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The Australians have mixed feelings about the royal family. Some love the royal family and others are committed republicans. Several Australian prime ministers have got into trouble when greeting the Queen during State visits. Mrs Julia Gillard in October 2010 generated many columns of news print when she didn't curtsy to the Queen but just bowed. Prime Minister Paul Keating and Prime Minister John Howard, have both been accused of giving a helping hand to the Queen. Mr Keating denied making a protocol blunder by putting his arm around the Queen. As we know there are strict rules about touching and speaking to the Queen. As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this weekend we need to realise that treating Jesus as King is the reversal of the ways usually followed by the royalty of this world. Royalty are quite removed from the people and are not expected to associate with us as equals.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn says "Jesus did not sit on an elevated throne to symbolise his power: but hung from the cross, too weak to save himself from death. He did not wear a bejewelled crown as a dazzling display of triumph and wealth: but, capped by a crown of thorns he was an appalling sight, without beauty, without majesty, a thing despised and rejected by men and women."

We celebrate this feast by giving allegiance to Jesus. We ask him to be the ruler of our hearts. The Kingdom of Jesus is not a kingdom of power but the Kingdom of justice

peace and love. How do we honour Jesus as king? We do this by "making a commitment to work for a world of justice for all, as family equality demands; a world where might and violence no longer give the right to dominate; where there is a fair sharing of the resources of field and factory: where

there are opportunities for all to grow in body, mind and spirit." (Fr Silvester O'Flynn) We need to make reconciliation a priority in our own lives and in our relationships with others as a society. This will foster true and lasting peace. Jesus did not bring about his kingdom through force and intimidation. He often went against the prevailing feeling and mood of the crowd. He ate with tax collectors and sinners, and women of ill repute. He reached out in love to those on the margins. He saw what people could be and offered them life and healing.

He calls us to a life of love. He loved us so much that he suffered and died ignominiously. It was from the cross that he promised paradise to the thief. "Today you will be with me."

"Loving Father you anointed Jesus as priest, prophet and king. I subject myself to his rule, his reign, so that I may work to bring about an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of life and truth, and a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Canon Anthony Charlton



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

6pm Thomas Mulroe & Mary Kineavey RIP (Family)

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Youth Services

Daily Masses 25th-30th November 2013

Mon: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

7am Deceased Members of the Franco Family
(Tina Pozella)

9.30am John Campbell RIP (Anne Sheridan)

Tues: Feria

9.30am In Thanksgiving: Rosemary Durkin (Anthony Durkin)

Wed: Feria

7am Quey, Rose, Patrick, Rosanne & Families
(Lizzie Lee)

9.30am Gerrard Dodds RIP (FM)

Thurs: Feria

7am Welfare of Christine Sullivan (Family)

9.30am Maria Ramanayake RIP (M B Peiris)

Fri: Feria

7am Welfare of Theodore Farr (Family)

9.30am John Joyce RIP (Jo & Colm Gray)

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

9am Agnes Ferguson RIP (Agnes & Alan Crowley)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30th November/1st December 2013
1st Sunday of Advent (A)

Sat 6.30pm Private Intention (Gramstadt Family)

Sun 9am Ted Howe RIP (Sheila Howe)

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptisms: Wreighlyn Anne Hodgson San Juan

6.00pm Franco Ferrara RIP (Pauline Ferrara)

Retiring Collection for St George's Cathedral

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 2,112

for the upkeep of the church :

CAFOD APPEAL FOR THE PHILIPINES £ 1,670

We thank you for your continued generosity.

(Cash counters this week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)



We welcome into the Church **Molly Jo Chubbock & Phoebe Anne Lovell-Hickey** who were baptised last Sunday.

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

READINGS

This 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.

Next week: 1st Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah's transforming vision of a lasting peace, crafted from former causes of destruction.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is not just about the future. It is near; it is already at hand.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, preparing for the coming of the Son of Man.

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), and **Mary Sebastian**. 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, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Peter and Ann Groves, Ella Hayes, Amanda Marsella, Stephen Fleming, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, 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 Burridge, 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.

Confirmation for Older Teens and Adults

If you would like to be confirmed next year, and are aged 16 or above, please speak to one of the priests.

The Parish Lenten Project



The Lenten Project Committee will be meeting TODAY- Sunday 24th November- at 7pm in the Old Chapel for its AGM

and to agree which charities will be supported for Lent 2014. We will announce the chosen charities in the near future.



Leaflets detailing the times of all Christmas Masses and services are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

FAMILY CRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be having our Family Cringle (Christmas Carols) in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday 18th December at 5.30pm.

We are looking for volunteers for reading- so if you would like to be involved please contact either Fr Anthony or Fr Tom.

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 info@olionline.co.uk to book your place.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be signing the priest verification forms for primary schools on **Monday 25th November from 3.15pm to 4.30pm** and **Wednesday 27th November from 5.30pm 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 this Sunday.

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>

Have you joined the Parish within the last year?

If so, you are invited to wine, cheese and refreshments in the Presbytery on **Friday 3rd January 2014 - between 7pm and 9pm**. (Please note change of date)

NOVEMBER LISTS

NOVEMBER LISTS are 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.

CRIB COLLECTION- for Cabrini Children's Society

This year's Crib Collection will be for Cabrini Children's Society, a Catholic charity that puts children and families at the heart of everything they do. They offer a range of different support to families throughout the diocese.

**Day of Prayer for Scotland
Saint Andrew's Day - November 30th 2013**

'The StAnd' will be a day to launch a year of continuous prayer for Scotland throughout 2014 – one of the most significant years in the country's history – a year that sees Scotland hosting the Commonwealth Games then holding the referendum on independence, as well as celebrating other major anniversaries and events. Visit www.thestand.org.uk



**Concluding Celebration of the Year of Faith
24th November 2013**

There will be a celebration led by Pope Francis in St Peter's Square on this day to conclude the Year of Faith. The specific aim of this year has been that every Christian may rediscover "the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ." Of course, we don't need a specific year to do this. So if you feel the year has passed you by, it's not too late to take time out particularly over the Advent period to invest some time in re-defining your faith.

**National Youth Sunday
(England and Wales)**

The Church in England and Wales has marked the contribution of young people on Christ the King for many years. Universally it is marked on Palm Sunday. In many parishes it is an opportunity to focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in the life of the parish. Our younger parishioners aren't just mini versions of ourselves, and they are not going to take the Church in the same direction as we did. What is vital is that our youngsters know that they have a special contribution. All of our Catholic agencies such as CAFOD, Trocaire, SCIAF and the SVP have special activities and webpages designed to engage younger parishioners. The next generation is the future of the Church.

Fair Trade Chocolate Advent Calendars

Advent is around the corner, and if you are a small child it's time to think about.... well...chocolate! The Real Advent Fair Trade Calendar and the Divine Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar...

both illustrated with the Nativity theme to give you the opportunity to talk to your children about the real meaning of Advent.... and of course, they both contain yummy chocolate. www.traidcraftshop.co.uk to buy online.



The Parish library

The Parish Library will be open after all Masses this weekend - in the RDJ Room.

**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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

We now have Advent and Christmas reading material for sale in the Repository (church shop) - especially for children and for families.