



OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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### MARTHA AND MARY

The story of Martha and Mary is no doubt a familiar one to many of us. Even if we have not come across it in a scriptural context, expressions like 'the Marthas and Marys of this world!', or 'Don't be a Martha!', are sometimes used when people's social behaviour is commented upon. The Marthas tend to be seen as women (very unfair, I know) who choose to beaver away behind the scenes, serving others, being put upon perhaps. However, many people, women and men, would be able to identify more with Martha - given the very busy lives many lead, voluntarily or of necessity. But of course we need to look beyond the daily chores and urgent things to do. We need to devote time to ourselves too, particularly time for reflection or contemplation, which may help us discern what is essential, rather than urgent.

Certainly, hospitality is evident in the story, both on Martha's part and Mary's. It was Martha who invited Jesus into their house. To her, hospitality was laying out plenty of food and drink and being attentive, though active, in the roles of cook, waitress and host. To Mary, hospitality was more about making the visitor welcome through conversation and being attentive to what he was saying.

Although Jesus did not scold Martha for allowing herself to be, in the words of the Gospel, 'distracted with all the serving', he was con-

cerned that, because she was so involved with it, he was missing out on getting to know her and she was missing out on getting to know him.

Martha had some options which she did not exercise: she could have served a simple meal and she could have asked Mary to help. These



would have enabled her to sit down, too, and be with her visitor. But no, she would prefer to do it all and then try to shame Mary into helping her - but, indirectly, by asking Jesus to 'please tell her to help me!' However, Jesus was having none of it: he gently but firmly chided Martha for her excessive busyness and stood up for Mary, who he said had 'chosen the better part: it is not to be taken from her.'

Because our sympathy may be with Martha, it might seem to us that Jesus was unfair to her. After all, the Gospel places great emphasis on deeds and action. Yet, here he praises, not the doer, but the one who sits and listens. It was not that Jesus did not appreciate what Martha was doing. What is clear is his concern for her.

Last Sunday's Gospel, the parable of the Good Samaritan, stressed the importance of action or practical love in the life of a disciple. This Sunday's stresses the importance of contemplation. Both are necessary and have to be integrated into the life of a Christian.

Al Callan

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20th/21st July 2013**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Kathleen Hogan RIP (Peter Hogan)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Ann Deasy RIP (Anniversary)  
(Cummins Family)  
**12.30pm Baptisms: Michael James Mann & Praise Eliakim Kouadio**  
**6pm** Anne Keane (Cruse Family)

**Daily Masses 22nd-27th July 2013**

**Mon: St Mary Magdalene**

- 7am** Holy Souls  
**9.30am** Paul & Margaret Santiago RIP

**Tues: St Bridget, Religious & Patron of Europe**

- 9.30am** Anthony Pinto RIP (Family)

**Wed: Feria**

- 9.30am** In Thanksgiving- Peggy O'Connor 80th Birthday

**Thurs: St James, Apostle**

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

**Fri: SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 10am FUNERAL MASS: MURIEL ROGERS RIP**

**Sat: Feria**

- 9am** Marcelina & Arokiya Sebastian RIP (Marlee Xavier)  
**3pm** Wedding: Vicky Hinchcliffe & Daniel Spencer

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th July 2013**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish  
**Sun 9am** Maria Rodrigues RIP (Mim Higgs)  
**11.00am** Thelma Staussi's Intentions  
**12.30pm Baptisms:**  
**6.00pm** Carmell Cummins RIP (Peter Moroney)

**Retiring collection for Day for Life**



We welcome into the church **Jesse Clinton-Zaks & Charlie James Piller** who were baptised last Sunday.

**Last week's Offertory Collection**  
**for the upkeep of the church :**  
**Apostleship of the Sea**

**£ 1,831**  
**£ 436**

We thank you for your continued generosity.  
(Cash counters this week: Tessa McLeod & 1 other  
Next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

**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: 16th Sunday in OT (C)**

**First Reading** Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God's angels and receive a blessing.

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:24-28

Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. Jesus shows them true hospitality.

**Next week: 17th Sunday in OT (C)**

**First Reading** Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham discovers that the justice of God is tempered by mercy.

**Second Reading** Colossians 2:12-14

Buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to glorious new life.

**Gospel** Luke 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer is our way of life.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Muriel Rogers**, (mother of Pauline Rogers), **John Robson** ( husband of Pam), **Ken Fisher**, (Grandfather of Ailse and Henry Bedson), **Yvette Waters**, **Maria Skinner**, **Raymond Thorn** ( husband of Kitty), **Nora Savage**, **Rosamma Mattathil**, (mother of Rosamma Kocherry), **Maria Rosa Anna Nappi**, **Asgar (Tony) Fazal** (husband of Philippina) , **Jo Jennings** , and **Ambrose Shayo**, brother of Fr Arbo. 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: 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, 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 Burrige, 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2014

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2014 are available at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign these forms on **Wednesday 24th July from 2pm to 3pm and Thursday 25th July from 11am to 12 noon.**

All forms need to be submitted by **28th July 2013.**

### First Holy Communion DVD & Photos

If you ordered a DVD of your child's First Holy Communion this year or photographs, they are now ready to collect from the Presbytery from 8.45am to 3.30pm.

### KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

As ever, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our monthly Foodbank collections – it is very much appreciated (see website for more information [www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk)).

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (27/28 July) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is milk (long life or powdered), sugar (500gm packs), instant noodles, pot noodles, tinned spaghetti, pasta sauce (jars) and vegetarian meals (eg tinned vegetable curry, vegetable chilli, macaroni cheese etc).

Many thanks for your help.

*Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)*

### REPOSITORY- CHURCH SHOP

Please note that the shop will be closed from this weekend until 7th/8th September.

Thank you to all our ladies who keep the Repository open all year.

*Pat Buchanan*

### The Beginning Experience

There will be a weekend for those who find themselves single again through separation, divorce or death of a partner on 11th to 13th October 2013 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details contact Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.



### Special coffee morning TODAY

Sunday 21 July from 10 to 11 am . In the Old Chapel. For Sale: Cheap children books - toys and DVDs, adult fiction novels

### Saints Joachim and Anne 26th July

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence; any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God.

### READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please collect your new rota from the RDJ Room after Masses this weekend. The new rota commences next weekend, so please ensure you collect it this weekend.

Thank you.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.**

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from the middle of September, and will start from 7.30pm.

Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests or drop them into the Presbytery.

Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

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## DATE FOR THE DIARY-

### FR ARBO'S FAREWELL MASS

Fr Arbo will be leaving us in the first week of August, but will be returning to Our Lady Immaculate for a special Thanksgiving Farewell Mass on **Friday 4th October at 7.30pm**. This will be followed by a celebration in the Hall afterwards.



The Parish library will be open on **27/28 July** - last weekend of the month as usual. Please remember to bring back your books and note that the library will not be open in August but will reopen on **24/25 September**

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE Sunday 28 July

Next Sunday is 'Day for Life'- the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death. This year the focus will be on '**Caring for life**'.

This year's message begins with the words of Pope Francis taken from a homily in 2005 on the Feast of the Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers and Midwives, when His Holiness spoke simply and beautifully about what promoting a culture of life really means: *"Jesus teaches us to care for life because it is the image of God, who is absolute life. We cannot announce anything else but life, and from the beginning to the end. All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth....to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.....Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing...So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it!"*

Day for Life 2013 will focus mainly on care for unborn babies and their mothers, care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families. These issues will emphasise how we all have a role to play in working together for the culture of life.

For more information visit [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)  
**There will be a retiring collection next weekend in all parishes to support Day for Life.**

**Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo, Fr Nicolas and  
Deacon Al wish you all a very happy  
and relaxing summer break.**

## OLD MOBILE PHONES

Fr Arbo is collecting old mobile phones again for his charity **You Touch Africa**. If you have all the accessories, please give these too. Even if you have an old charger without the phone, please pass these on as they are very expensive to buy in Tanzania. In addition, if you have any old laptops, these are also invaluable so please donate these if you can.

Thank you to all those who have donated in the last few weeks.

## Distance Learning with Convenient Study Days

Beginning Autumn 2013 Maryvale Institute and Sion Community are collaborating to facilitate

**New Evangelisation & Ministry Courses.** Study at home with tutor support from Maryvale. Attend **Study Days in Brentwood**, Essex – one per term.

This course will help deepen and develop your faith and bring increased confidence and skills in your ministry to others. Pathways offered: Parish Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, Youth Ministry & Family Ministry.

Contact: Maryvale Institute, Tel. 0121 360 8118, email: [evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk),

website: [www.maryvale.ac.uk](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk)

'Taster days' are available 24-25<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2013 at Summer School, Buckfast Abbey.

Contact: [artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk)

## World Youth Day 2013 23rd July - 28th July

In 1984 at the close of the Holy Year of Redemption, over 300,000 young people from around the world responded to the invitation of His Holiness John Paul II for an International Jubilee of youth on Palm Sunday in St. Peter's square. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said, **"What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?"** It was at this gathering that the Holy Father entrusted to the youth what is now known as the World Youth Day Cross, to be carried throughout the world as a symbol of the love of Christ for humanity

This year's WYD is to be held in Rio de Janeiro from 23rd July to the 28th July. If you can't be there in person, remember that you can follow proceedings on Facebook.

## Churches Together in Surbiton (CTS)

The next CTS Unity Service will be at St Andrews Church in Surbiton **TODAY** Sunday 21 July at 6.30pm. The focus will be the work of the YMCA.