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# Parish News

## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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In today's Gospel, taken from St Luke, Jesus said to the great crowd of people surrounding him, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

I imagine that 2000 years on from Jesus' carrying of his cross, his crucifixion and resurrection, we would not quibble with the second of Jesus' descriptions of what a true disciple of his should be. However, I also imagine that our reactions to Jesus' first statement would be similar to those of the crowd some 2000 years ago: disbelief, shock, sadness, disappointment. How could Jesus demand such requirements? Are not family relationships important? What ever happened to love thy neighbour?

Well, Jesus was not telling his listeners (nor us) to hate, literally, our nearest and dearest. (We can be quite capable of doing that for ourselves, anyway, at times!) Indeed, in Hebrew terms, to love one and hate another, is to love the one more than the other. In such a situation, we are making a choice. Jesus is saying that we must not allow the things of this world to be our masters: God must come first in our lives. The world, as we know, is

full of ways that will tempt us away from wholeheartedly loving God. We need to have a great deal of self-awareness and honesty for us to know that we will be tempted. We must make a choice.

In the Gospel, we learn that Jesus did not play down the reality of choosing God above all. He pointed out the difficulties, the hardships and the sacrifices that would be required of those who would follow him. We know that it is not easy to be a disciple of Christ. We are not called to be comfortable churchgoers, unaware of the needs of the poor or the misery of those affected by infirmity or natural disasters. Certainly, being caring, compassionate and outward looking would count amongst the characteristics of a disciple of Christ.

To reiterate, Jesus was not telling us to hate our family members. Indeed, it is in families that the realities of loving one another are learned. In bringing up a family, parents are called to love— one another and their children—in ways that they would never have believed themselves capable of. Children learn from this example, as they grow from childhood, through adolescence into adulthood. In family life, there are great opportunities for true discipleship to be practised and learned, guided by love of God and love of neighbour.

Al Callan

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**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th September 2010**  
**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm Mary Simon RIP (family)  
Sun 9am Mr & Mrs Udeh RIP (Son)  
11am Alan & Albertine King & George Saad RIP  
(Christine Saad)  
12.30pm Baptisms: Akash & Aksana Bastiampillai  
6pm People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 6th-11th September 2010**

- Mon Feria  
7am Holy Souls  
9.30am Monica Grant RIP (Jo Jennings)
- Tues Feria  
7am Holy Souls  
9.30am Florence Edith Elmslie RIP (FM)
- Wed The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
7am Holy Souls  
10am Funeral Mass: Margaret Titcombe RIP
- Thur St Peter Clavier, priest  
7am Holy Souls  
9.30am Michael Finn RIP (Helen Hooper)
- Fri Feria  
7am Holy Souls  
9.30am Joan Estall RIP (Robert & Family)  
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat Feria  
9am Intentions of Thelma Staussi  
11am Baptism: Thomas Elliott Mooney

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11th/12th September 2010**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)**

- Sat 6.30pm Nany Phayro RIP (Clancy)  
Sun 9am People of the Parish  
11am Michael Bradnick RIP (Valerie & Family)  
12.30pm Baptisms: Marcus Schofield, Kathleen Kelleher &  
Tony Christopher Coyle  
6pm Charles Augustus Sillem RIP (FM)

*Retiring collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice*

**Last week's Offertory collection** £1,901

We thank you for your continued generosity  
(Cash counters next week Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)



We welcome into the Church **Thomas Dalglish Rouke**  
who was Baptised last weekend.

Congratulations to Aaron Fernandes and Davina Chhangur who were  
married here last Monday.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Saturdays 9.30am-10am and 5.30pm-6pm

**Readings:**

**This Week 23rd Sunday in OT (C)**

**First Reading** Wisdom 9:13-18

No human being can know God's mind; it is hard enough to work out what is on earth. God's wisdom has taught human beings those things that it pleases God for us to know.

**Second Reading** Philemon 9-10. 12-17

St Paul writes a plea to Philemon. The letter accompanies a freed slave, Onesimus. Paul doesn't just ask for mercy for Onesimus; he requests that Philemon welcomes him as a brother in Christ.

**Gospel** Luke 14:25-33

Jesus addresses the crowds and tells them that in order to follow him they must reject their families and take up their cross. He asks which of them wouldn't plan properly before going into battle or building a tower.

**Next Week: 24th Sunday in OT**

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

At the pleading of Moses, the Lord relents and does not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**Gospel** Luke 15:1-32

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

We pray for all the faithful departed who have recently died. We pray especially for **Monica Grant, Sister Joan O'Donoghue, Deacon John Sampson, Margaret Titcombe, Peter Jones (husband of Suzanne RIP) and Colin Staveley**. 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; Bill Stevens; Baby Thomas Haley; James Austin, Elizabeth Joëge, Joan Lancaster, Stephen Fleming, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Ann McNicol, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie BurrIDGE, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Mache, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Peggy Howick, Mary Sebastian, Tom Tyler, Baby Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Fr Peter Sprague, Mary Linstead, Evan Day, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, Gordon Cracknell, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Kay Bridgland, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Bridie Fillmore, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Pauline McGuire, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai, Philip Rajanayagam and Gerard Murphy.

**Pilgrim passes for the Pope's Visit to Hyde Park and Birmingham.**

Thanks to all who have put their names down. We are now collecting money for the trips. For Hyde Park, the cost has been reduced to £5 per person. The cost for Birmingham remains at £25 per person. Please put your contribution in an envelope *as soon as possible*, and post it through the Presbytery door, with a note of your name and telephone number on the front of the envelope.

Many thanks.

**NEW SERVERS**

Training for new servers begins on Sunday 26 September at 12.30 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 26 September at 12.30. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 (evenings preferred) and he will be only too happy to help you

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)**

This is a group formed to help adults of other faiths, Christian denominations or none, 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, and now wish to do so.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from September 2010, and will start from 7.45/8pm. Meetings are held in the PPC (Bungalow), at the side of the church.

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.

**KINGSTON SCHOOLS DEANERY MASS**

**Monday 13th September 2010**

Richard Challoner School is hosting this year's Kingston Schools Deanery Mass. The Mass has been very successful in the past, and it is open to all our parishioners. The Mass is at 4.30pm on Monday 13th September followed by refreshments in the School Hall. Fr Anthony will be the main celebrant.

**PRAYER SPONSORS NEEDED**

Could you pray for a child who will be taking their First Holy Communion next year? New and existing volunteers please sign up now! There will be an envelope in the RDJ room for replies to personal invitations and a form at the back of the church - please print name and address clearly as I must be able to contact you.

Many thanks. Tessa Macleod, *FHC Prayer Sponsors*.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION 2011**

Forms are available at the back of the church. *These forms need to be countersigned by Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo*. This will mean that parents need to see one of the priests at the appointed times.

To ensure we receive the correct information, please PRINT the information on the enrolment form.

The first parents' meeting is at 8pm on Monday 20th September 2010, and the First Holy Communion Masses will be on 18th and 19th June 2011.

Fr Anthony will be available to sign forms on Monday 6th September from 7pm to 8pm.

*Please note that this is the closing date for registering children for the First Holy Communion Programme.*  
Many thanks.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM:**

This will be held on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm in the Old Chapel. We would like to invite all parishioners to attend, and if you have any ideas for the Council to consider for the coming year, they would be very welcome. Additionally, some of our members have completed their term of office, so we are looking for some volunteers to join the Council for a 3 year term. Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday to discuss matters relating to the parish, and advise the Parish priest of their individual (and collective) point of view. Additionally, the Council is sometimes asked to co-ordinate special projects such as (in the past) the Mission and the Jubilee Year. If you feel you can help in this way, please give your name to Fr Anthony, preferably ahead of the AGM meeting.

**LONDON BRIDGES WALK**

Join us on Sunday September 26th in a sponsored walk for LIFE, the charity that cares for mothers and babies. Starting from Tower Bridge at 1.30pm we shall cross it and the next nine bridges finishing at Lambeth Bridge. This is a great way to see London and raise funds for LIFE's caring and education work. If you are unable to walk but would like to sponsor a walker that's good too!

For more information and details of route please contact the organizer, Jill Namey

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or you can phone Lucy Smallwood on 8942 7034

E-mail: [lucysmallwood@btinternet.com](mailto:lucysmallwood@btinternet.com)

**UCM**

**On Tuesday 7th September, in the Old Chapel, we will be celebrating the eve of Our Lady's birthday by readings and prayers.**

**All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join in and bring some prayers if they wish.**

