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A few weeks ago I was standing on the platform at Surbiton station when I overheard a conversation between a group of teenagers. The words that caught my attention were "You're a Catholic, why?" Unfortunately I missed the rest of the chat when my train arrived, but those words stayed with me. I was pleased that these guys were talking about religion. Each one of us is encouraged to be able to "explain the reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15), in other words, be prepared for someone asking you why you are Catholic.

Why have a religion at all? First let's look at humanity. Each of us, believers and non-believers are made by God, and we are made for God (Catechism of the Catholic Church #27). This means that all of us have a longing for God, we want to know God and we want to respond to his love. Our happiness is found in God.

Think of all those films where a child is searching for a lost parent, or a robot for its creator, similarly our search for God gives meaning to our lives, and finding God brings happiness.

If we look at the history of humanity, we can see that man is fundamentally religious, there was never a civilization without a religion, never a city without a temple, never a home without a shrine. Even in our own day this is the case, we are still searching for God, if people don't follow one of the major religions they might follow the new-age, like horoscopes, or a modernised version of an ancient cult, like the growing trend in witchcraft. Other people might not belong to a religion, but have

formed faiths and gods of their own, I do find it funny how fans of Apple talk about Steve Jobs, or how fans of the green movement talk about recycling. Humanity has a desire for God.

So, humanity is fundamentally religious. So, why doesn't everyone follow a religion? There are a number of different reasons, and many we could think of off the top of our heads, indifference "I'm alright as I am", too close an interest in the world "I'd rather think about the here and now ... I'm too busy", scandal

"they're no better than anyone else, some of them are worse", or philosophies and theories which are anti-religious "I believe Dawkins and Darwin". (CCC #29)

These are all different ways of rejecting God or the Church. I think, and I humbly present my thoughts here, that is why

there is so much unhappiness in our world is because we, individually and as a society, have forgotten that our true happiness is not found in our material possessions (although they are good), nor in our leisure activities (although they are good) nor in all the things we fill our life with, but in communion with God.

So, my message to those guys on the platform at Surbiton, I borrow from St. Augustine's words to God, "You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you". (CCC #30) Why am I Catholic? Because I want to be happy.

Fr Tom



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th October 2013
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time (C)
Rosary Sunday

- Sat 6.30pm** In Thanksgiving for Edward Horrocks
 (Anne Sheridan)
- Sun 9am** James & Mary McGrath RIP (Pat Grogan)
- 11am** People of the Parish
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Charlotte Sofia Stimpson & Archie David Nevin**
- 6pm** Elizabeth & Simon Doherty RIP (Lizzie Lee)

Retiring Collection for CAFOD Harvest Day

Daily Masses 7th-12th October 2013

- Mon: Our Lady of the Rosary**
- 7am** Oswald Durkin RIP- Anniversary (Rosemary Durkin)
- 9.30am** Recovery of Cheung Kwai Sang (Anita Choi)

Tues: Feria

- 9.30am** Mary Clifford RIP (Dominic Clifford)

Wed: St Denis, Bishop & Companions Martyrs

- 9.30am** Helen O'Brien RIP (Barbara Ballard)

Thurs: St Paulinus of York, Bishop

- 7am** In Thanksgiving (Tissera Family)
- 9.30am** Cheung Fong Lan RIP (Cheung Kwai Sang)

Fri: Feria

- 9.30am** Welfare of Sandra Davidson (Jo & Colm Gray)
- 10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: Feria

- 9am** Welfare of Henry Garcia (Nubia & George Carro)
- 1pm** **Wedding: Brou Kouadio & Diane Tozan**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th October 2013
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Dan & Rosa McGeown RIP
 (Eric & Frances Powell)
- Sun 9am** People of the Parish
- 11.00am** Norma Latham RIP (Family)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Dylan Fernandez & Edith Rose Haylett**
- 6.00pm** Sara D'Silva RIP (Maria Medeiros)

Retiring Collection for Needs of the Diocese

Last week's Offertory Collection	£ 2,177
for the upkeep of the church :	
Pakistani Flood Victims	£ 1,000

We thank you for your continued generosity.
 (Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski
 Next week: Tessa MacLeod & 1 other)

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



We welcome into the Church **Jensen William Gerald Butcher, Emily Martha Littlemore & Sienna Marie Rouart** who were baptised last Sunday.

READINGS

This week: 27th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet complains that God does not hear or act; God responds and asks for faith and patience.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

God gives the Holy Spirit, empowering us to bear witness to our faith and to persevere in the face of difficulty.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

It is not the quantity of faith that matters, but the quality of one's relationship with God.

Next week: 28th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper is cured of his sickness and turns to believe in the God of Israel.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Writing from the captivity of prison, St Paul encourages us to remain firm and steadfast in our faith.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Of the ten lepers who were healed, only one, a Samaritan and an outsider, returns to thank Jesus for the gift of healing.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Mary Sebastian, Fr Kevin Fitzgerald, Trevor Smith, Santiago Diaz** (father of Erika Diaz), **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: Joseph Coutinho, Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, 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 McDonagh, 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 Burrige, 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, Fredda 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

Eucharistic Ministers --- Date for your Diaries.
On Saturday 2nd November 2013 at 11am there will be a Day of Recollection for all Eucharistic Ministers at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton . All ministers are encouraged to attend . Fr. Anthony

OLD CHAPEL

If anyone has photos or memories of the Old Chapel- especially of weddings that took place there- please could you contact Fr Anthony. Thanks

FR ARBO'S INDUCTION MASS

This will be held in his new parish on Saturday 26th October at 6pm. In order to make transport arrangements easier for those who would like to attend (and provide a facility for those who do not drive), we have hired a minibus (we will sort a time to leave OLI nearer the date, but probably around 4pm). If you would like to attend the Mass, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church along with your phone number (this will also assist Kidbrooke parish with catering arrangements) and indicate if you would like a seat in the minibus, or if you will be making your own way there. Minibus seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

ICON PAINTING COURSE AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, EAST MOLESEY, SURREY FROM 14 – 19 OCTOBER.

A unique opportunity to learn and explore this ancient form of Sacred art. All material provided.
For more information please contact the House of Prayer at houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk or ring us on 020 8941 2313

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Open morning at 9am on Monday 7th October for parents and students seeking entry for September 2014.
You must book a place. Please contact the school on 020 8642 2025 extension 266 to book a space.

St Anthony's Relics visit the UK 24 October to 3 November

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming St Anthony of Padua on the occasion of the 750th Anniversary of the Discovery of Saint Anthony's Relics by St Bonaventure. St Anthony will be visiting in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by three friars from the Messenger of Saint Anthony in Padua and the Greyfriars of Great Britain and Ireland.
Please see the poster at the back of the church for a full itinerary, but the relics will be in London from November 1st at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, 5.30pm to 9.30pm, at Westminster Cathedral on November 2nd from 6pm and finally at St Peter's Italian Church at Clerkenwell, London on November 3rd from 9.30am to 10pm.

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be singing the priest verification forms for secondary schools on **Monday 7th October from 3pm to 4.30pm and Tuesday 8th October from 6pm to 7pm.**

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when Fr Anthony is available for form signing.

Supplementary forms for Primary School entry will not be signed until NOVEMBER, as the deadline to submit these forms is mid- January 2014.

Thank you

Message from Fr Anthony

If you would like to add my name as a referee for job applications, please see me after Mass to let me know. Unfortunately, although I know all of you by sight, I don't necessarily know your full name!

Thank you

BLESSING OF GRAVES

This will take place on Sunday **3rd November 2013**. The first service will take place at Surbiton Cemetery at 2pm, and the second at Kingston Cemetery at 3pm.

Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and the best way to celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary is, of course, to pray the rosary. Here's how. Begin on the crucifix with a Sign of the Cross and an Apostles' Creed. Say an Our Father on the large bead and one Hail Mary for each of the next three smaller beads. On the next large bead, say a Glory Be to the Father, announce and meditate on the first mystery and say an Our Father. Say a Hail Mary for each of the following smaller beads, and end the decade with the Glory Be. Begin the cycle again with an Our Father, meditate the second mystery according to the same schema and so on for the third, fourth and fifth mysteries. You end with the prayer after the Rosary and a Sign of the Cross. The usual Rosary contains five decades. The mysteries include the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries and the Luminous Mysteries.

For details on how to say the prayers and a summary of each mystery visit

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/

ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTAS

Could all Altar Servers please collect a new rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.

Thank you.

TEN TEN THEATRE

Ten Ten, the Catholic theatre company, are looking for professional actors to join their latest projects. For more information, please visit: www.tententheatre.co.uk

PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope to distribute Grapevine, the Parish Magazine, during the next weekend of 12/13 October. Suggested donation of £1 to help with the printing costs.

I am often asked to give French lessons to little children and would like to know if there are any French speaking Parishioners to whom I could send these enquirers. Please call M-Helene on 020 8399 4368.

Papal Prayer Intention October 2013

This month the Pope calls our attention to people that live extremely difficult situations that lead them to think there is no other way out of the dark tunnel than by putting an end to their lives. He is inviting us to sustain them with our prayer and our love. We are asked to join in prayer

“....That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.”



PLEASE SPONSOR CAROLINE ANDREW FOR 'GET KIDS GOING' CHARITY

Parishioner Caroline Andrew (aged 66!) has just completed the Berlin Marathon, running for the 'Get Kids Going' charity. She would love it if you will sponsor her for this worthwhile cause. The charity provide wheelchairs for youngsters aged 6 onwards so that they can participate in sports such as racing, rugby, netball, basketball and athletics. David Weir, our world wheelchair Olympic and world champion, first started out after this charity supported him as a child.

If you would like to donate online, please visit Caroline's page on [www.http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CarolineAndrew](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CarolineAndrew). You can also read all about the charity and how it helps disabled children live fuller lives. Alternatively, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Caroline Andrew- Get Kids Going' and pop it in the Presbytery letterbox.

THANK YOU.

Peace Actions for October

- ◆ Pray the Rosary for peace this month. October 11th marks the beginning of the **Week of Prayer for World Peace**.
- ◆ 16th October is '**World Food Day**'. 17th October is the '**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**' and the 22nd is the start of '**One World Week**.' Use one of these dates to make a contribution of your time, money or skills.
- ◆ On **World Mission Sunday** (20th October) Use your prayers and donations to support the work of Catholic Missionaries around the world.

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER at the cornerHOUSE, Surbiton



Following our successful sell-out Comedy Night in April we are delighted to bring John Williams back to Surbiton with his show 'My Son's Not Rainman' as part of "A Comedy Double-Bill From The Edinburgh Festival" 13th October 2013
The cornerHOUSE Surbiton
Doors 7pm show 7.30pm

Tickets on sale NOW!

From www.expresscic.org.uk/events

Express CIC creating a hub in the heart of the community supporting young people with autism and their families. A place for everyone.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage- helping homeless people, will be holding 'A Night Under the Stars' concert, its largest fund raising event of the year, at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm. This year the theme of the concert is 'The Mozart Experience'.

Michael Collins, Lucy Crowe and Christopher Maltman lead a programme of popular pieces by Mozart. Ticket prices for the concert range from £12 to £60. For more information see the poster at the back of the church or call 020 7592 1856 or visit www.anightunderthestars.co.uk.

Recommended Reading A Big Heart Open to God

An exclusive interview with Pope Francis

Described as 'an extraordinary moment in journalism,' this exclusive interview with Pope Francis can be accessed online at www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/ The interview with Pope Francis took place over the course of three meetings during August 2013 in Rome. The interview was conducted in person by Antonio Spadaro, S.J., editor in chief of La Civiltà Cattolica, the Italian Jesuit journal. Father Spadaro conducted the interview on behalf of La Civiltà Cattolica, America and several other major Jesuit journals around the world. The editorial teams at each of the journals prepared questions and sent them to Father Spadaro, who then consolidated and organized them. The interview was conducted in Italian. After the Italian text was officially approved, America commissioned a team of five independent experts to translate it into English.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP THE BIG BREAKFAST 20 October 2013



The Justice and Peace Group will be holding the very popular 'Big Breakfast' after the 9am Mass on Sunday 20th October in the Old Chapel. All donations will go towards the CAFOD Syrian Appeal.