opportunity to allow God to approach us.

Prayer is a sublime union with God, we get to know him and we can ask things from him. God desires peace in the world, and so, by praying for peace we are uniting our desire to God's desire. We are made more and more holy by the act of prayer, but we can also ask God to influence our world. These are the twofold benefits of prayer.

So, the Pope has asked us to take up the two spiritual weapons of prayer and fasting. Then let us pray and fast for peace, and attempt each day to overcome injustice, inequality, envy, distrust and pride.

Fr Tom Lynch

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7th/8th September 2013
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time (C)
Racial Justice Day

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Eileen & Bill Stevens RIP (Judy Williams)
11am John Robson RIP (Parish Choir)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Scarlett Ava Johnson**
6pm Kenneth Fisher RIP (Bedson Family)

*Retiring Collection for the
Catholic Association for Racial Justice*

Daily Masses 9th- 14th September 2013

Mon: St Peter Claver, Priest
7am Welfare of Anthony & Evelyn Durkin (Rosemary)
9.30am Vito Antonio Maria Francisca Pozella
(Tina Pozella)

Tues: Feria
9.30am G Asservatham RIP (Matlida))

Wed: Feria
7am Michael Walsh RIP (Teresa Auty)
9.30am Freda Haines RIP (Eileen Kaye)

Thurs: The Most Holy Name of Mary
7am Welfare of Sheila Anderson
9.30am Welfare of Tony Simon (Simon & Rosamma)

Fri: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7am Muriel Rogers RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Monica & James Anderson RIP (FM)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9am Michael & Catherine Burrows RIP (FM)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14th/15th September 2013
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Home Mission Sunday

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Mary Flynn RIP (Pat Grogan)
11.00am Alfred Paul Edirimansingh RIP
(Antoinette Krishna)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Emily Louise Orpwood Mead**
6.00pm Richard Fegradoe RIP (Priscilla)

*Retiring Collection for the Home Mission Desk of the
Bishops of England & Wales*

Last week's Offertory Collection
for the upkeep of the church : £1,464

We thank you for your continued generosity.
(Cash counters this week: George & Paul Hoskins
Next week; Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips)

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



We welcome into the Church **Patrick
Harrison Coll & Aidan Derek Jansz**
who were baptised last Sunday.

READINGS

This week: 23rd Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

Wisdom and the Holy Spirit make known to us the divine will of God.

Second Reading Philemon 9-10. 12-17

We are called to be brothers and sisters, not slaves.

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

To be true disciples we are called to be prepared to give up everything.

Next week: 24th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

Moses prays, so the Lord relents and does not punish his people.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1: 2-17

St Paul rejoices because God has shown him mercy.

Gospel Luke 15:1-32

Three "lost and found" stories to show how God loves to forgive.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Derek Wells, Fr Geoffrey Winchester, Barbara Stevenson, George Beal, Michael Offer** (father of Nina Hills), **Muriel Rogers**, (mother of Pauline Rogers), **John Robson** (husband of Pam). 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: Guy Green, Trevor Smith, Eleo Kayrouz, Sean McAleenan, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, Andrea Shepherd, 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, Peter and Ann Groves, Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Stephen Fleming, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, 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, 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar serving at Our Lady Immaculate is an important and vital ministry, and we are fortunate to have so many willing volunteers. Nevertheless we are looking for new servers to cover all the Masses because some have moved away, gone to university or stopped serving. Age is no barrier -young people and adults are equally welcome. (Anyone over the age of 18 will have to have a CRB check. This will need to be completed before you serve.) The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion.

Training for new servers begins on Sunday 22nd September at 12.30pm in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are about 8 sessions in all. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on **Sunday 22nd September at 12.30pm.**

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies, Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 (evenings preferred) or one of the priests and they will be only too happy to help you.

PRAYER SPONSORS

We are looking for prayer sponsors for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. If you would like to pray for one of our children, please fill out a form available at the back of the church, and post it through the Presbytery letter box. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO CROSS AND MEMORIAL

Archbishop Peter Smith will preside at a Service of Prayer and Dedication at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, Southwark SE1 6HR on Thursday 19 September 2013 at 6pm. During this ecumenical celebration Archbishop Peter will bless the new memorial Cross in honour of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador who was 'a voice for the voiceless' and who was assassinated while celebrating Mass on 24 March 1980. The Cross and the associated Romero Space will be dedicated to the memory of the late Bishop Michael Evans who was a priest of this diocese. His ministry as Bishop of East Anglia was inspired by the example of Archbishop Romero who was a role model for him. All are very warmly invited to this celebration. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Amigo Hall.

NCT Kingston Branch Nearly New Sale - Sunday 22nd September at 3pm - 5pm

Good quality clothes, toys and equipment for babies and children

Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way North, Tolworth
- FREE PARKING

Buyers - Admission £1.50

NCT Members and non-members welcome. Priority queue at sale for NCT members

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be available to sign the priest verification forms for secondary schools on **Monday 9 September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm & Tuesday 10 September from 7pm to 8pm.**

There will be at least two form signing sessions each week until the end of October, so please don't all rush at once to get your forms signed next week- there is plenty of time!

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when the priests are available for form signing. Thank you

HARVEST SUNDAY

This will be on the weekend of 21st/22nd September. Please see the poster at the back of the church from the Manna Day Centre, which lists the items they are most in need of. Thank you.

Racial Justice Sunday -8 September 2013 *Dreams of the Beloved Community: 50th Anniversary of 'I have a Dream' speech by Martin Luther King.*

The 28th August 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Junior's monumental 'I have a Dream' speech. The speech spoke about all God's people living in freedom and peace in a world governed by truth and justice. It called for liberty, equality and justice for all people, regardless of their racial heritage. Dr King's dream centred on a 'Beloved Community', a society built on justice, equality and freedom for all God's people which was rooted in scripture, particularly in Revelation 7:9-10. The speech remains an inspirational call for us to work for a fairer and more equitable world now. Few of us would consider ourselves to be racist, but racism will continue to exist unless we challenge it. The courage and commitment to justice, peace and non-violence in the Dream speech proved to be a critical and momentous tipping point for American civil rights. The speech has gone on to resound throughout the world and his a relevant message for us still.

There is a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of the church if you wish to gift Aid your donation.

Thank You Message from Apostleship of the Sea

"Thank you very much for sending us your donation in support of our Sea Sunday Appeal- I can assure you it is a lovely gift for us to receive and we are very appreciative indeed. This goes a very long way to helping us continue our good work in caring spiritually and pastorally for the seafarers who come to our shores.

May God continue to bless you and your parish abundantly for giving from the heart."

Salvina Bartholomeusz

Distribution of Funds to Charities adopted for 2013 Lenten Project

The Lenten Project Committee had previously decided that the end of June would be the cut-off date for the distribution of funds to the adopted charities. We are slightly later this year as we had to await receipt of the Just-giving money, which was donated for the sponsored walk, from the Arch-diocese.

I am delighted to say that all monies have now been received and that the total amount collected was over **£20,000!** This is testament to the amazing generosity shown by OLI Parishioners, who have not only been generous financially but with their time too. There were over 20 events and activities which involved literally hundreds of people. The Tolworth Tornadoes hung up their bike clips this year as the main sponsored event was the Helen O'Brien Memorial Walk when Elaine and Fr Anthony led an intrepid group of walkers through the snow.

The Lenten Project Treasurer has this week distributed **£5000** to each of the charities which the Committee had previously adopted. There is a small balance which is used to pay for the money transfers to the charities bank accounts and also to replenish the Lenten Boxes which are passed recycling. To remind you of the recipient charities:

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 neediest 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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

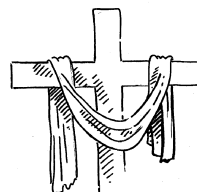
7 days by plane with Air Portugal from London Heathrow - from 24th November 2013. Price £599 including all excursions and full board in Fatima- for further information please call Mrs R Mozzi on 020 8472 0843.

Priority: Pray for Syria

"This coming Saturday we will experience together a special day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East", said Pope Francis at the end of the catechesis of last Sunday's general audience. "I renew my invitation to all the Church to live this day intensely, and from this moment on, express my gratitude to those brothers and sisters, Christians and of other religions, and to men and women of good will who wish to join, wherever they may be and in their own way, in this moment. I particularly urge the faithful and pilgrims in Rome to participate in the prayer vigil here in St Peter's Square at 7pm, to invoke from the Lord the gift of peace. Let us raise a cry for peace all over the world!" On Saturday evening after Mass here at Our Lady Immaculate we will be having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an Hour till 8.30pm. On the Sunday morning Mass at 9am the prayers will be from the Mass for the Preservation of justice and peace.

Pope Francis also said "With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence. With all my strength, I ask each party in this conflict to listen to the voice of their own conscience, not to close themselves in solely on their own interests, but rather to look at each other as brothers and decisively and courageously to follow the path of encounter and negotiation, and so overcome blind conflict."

The Triumph of the Holy Cross 14th September



Things must have looked pretty bleak to the apostles at Jesus' crucifixion. The cross must not have seemed a symbol of victory to them at this time, more a symbol of defeat. But with the Resurrection, the seeming failure of Jesus' crucifixion was no longer a failure but a triumph. Death no longer held the same fear. Everywhere we look, the symbol of the Holy Cross is present to remind us of the infinite sacrifice that the Lord Jesus made for our redemption. The sign of the Cross is found in churches, schools, hospitals, cemeteries and even jewellery. The cross is a strong reminder to us that Jesus promises us that we too can share eternal life.

ART EXHIBITION AT OLI

The artist Mas.s will be exhibiting more than 20 of his works at Our Lady Immaculate Church in The Old Chapel
Exhibition times:
Saturday 28th September from 4pm to 9pm and
Sunday 29th September from 9am to 9 pm
He calls the Church "Home of Inspiration". His work touches upon spiritual and social issues. You will also be able to see his landscapes and portraits.
Admission is free and you can visit throughout the day.
More info: www.mas-s.com twitter: @mas_s_art