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A Special Four Years and Now a Fond Farewell

It is impossible to recount the many beautiful and challenging memories I will take from my four years at OLI. So I have taken one or two events in each year to share with you.

One morning in January 2010, after just three months in the Parish, Father Anthony was not feeling well and was given a lift to the doctor's. Later that afternoon the news came that he had a stroke. I had yet to learn much about what was going on in the parish. I spent that evening planning the days ahead. At around 8pm the alarm in the Church went off. I went in to look but couldn't see anything obvious. I put it back on. Just before midnight it went off again. I was worried, so I decided to walk around the Church to see if there is any window or door opened. Again I couldn't see anything wrong so I went back to the presbytery and started looking at the CCTV. A few minutes later there was a knock on the door. I was suspicious why the person was not ringing either of the two door bells. I peeped through the spy hole, but could only see a black shadow.

As I held the door handle firmly with both hands and slowly opened the door, a big boot slammed in the gap! A commanding voice said something like "please step outside and put your hands where we can see them". I released the door and could see about 4 policemen standing outside, with a big shield. For a moment I was relieved thinking they came for the alarm. Then one of them said that they were looking for someone who was carrying a knife outside the church. As I tried to mumble some words, he added; "and we believe it is you, sir!" I tried to explain that I lived here and that I'm a priest. One of them replied, "are you sure, sir?" I said "yes, sir". When they searched my pocket they pulled out the bunch of keys and realised that the leather-key-holder, which I bought in Tanzania, was mistaken for a knife. At the end of it all they helped me search the church, only to discover that a spider building a web by the sensor was responsible in setting the alarm off!

During the following weeks and months I was thrown in at the deep end, as I struggled to juggle with a number of programs and issues. Many parishioners constantly offered to help in many ways. As I didn't have a cook and I am hopeless at cooking one family offered to bring me freshly cooked meals. Later on other families offered

to do the same. I have never eaten so well and consistently in my life. Until today I remain very grateful to those who fed me. One of them has carried on cooking meals for me till now. Fr Anthony came back in May and thank God the parish life started to get back to normal again.

Some other highlights during my time at OLI include the Confirmation retreats at Whitstable where I witnessed great talents and commitments of our young people. The Syro Malabar community has left a deep impression in me. I have always enjoyed their invigorating and highly entertaining shows after Christmas and during Lenten programs. I will miss them dearly. The visits to our OLI Primary School, Holy Cross and Richard Challoner were always very special. On the international days at OLI school I enjoyed teaching Swahili songs to the children.

Last year we had an incident when a fox caught one of Fr Anthony's chickens. I chased the fox with an umbrella until it dropped the chicken. It was Daisy. She was badly injured and we had to do something. It was agreed that we should eat her, instead of burying her. When at table Fr Anthony thought of Daisy for a moment and changed his mind. After that, he gave up chicken for a while. So the cook and I ate poor Daisy. She was really delicious!

This year has been the most testing year of my life. The death of Ambrose my brother has been excruciating. However, the generosity of so many of you, has given me so much hope to carry on. Thanks to you, his family is now moving to a new house. They are planning a chicken farm and a little shop, thanks to the £4000 raised through the "chicken run" bike ride and the balloon race at OLI school which raised £300 for the family. For this I am very grateful. For those of you who don't know yet, my brother Ambrose shines on in the sky of Tanzania as the star named HD 102494, Leo Constellation, thanks to OLI School.

When I look back I have lots of fond memories of joy, hope and inspiration. Thank you to all of you but more especially to the Administrator Elaine, Fr Anthony, Deacon Al and Fr Nicolas. I will miss you all. So goodbye, or as we say in Tanzania, 'kwa heri'.

Fr Arbo

Goodbye

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

Sat

3pm Wedding: Vicky Hinchcliffe & Daniel Spencer

6.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9am Maria Rodrigues RIP (Mim Higgs)

11am Thelma Staussi's Intentions

12.30pm Baptisms: Taylor Jalim, Amber Florence

Bodycombe & George Stanley Thomas Hunt

6pm Carmell Cummins RIP (Peter Moroney)

Retiring collection for Day for Life

Daily Masses 29th July - 3rd August 2013

Mon: St Martha

9.30am Teresa Jordan RIP (Michael & Veronica)

Tues: Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Wed: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

9.30am John Robson RIP (Eileen Clarke)

Thurs: St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church

9.30am Francis Muttath RIP (Dona)

Fri: Feria

9.30am In Thanksgiving: 90th Birthday (Roman Szymanski)

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: Feria

9am Welfare of Shirlene Amarasinge (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 3rd/4th August 2013
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sat 6.30pm Patrick McGrath RIP (Mr McGrath)

Sun 9am Tomas & Michael Casey RIP (Casey Family)

11.00am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptisms: Lucca Antonio Pozella,

Alessia Maria Pozella & Aaryan Cyril Benjamin

6.00pm Mary Foley RIP- Birthday (Jo Jennings RIP)



We welcome into the church **Michael James Mann & Praise Eliakim Kouadio** who were baptised last Sunday.

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,651

We thank you for your continued generosity.
(Cash counters this week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry
Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)

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: 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.

Next week: 18th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

The attitude of the affluent towards their possessions is called "vanity".

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

A warning against materialism, greed and intolerance.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the rich fool, highlighting the futility of greed.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Michael Offer, 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 Philipina) , **Jo Jennings** , and **Am-brose 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 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 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.

The Archbishop ordained Fr Tom Lynch to the priesthood last Saturday at St George's Cathedral and he has appointed him to be assistant priest here at Our Lady Immaculate. Please do pray for Fr Tom, and I know you will make him very welcome. He will most probably take up his appointment at the end of August.

Fr Anthony

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you missed the new rota last weekend, please collect your copy from the RDJ Room after Masses this weekend. The new rota starts from this weekend, so please make sure you pick yours up. Thank you.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS : CENTENARY MASS

A reminder that the Mass to celebrate 100 years of UCM will be on Saturday September 21st at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral. This will be a national event and large numbers are expected. If you intend to go and have not already given your name please contact Lucy on 8942 7034 by July 31st so that she can inform the Diocesan President.

NOTE TO GIFT AID MEMBERS

A considerable number of weekly Gift Aid Envelopes are not being used. Can we please remind members of the scheme that only donations received in numbered envelopes (or via standing order) can be used for our tax reclaim. If you have mislaid your envelopes, please contact Rob Estall via the presbytery or on 020 8399 0430 to see if we can replace them.

New members are very welcome at any time of the year, and forms are available in the main entrance to the church or from the presbytery.

Thank you for your support.

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.

Coffee morning- Bring & Buy - in support of The Joel Project

On Friday 2nd August there is a coffee morning/bring and buy in aid of the Joel Project at 72 Greenfield Avenue between 10.30 and 12 noon.

The Joel Community Trust (formerly St Peter's Church Hall Trust) in partnership with KCAH have developed an exciting project where any homeless and vulnerable people in the borough can find shelter, food and friendship. The Joel Project plans to build a community based on the monastic values of hospitality and compassion on the site at St Peter's, offering a whole range of services for homeless and vulnerable people. This will include: housing and benefits advice, tracking down places in established hostels or in longer term accommodation and providing shelter for those who don't have the means to stay in a hostel. We will also offer friendship, food and spiritual nurture and opportunities for learning new skills, both from within and without the Church community in the Borough.

Marriage MoT

You wouldn't expect your car to keep working smoothly without an annual service and MOT. The same goes for marriages: they too benefit from a 'tune up'. All married couples, no matter how long ago you were wed, are welcome to attend this one-day event celebrating marriage. The Marriage MoT will enable you to explore your relationship more deeply and improve your communication skills. Couples will also gain valuable insights into the call of the Church to the married. It all takes place at St Teres'a church hall, Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent on Saturday September 28th from 9.45am to 4.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £25 per couple. To book and for more details, call 020 8651 2477 or email philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

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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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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE Sunday 28 July

Today 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.....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
There will be a retiring collection this weekend in all parishes to support Day for Life.

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.

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

Holy Cross Abbey (Whitland, Pembrokeshire, Wales)

Join the community for a weekend at Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland in Wales for an experience of Cistercian Monastic Living. From 23rd-25th August and 18th-20th October. For more information please contact the Sisters on comeandseehca@gmail.com

www.hcawhitland.co.uk

BOOK, DVD and TOY SALE

All our thanks to the Parishioners who made generous donations and to those who came to buy and/or take part in the Raffle.

A fantastic £131.10 was raised which gives us funds for the Parish Library give to give aid to a special needs family.

RAFFLE PRIZES

To be collected on Saturday & Sunday after every mass (Library times) in the RDJ Room

Winning Nos

179 - 212 , 296 - 207, 291 - 184, 226 - 221 & 241 - 191

Retreat 2013

Overworked and overstretched? Before you book an expensive spa break or a holiday in the sun, why not consider a few days of tranquillity in one of Britain's retreat houses? Nowadays many monasteries, convents and retreat centres now welcome anyone seeking a respite from a busy life.

Peace, silence, comfortable accommodation and good food are more or less guaranteed. That said, you can generally call upon the listening ear of a resident monk or nun if a personal problem is at the core of your need to escape.

If the idea of several days alone in a hermitage hut isn't your thing, several centres offer courses, with themes ranging from arts and crafts to meditation, massage and yoga. Nothing is obligatory, and a number offer supremely comfortable accommodation that would shame many a country-house hotel.

The Retreat Association (www.retreats.org.uk) has a useful website, or consult *The Good Retreat Guide* by Stafford Whiteaker

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,

website: www.maryvale.ac.uk

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

Contact: artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk