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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

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The week of prayer for Christian unity began on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, which was the old Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, and ends on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (25<sup>th</sup> January).

The week being marked by these two feasts is significant because it emphasises the apostolic nature of the Church; it was Peter and Paul who encountered Christ, taught his message and spread his Church. St Peter had a ministry to the Jewish people and to Jewish Christians, while St. Paul had a ministry to Gentile Christians, but their unity with each other in Christ is a model for us.

The week of prayer was started in 1908, when a group of American Episcopalians (the Anglican Church in America) decided to pray during these days for Church unity, the group later converted to Catholicism.

Later on a French Catholic Priest, Fr. Paul Couturier began praying for the "unity in the Church as Christ wills it, and in accordance with the means he wills it".

Why pray for Christian unity? The prayer of Jesus, at the Last Supper, was that "they", we who have received the word of the Apostles, "may all be one, Father, just as you are in me and I in you" (John 17:21). This beautiful prayer, a prayer that Jesus uttered for us, says that the unity of baptised people reflects the unity of God. The closer and more loving we are between ourselves, the more the unity of God can be seen.

In the Code of Canon Law, the laws which govern the Church, the Church, the People of God, is defined as "those who, since incorporated into Christ through baptism, are constituted the People of God." (CCL 204)

The Code is saying that everyone who is baptised is a part of the Church, whether they are Catholic, Orthodox or Anglican, because we all share the same baptism. So where did the divisions come from?

Sin, causes disunity between people. If we look back over the history of the Church we can see that sin has caused disunity in the Church. The scandal of sin causes people to leave the communion of Church, or sinfulness causes someone to start a different Church. And the sin of withholding forgiveness causes these

divisions to be made permanent, a kind of ecclesial resentment.

The healing of these sins is not my job, nor is it your job. Healing is the work of Jesus Christ who desires unity in his body. But we can create an environment for healing when we speak frankly and lovingly to our brother and sister Christians and we share our faith.

Here are the words of Blessed John Paul II describing the prayer of unity in John 17:-

*"what else is this prayer which rises from the priestly Heart of Christ, who, in the looming prospect of the Cross, prays for those who believe in Him, if not a change of heart? ... Conversion of heart is the true and primary source of unity."*

Fr Tom Lynch



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th January 2014  
SECOND SUNDAY (A)**

**Sat 6.30pm** John Morello RIP (Family)  
**Sun 9am** Róise Gleeson RIP (Keely Family)  
**11am** Wellbeing of Sheila Brockman (Josie Espiritu)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Valentina Medeiros & Mathew Andrews**  
**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 20th-25th January 2014**

**Mon: St Fabian, Pope & Martyr**

**7am** Michael & Ortanza Aletrari RIP  
 (Joanna Tanousis & Family)  
**9.30am** Intentions of Bertha D'Costa (Tony & Sally D'Costa)  
**5.30pm** Syro Malabar Mass

**Tues: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

**9.30am** Patricia Henry RIP (Andrew Henry)

**Wed: St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**

**7am** Fr Joseph Williams RIP  
**9.30am** Thomas Mattathil RIP (Rosamma)

**Thurs: Feria**

**7am** Safe Journey to and from Goa (Francisca Rodrigues)  
**9.30am** Bob Jones RIP (Cherry Jones)

**Fri: St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**7am** Anthony Doherty & Family (Elizabeth Lee)  
**9.30am** Alice Durkin RIP (Rosemary Durkin)  
**10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**1.30pm** **FUNERAL MASS FOR STEPHEN FLEMING RIP**  
**7.30pm** **Taize Service for Christian Unity Week**

**Sat: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**

**9am** Mary Bunyon RIP (John Sweeney)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th January 2014  
THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of Kyle Linehan (John Linehan)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Lillian Callow RIP (Terry Clancy)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Erin Mary Michello Askin & Noah James Francis Askin**  
**6.00pm** John Flaherty RIP (Cruse Family)

**Last week's Offertory Collection** **£ 2,094**

*Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish*

**Crib Collection for The Cabrini Society** **£807**

(Cash counters this week : Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski  
 Next week: Eileen Kaye & Elizabeth Christmas )



We welcome into the Church **Jemima Marianne Goodyer & Matteo Polidori** who were baptised last Sunday.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturdays 9.30am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm**

**Today's Readings SECOND SUNDAY (A)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

The chosen one of God is the light of the nations who will bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul's greeting to his community is of grace and peace in the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel** John 1:29-34

The chosen one of God will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

**Next Sundays Readings THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

The prophet speaks of a light to enlighten the people.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul appeals to his readers to be united in mind and heart – acting otherwise would rob the cross of Christ of its power.

**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus says to his first disciples, "Follow me", and immediately they follow him.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Stephen Fleming, Irene Boffa, Gino Ferrito, Rose Toole, Bridget Cruse, Lisa Borg, Roise Gleeson** (mother of Fiona Perks), **Jacqueline Coote, Francis Northmore, Breda Mitten and Susan Biggin** . 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: Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Louis von Malaisé (brother of Fr Nicolas), Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, Andrea Shepherd, Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Emma Rees, Rhian Knappgate, Brenda Killeen, Peter Groves, Amandina Marsella, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrridge, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, 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.

**PARISH DINNER Friday 31st January 2014  
at the Sorrento Restaurant**

Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 31st January 2014 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm.

For all those who have booked a space, and haven't already paid, please could you do so by Friday 24th January.

Many thanks.

**Do you have 4 hours that you could spare this year?  
Baptism Preparation classes**

We need some more help in the group that prepare families for their child's baptism. We run the classes for one hour (10am-11am) on the first two Sundays of the month, with two catechists leading the session. The commitment is only to help out on two months a year and to help host the afternoon tea in June for all newly baptised children. You can be old, young, a parent or not - just willing to help! We are a constantly growing parish and it is a really rewarding activity to be part of as we welcome new members of the church. If you would like to help please contact Kate Kelk on 07803726931 or [kate@kelky.co.uk](mailto:kate@kelky.co.uk)

**TODAY- Sunday 19th January** Coffee/Tea will be served in the Old Chapel after 9am Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND- Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th** - The Parish Library will be open in the RDJ Room after all Masses

**MUSICAL EVENING:**

You are invited to a Musical Evening on **Saturday February 1st commencing at 7.45pm** in the Hall (duration about 1 hour) featuring Michael Bevan, piano and John Stratford, tenor. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the week-ends of January 18/19th and 25/26th, price £5. Under 16s free. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. All proceeds will go to LIFE charity

**Church Unity Week**

Churches Together in Surbiton will be holding their annual Church Unity Week from 18th to 24 January. Events are listed below:-

Tuesday 21 January Tolworth URC  
Lunch and prayer meeting 12 Noon-  
Friday 24 January St Matthews  
Soup Lunch 12.30pm  
Friday 24 January Our Lady Immaculate  
Taize Service 7.30pm

**Spend a week in Medjugorje this Easter**, 16th-23rd April, only £499. Price includes return flights with British Airways from London Gatwick, coach transfers to Medjugorje, half board accommodation & experienced guide. For more information please contact Jonathan on 01423 546 175 or email [travel@aglowpilgrimages.com](mailto:travel@aglowpilgrimages.com)

**JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB**

If you're in Year 7 or 8 and OLI is your parish, we have membership spaces available for the Junior Youth Club. The Club meets every other Friday evening from 7.15 until 8.45pm in the Parish Hall. Fixture dates for the term are: **31 January, 14 February, 28 February, 14 March & 28 March.** Parents will need to complete a membership form, ideally in advance, by downloading the form from the Parish website at [www.olionline](http://www.olionline) <<http://www.olionline>>. The fee for the term is £10 (50% discount for siblings; guests £1.50 per session). We have a range of informal activities - music, games, table tennis, a tuck shop and time to chat with friends. We hope to see you there!

**The Joel Community Trust** are seeking to appoint a Night Shelter Manager who would manage the operational aspects of a 10 -14 bed night shelter fully staffed by volunteers and work collaboratively to meet our guests' needs holistically, linking them with physical, emotional and spiritual support. In particular to work closely with Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH). For more information, please email: [info@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk)

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Read any good books lately? Join the Union of Catholic Mothers at 8pm in the Old Chapel on Tuesday January 21st where we shall be reviewing our current reads. All ladies are welcome.

**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)). Foodbanks continue to be extremely busy, and the one in Kingston is very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (25/26 January) – 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 sponge puddings and tinned vegetarian meals (eg macaroni cheese, vegetarian casserole, chilli, curry etc).

Many thanks for your help.

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

### TAIZE SERVICE AT OLI FRIDAY 24th January

To mark the end of Christian Unity Week, we are holding a Taize Service at Our Lady Immaculate Church at **7.30pm on Friday 24th January 2014**. It would be lovely to see as many parishioners there as possible- we will be having refreshments afterwards.

Thank you

**St. Joseph's Church (Pastoral Centre Hall)  
Montem Road, New Malden KT33QW  
"For Such a Time As This"**

**An Evening with Lord Alton of Liverpool  
& Ooberfuse**

**MONDAY 12 MAY 2014 at 7.30pm**

The evening will begin with music from the band *Ooberfuse*, including songs dedicated to the martyred Pakistani Catholic Shahbaz Bhatti, freedom for Burma, and World Youth Day, and then at 8pm we will hear from Lord Alton on political engagement, the place of conscience, religious liberty and the right to life, in Britain and around the world, including in countries such as North Korea, Burma, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as here at home.

For 18 years David Alton was a Member of the House of Commons and today is an Independent Crossbench Life Peer. In 1972, he was elected as Britain's youngest City Councillor, in Liverpool, and became the youngest member of the House of Commons in 1979. In 1997 was made a Life Peer of the House of Lords. Ooberfuse is a Catholic band which performed the official English language song for World Youth Day 2013, and has performed around the world, including in Rome and Rio de Janeiro, as well as across the UK.

The evening is in aid of two Christian organisations working for religious freedom around the world: Aid to the Church in Need, a Catholic charity supporting churches facing persecution, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), an ecumenical advocacy organisation documenting and reporting injustice and persecution and promoting religious freedom for all. For more information please visit:

[www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org) and [www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk)

### Conversion of St. Paul 25th January



The great thing that we learn about God is that forgiveness and conversion are possible for all of us. Paul is portrayed as the greatest enemy of the earliest followers of Christ, but rather than smite him, or demonise him, Jesus instead takes his gifts of zeal and persuasion, and puts them to work for the Gospel.

An encounter with the risen Lord can do that for any of us. God doesn't give up on Paul, nor does God give up on us.

### HOSPITAL

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. For Kingston Hospital, this is Fr John Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to either Fr Anthony or Fr Tom.

### Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 25th January - 2nd February

This year's inspiration comes from Proverbs: "Speak up for the rights of all who are destitute".

There are people who are destitute in today's Britain. The phenomenal growth of foodbanks emphasises the gaps left by our creaking benefits system. Low wages, zero-hours contracts, outrageous interest charges by doorstep lenders, and benefits cuts, – all these and more contribute to a Britain where many are locked out of what the rest take for granted.

So from Homelessness Sunday on 26 January to Poverty Action Sunday on 2 February, we call on churches across the UK to stand alongside people in crisis; to give, act and pray for justice.

**To do:-**

- ◆ Pray for those who are destitute or on the brink of becoming destitute.
- ◆ Make a donation online at [www.actionweek.org.uk](http://www.actionweek.org.uk)
- ◆ Support local initiatives and campaigns eg food banks and charities that donate furniture and white goods.

### Mass Intentions

If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass you would like to be said for 2014, please get your Mass request in as early as possible, to avoid disappointment. Please bear in mind that we sometimes have to change Masses where we have to arrange a funeral, but we will then rebook your Mass at the next available date.



### LENTEN PROJECT 2014

Our Lady Immaculate Church  
**Parish Lenten Project**

We are currently busy booking various events for our Lenten Project. The list below shows you the events booked so far, along with the date, so you can book them into your diaries. Confirmation of exact times will be advertised at a later date:-

Weekends 22/23 Feb

& 1/2 March- Distribution of Lenten Boxes

Sat/Sun 8/9 March- UCM Cake sale after Masses

Sat 22nd March- Sponsored walk event

Sat/Sun 22/23 March- Table Top Sale after Masses

Sat 29 March- Quiz Night

Sat 12 April - KSC Jumble Sale

Sat 26th April- Southern Indian Night

If you would like to organise an event or have any ideas for extra fundraising activities, then please contact Phil Townsend ( [PhilipTownsend@stchris.org.uk](mailto:PhilipTownsend@stchris.org.uk)) or the parish office ([info@olionline.co.uk](mailto:info@olionline.co.uk))  
Many thanks.