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Spiritual Friendship

We all, hopefully, have many different circles of friendship. We are friends with these people because we went to school with them, we are friends with other people because we work with them, or share a hobby or because our children are in the same class at school. These circles extend quite far, friends of friends, our children's friends, even our facebook friends.

Friendship is very interesting. We could ask ourselves how did I choose my friends, or did they choose me? Were we all brought together by the wind of fate?

C.S. Lewis, wrote this about friendship 'Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: "What, you too? I thought I was the only one."'

Long-standing friendship may also make us think. Those friends we have had for a long time become witness to our life, they were there for our joys and our sorrows. Our long-standing friends are still there when we have left school, or when our children have grown up. It can sometimes be amazing that we are all still friends when what brought us together has ended.

All these questions, all these thoughts about friendship lead me to think that friendship is not just a social thing "I have these people so I don't go to the cinema alone", or "I want someone to talk to". No, friendship requires a commitment to another person, friendship requires love.



In the history of the Church the saints have always had good friendships, special friends with whom they shared their lives. So, for example, St. Francis was great friends with St. Clare, St. Teresa was great friends with St. John of the Cross, St. Benedict with Saint Scholastica, the list could go on and on.

Often the saints are pictured as being very demure, a little stern and other worldly. I like to think of the saints as being good friends, both to each other, and to me. Like those older friends who we can ask advice from, or who know what our troubles are because they have lived through similar situations.

One of the saints, St. Aelred of Rievaulx wrote a book called "Spiritual Friendship", he wrote that good friends can help us grow spiritually, and that our friendships become spiritual when we share with each other how God works in our lives.

I would like to encourage everyone in their friendships, because friendship is a very beautiful thing. I would like to encourage everyone think of God as a friend, and I would like to encourage everyone to see God in their friends.

I leave the last word to the great C.S. Lewis; *"Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art it has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival."*

Fr Tom Lynch

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16th/17th November 2013
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9am M.G. Fernando RIP (Mary Corsin)
11am Michael Hills RIP (Nina Hills)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Molly Jo Chubbock & Phoebe Anne Lovell-Hickey**
6pm Ellen Scrivner RIP (Ann & John Francis & Family)

**RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE CAFOD
PHILLIPINES TYPHOON DISASTER FUND**

Daily Masses 18th-23rd November 2013

Mon: The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul

- 7am** Niall Donohue (P.Q.)
9.30am Cornelius Lynch RIP (Mary Taylor)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues: Feria

- 9.30am** Sophie Laura Hague RIP (Gerry Hague)
7.30pm Deceased Members of the UCM (Tolworth Foundation)

Wed: Feria

- 7am** Elizabeth, Suzie & Charlie Lee (Elizabeth Lee)
9.30am Wellbeing of Maria & Michael Simmonds
60 Years of Marriage (Kathy Jankowski)

12 Noon- FUNERAL- CLINT SAMPSON RIP

Thurs: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7am** Holy Souls (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Jerome Hanratty (Bernadette Quilter)

Fri: St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

- 7am** Welfare of All Priests & Bishops (Parishioner)
9.30am Recovery of Cheung Kwai Sang (Anita Choi)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1pm **FUNERAL: MARY LEYDEN RIP**

Sat: Feria

- 9am** In Thanksgiving: Sister Patricia & Whole Community
(Anne Sheridan)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th November 2013
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Elsie Fowler RIP & Hilda Budd RIP
(Rosemary Howe)
Sun 9am Richard Baker RIP 2nd Anniversary (Family)
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptisms: Joy Dwele & Bryan Croos**
6.00pm Thomas Mulroe & Mary Kineavey RIP (Family)

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Services

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 1,879
for the upkeep of the church :
Archbishop's Administration Fund £ 395

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

**WE REGRET WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FOREIGN
CURRENCY IN THE COLLECTION.**

READINGS

This week: 33rd Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

The Lord comes in judgement but also with healing.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Waiting for Christ's return is no reason to sit in idleness but rather to earn one's own bread.

Gospel Luke 21:5-9

In the face of persecution and hostility Christians are called to bear witness to their faith.

Next week: Christ the King (C)

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel choose David and anoint him as their king.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

All things were created through Christ and for him. God's plan is for all things to be reconciled through him so that we may take our place in the kingdom of the Son that God loves.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The good thief recognises Jesus as the King of the Jews and is promised a place with him in paradise.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Terry George, Clint Sampson, Fr John Redford, Baby Ella Hayes, Tony (Joseph) Coutinho, Cornelius Lynch**, (cousin of Fr Anthony), **Kristyna** (aunt of a parishioner), **Mary Sebastian, Fr Kevin Fitzgerald and Trevor Smith**. 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: Louis von Malaisé (brother of Fr Nicolas), 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, 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, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, 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.

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

CONFIRMATION 2014:

If your son / daughter is in year 9 or above and they would like to be confirmed next year, please visit the parish website, go to Sacraments, then Confirmation, and then read the contents of the page. Please download the application form, and look out for the priest signing dates which will be published in the newsletter later this month. ALL application forms must be counter signed by the priest before an application can be accepted. Christmas is the absolute closing date of countersigned application forms.

NOVEMBER LISTS

NOVEMBER LISTS are now available at the back of the church. Please take a sheet and put the names of your deceased family and friends on it and place it in the box provided. They will then be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS : MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

Our annual Mass for deceased members will be on **Tuesday November 19th at 7.30pm.**

We welcome Margaret as a new member who will be enrolled immediately after Mass.

We shall continue our meeting in the Old Chapel. Discussion topic will be Childhood Memories. Please bring along photos, mementoes, etc. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us.

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). You may have seen from the media how busy all Foodbanks are, and the one in Kingston continues to be very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (23/24 November) – 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 long life milk, long life fruit juice, fruit squash and it would be nice to give some treats for Christmas (chocolates/biscuits).

Many thanks for your help.

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

The Holy Cross School, New Malden 'Christmas Shopping Evening' Friday 22nd November 2013

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Road, New Malden, is having a 'Christmas Shopping Evening' on **Friday 22nd November from 6.30pm until 9pm.** There will be a great selection of cards, gifts, jewellery, books and much more. Entrance is £2 for adults (including a mulled wine and a mince pie) and children under 18 are free. Please come along and join the fun.

PRIMARY SCHOOL Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be signing the priest verification forms for primary schools on **Monday 18th November from 3pm to 4.30pm** and **Tuesday 19th November from 5pm to 6.30pm**.

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

Our Lady Immaculate School Christmas Bazaar

The Our Lady Immaculate School Christmas Bazaar takes place on 30 November 2013 from 1pm - 4pm. We hope you will come along for a fun-filled day!

We have fantastic raffle prizes so please make sure you purchase your tickets before the draw. The prizes are:

- iPod Touch
- Kindle Fire
- £100 Amazon vouchers

Tickets are on sale after 9am and 11am Mass on the run up to the Bazaar.

PARISH DINNER

31st January 2014 at the Sorrento Restaurant

It's that time of year again! Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 31st January 2014 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm. Join us for a three course meal for £15 per head. Includes service charge. Drinks and coffee extra.

Numbers are limited, so please contact Elaine at the Presbytery on 020 8399 9550, or email in-fo@olionline.co.uk to book your place.

Please arrange your own groups in advance if you would like to sit on the same table.

HOLY MASS IN ITALIAN

On **Sunday 8th of December at 3pm** there is a Mass in Italian with Father Giandomenico Ziliotto at Our Lady Immaculate Church, 401/403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey KT6 7DG

After Mass we will meet in the church hall for the Italian Christmas Party organized by the Italian British Association.

For further information, please contact Maria Iacuzio mar_iacuzio@hotmail.com or log into Association fb page <https://www.facebook.com/ItalianBritishAssociation>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SURBITON

The next CTS Unity Service will be held today 17th November, at **St Marks Church, St Mark's Hill, Surbiton at 6.30pm.** The topic will be 'Oxygen'.

Have you joined the Parish within the last year?

If so, you are invited to wine, cheese and refreshments in the Presbytery on **Friday 6th December - between 7pm and 9pm.**



Our Lady Immaculate Church
Parish Lenten Project

The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for over 40 years and has raised £330,000 for good causes around the world. The aim

of the project is give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund raising for third world projects.

The Lenten Project Committee will be meeting on **Sunday 24th November 2013 at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel** for its AGM and to agree which charities will be supported for Lent 2014 and we are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A CHARITY:

1. Charity or organisation needs to be based in the third world
2. Direct help – we are looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
3. Christian based
4. Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
5. Value for money – small and professionally run charity/organisation in the third world
6. Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference
7. Only one charity will be supported per country per year

Only four charities will be supported per year
If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2014 then please complete the charity nomination form (Word version please) which can be found at:

<http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/>
In order to be considered nominations must be on the prescribed form.

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

Once you have completed the form please either email it to info@olionline.co.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.

ART exhibition on 23rd November at 10.30am-4.30pm at St John's church, Kingston Road, New Malden. (Opposite Homepage). Paintings by Norman Irvine - Wildlife; Landscapes; Seascapes. Also raffle and refreshments. All proceeds to Street Pastors, Kingston. Barclays Bank will match this £ for £

Saint Cecilia - 22nd November



Which hymns do you like best? The old ones the modern ones, the timeless ones... the ones with lively repetitive choruses or the plaintive or soulful ones? We all like different hymns and it's impossible to please everyone all of the time. However, all of our hymns have something in common; they are all chosen to compliment the liturgy on any particular week. In the week that sees

the feast of St Cecilia patron saint of music, listen to the lyrics of the hymns and try and decide why they have been chosen.

VISIT OF FR ABUSADA FROM the SCHOOL OF JOY BETHLEHEM



As a Parish we made two pilgrimages to the Holy Land in recent years and supported projects there as part of last year's Parish Project. Fr Abusada from

Beit Sahour (Shepherds Field) in Bethlehem is coming to OLI on **TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2013 at 7.30pm** to meet with all our Parishioners and all those from surrounding parishes. He will be talking about the School of Joy

which he set up some years ago to help orphans and those with Learning Difficulties in the area.

The school is ecumenical in outlook and takes in children without reference to race, colour or religion. The only criterion is need. At present they have a waiting list of over 50 children to try and help. Teachers there are paid less than half normal rates and often there is no money at all to pay them.

Under the auspices of Friends of the Holy Land they have started workshops to train these children to make some Olive Wood products. Fr Abusada will have some of these for sale on the night.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet him that evening. Light refreshments will be available.

Street Pastors are in need of Prayer Pastors!

Prayer Pastors (or PPs) are people who intercede for those who go out and for the situations they come across. PPs arrive at the URC in Kingston at 9.45pm - at the same time as the Street Pastors (SPs), but they stay indoors the whole time, until 4am when the night ends. I started as a PP and I found it a very good experience. One doesn't pray the whole time - that is, I found that prayer can be just making the effort to be there - to give up a night's sleep! I met other Christians, learnt different styles of prayer and tried to teach them some Catholic ones. PPs also act as 'Carers' for the SPs - caring for their needs when they come in for a break; making tea, providing cakes and such and listening to them give feedback about what they've encountered in their walk. (There are 2 breaks most nights at 12 and at 1.30ish.. At 1.30 is a quiet time on the streets and we often buy a hot snack of chips!)

During the night the SPs may ring in with particular requests for intercession - perhaps a fight has broken out; an ambulance is needed and we've been told the waiting time is 60 minutes!; we are anxious about a girl who appears to be alone; etc. I look forward to more people from OLI coming out with us!

Please contact one of the SPs or me, Tessa Macleod, on 07958 683 304 for more info. Or email Paul Jacobs, Kingston Street Pastors coordinator at kingston@streetpastors.org.uk

Inter Faith Week 17th-23rd November 2013

This started five years ago in England but year on year is gradually spreading. The purpose is to bring faith communities closer together by sharing celebrations, exhibitions, concerts and classroom activities. This is a good week to look at someone else's place of worship and learn something new about someone else's culture.