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Paws fur thought

On Monday afternoon last week, a cat wandered into the church. Apparently, it had also tried to gain entry into the presbytery. At the church door I scooped it up, and later took it to the vets to see if it had a microchip to tell us where it had come from and who owned it (as much as cats can be owned by anyone). It did and was returned safely to its family.

It turns out that the cat had wandered all the way from Berrylands and had been missing for a week- a week of wandering to Tolworth, of busy roads and homelessness and hunger (don't get too sentimental, it's only a cat, some of our brother and sister human beings suffer much worse). So the family was very grateful to have it returned and despite our short acquaintance I was feeling pangs of loss, I had temporarily named it after the saint of that day.

When there are strong breezes and rain, animals which rely on their sense of smell, can often get lost, they lose their way home and so become disoriented. This little cat had lost the scent it was following and so wandered off until it was discovered.

Sometimes the same can happen to us. We can get thrown off course when the hurricanes of our culture, media and public opinion rip around us. We can become disoriented by strong winds of our emotions.

What are the things which might knock us off balance? Things like job insecurity, broken friendships, difficult relationships, Church scandals, prayers unanswered, feelings of guilt and unworthiness. These are just a few examples, there are many more, and more personal for

each of us.

When this happens to us we can try to find somewhere warm and light and comforting to rest and escape. Much like this little cat, who took refuge in the church.

What saved the day for our cat was his microchip. Inserted just under his skin was a little chip which told the vet everything about him; his name, his family and his address. Within him, hidden under the surface was a key to his identity, a key to his peace and security.

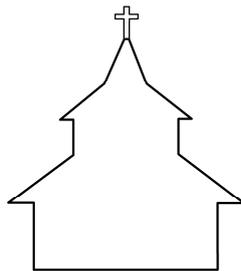
When we have been baptised we are given a new identity in Christ. We become a new person (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1265), we take on a new identity; our old identity is not destroyed by rebuilt and developed.

Our identity is how we see ourselves, what we call ourselves, that part of us which is unique to us, and us alone. And what is this new identity we have through baptism? it is a relationship with God.

Under our skin, deep within us, hidden from view but really there in our soul is this Christian identity. So that when we are lost, or disoriented by everything happening around us, or within our minds, we can recall our true identity, that we are children of God, and remembering this does not solve our problems, but will bring us the peace and security we need at difficult times.

Tom Lynch

['Cat' appears nine times in this front page, see if you can find them all]



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd February 2014

Seventh Sunday (A)

Sat 6.30pm Richard Baker RIP (John & Bernadette Brooks)

Sun 9am Francesco, Alberico & Ermando Perillo RIP
(Mrs D'Agostino)

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm **Baptisms: Charlie Joe Gaskin & Maximus Juan Duran Benitez**

6pm The Welfare of Jeanette Bonfield (Rosemary Durkin)

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service

Daily Masses 24th February -1st March 2014

Mon: Feria

7am Muriel Rogers RIP (Pauline Rogers)

10am **FUNERAL MASS: MAUREEN DILLON RIP**

Tues: St Ethelbert, King

9.30am Well-being of Sheila & Eddie Walsh (Donors' Intention)

Wed: Feria

7am Roy Rogers RIP & Carol Marsella RIP (Pauline Rogers)

9.30am Terry George RIP & Barbara Stewart RIP
(Joan McCutcheon)

Thurs: Feria

7am Nanette & Annie RIP (Family)

9.30am Vincent John Burrows RIP(FM)

Fri: Feria

7am Alice & Albert Edwards RIP (Edwards Family)

9.30am Ken Stacey RIP & Nellie Walmsley RIP (Mary Stacey)

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

9am Brigid Campbell: Special Intention (Anne Sheridan)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1st/2nd March 2014

Eighth Sunday (A)

Day for the Unemployed

Sat 6.30pm Welfare of Richard Trutwein
(Heather & George Trutwein)

Sun 9am Joe Cullinan RIP (Pat Grogan)

11am Welfare of Sally D'Costa (Family)

12.30pm **Baptisms:**

6.00pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 1,766

Catholic Education Fund £ 350

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



(Cash counters this week : Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips
Next week: Ray & Liz Lewry)

We welcome into the Church **Julia Domagalska, Isaac Alf Macanda & Reggie John Drinkwater** who were bap-

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

Today's Readings : 7th Sunday (A)

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Humanity is faced with a choice: life or death. Choose life.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The wisdom of God is revealed to those who love God and it leads them into glory.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

The Law and the Prophets come to completion in the person and teaching of Jesus.

Next Sundays Readings: 8th Sunday (A)

First Reading Isaiah 49:14-15

The Lord promises his people that he loves us with a deep, unfailing maternal love.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul reminds the Corinthians not to use their time and energy fretting about who is worthy or not. Rather, trusting all things to our heavenly Father, we are called simply to be faithful stewards of the mysteries Christ gives us.

Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Recognising the worries of everyday life, Jesus calls all who hear him to reshape their lives in service to a new master.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for: **Myles Humphrey, Maureen Dillon, Alex Yapp, Reginald Miller, Peter Searle, Margaret Comiskey** (mother of Helena Coulson), **Magda Szablinska, Stephen Fleming and Irene Boffa**. 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: Jane and Martin Estall, Eileen Sullivan, Margarita Mickericiene, Bruno Di Libero, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Louis von Malaisé (brother of Fr Nicolas), Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, 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 Knapgate, 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 Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, 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.

Lenten Box Distribution 2014

With Lent almost upon us the annual distribution of Lenten Boxes will commence this weekend 22nd & 23rd February and also 1st & 2nd March.

The Lenten Boxes are one of the main sources of income for the charities which the Lenten Project supports and enables us to fulfil our Lenten obligation to give alms.

Boxes will be distributed as you leave Mass. Please take one if you are able to.

You will notice a difference with the boxes this year. We are inviting parishioners to Gift Aid their donation. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the boxes. This means that we can claim 25% tax back on every eligible box. Since most people are liable for tax it means we could claim up to £1000 just by making the declaration.

Please rest assured that your donation will be treated in the strictest confidence.

A Just Giving page has also been created for those parishioners who like to give on-line in a tax efficient way. If you would prefer to make your donation on-line please visit www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject



OLI J&P Blg Breakfast.

We will be holding another one of the popular breakfasts **TODAY -Sunday 23rd February after the 9 o'clock Mass** and we welcome all Parishioners to join us for the usual Tea, coffee and other good things. Donations are always welcome and any monies collected will go towards the Lenten Project. We would also welcome any one who would be interested in joining our group so please come and speak to any one of us at the Breakfast.

As it is Fair Trade Fortnight we hope that you will feel able to participate as all the goods will be Fair Trade, including some very nice biscuits for the children.

OLI J&P Group



Willing to serve as a School Admission Appeal Panel Member?

On behalf of the governing bodies of Catholic Schools in the Diocese, the Education Commission is currently seeking volunteers to sit on Appeals Panels.

School Admission Appeal Panels hear appeals from parents who have not been offered places for their children at their preferred school. The Appeal Panels work to a Code of Practice to provide an independent forum for parents and school governing bodies to present their respective cases. Panel decisions are binding on school governing bodies and on parents. A list of such members will be maintained by the Education Commission and training will be provided during March and April to those appointed to the list.

Please contact the Commission for an application form and further information as soon as possible either by phone 01689 829331 or email office(p) educationcommission.org.uk.

Completed application forms should be sent back to the Commission by 7 March 2014.



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

Thurs 20th March- Choral Concert

Sat 22nd March- Sponsored walk event

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

Sat 29 March- Quiz Night

Sun 30 March- Chocolate Tombola

Sat 5th April- Bingo Night

Sat 12 April - KSC/UCM Jumble Sale

Sat 26th April- Southern Indian Night

Bedding Plant sale- date to be advised

If you would like to organise an event or have any ideas for extra fundraising activities, then please contact Phil Townsend (townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk) or the parish office (info@olionline.co.uk)
Many thanks.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March 2014

'Praying for Egypt'

10.30am at **St Peter's Church**, Norbiton

Speaker -Mrs Carol Holmes

Choir- St Joseph's Catholic Primary school

7.30pm at **Surbiton Hill Methodist Church**

Speaker- Mrs Alice Frimpong

Choir- Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Choir

Refreshments will be served after each service.

All welcome

Headteacher Required from September 2014

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Queen's Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6HN DFE

Closing date for applications: 9:30 Monday 3rd March

2014 **Interviews:** Thursday 20th and Friday 21st

March 2014. For job description, downloadable application form and other information telephone 020 8940 3015

or visit :-

www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk



OLD BLESSED PALMS

If you have any blessed palms from last Easter, please bring them to Mass next weekend so they can be burned and used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Walk with Me- A Lenten journey of prayer for every day in Lent. Available **FREE** at the back of the church. Please do take a copy.

WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD A SPATE OF THEFTS DURING MASS, INCLUDING A HANDBAG AND A BUGGY. PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS UNATTENDED.

LENT

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross after all 9.30am week day Masses. There will also be Sunday evening prayer every Sunday in Lent at 4.30pm

GREEN WASTE

There is now a green waste bin in the sacristy for the disposal of dead flowers and foliage. No paper or cellophane is to go in this bin.

When full it needs to be emptied in to the large green waste bin out side in Father Anthony's front garden which is emptied each fortnight.

Thank you.



PARISH LIBRARY

Celebrating the first anniversary of our Parish Library.



The Library is open to everyone, every last Sunday of the month (and Saturday evening) after every Mass. Free registration. It will be open this weekend in the RDJ Room.

Books and CDs can be borrowed for free, we ask 50p per month for a DVD. Three items can be borrowed for a month and may be extended.

We hold books, CDs and DVDs for children & adults.

Adults 289 books: spiritual, doctrinal, biographies and writings of saints and popes; biblical, classics and some fiction. 13 DVDs

Children 137 books and some DVDs classified by ages.

You can now borrow the reference books including: The New Jerome Biblical Commentary, Dictionary of the Bible by McKenzie, The Harper Collins Encyclopedia of Catholicism.

We would like to buy more Books & DVDs for both adults and children and would welcome any suggestion, which you could leave in the Library box of ideas, on a window sill in the RDJ room.

We have noted that many books and DVDs are overdue. Please bring them to the RDJ Room. An amnesty (no charge) for titles that are long overdue without renewal will operate until the end of March.

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.

REPOSITORY- CHURCH SHOP

Please pay us a visit after Masses on Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9am and 11am. We have a new selection of greetings cards, Mass cards, rosaries, crucifixes and children's books. Easter cards are now on sale. After Easter, gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be on sale.

Pat Buchanan tel: 8399 2300

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows -7th February.

Everybody knows somebody who appears saintly, not because they have done anything big or clever or dramatic, but because they have done a whole lot of little things well and reliably. That describes St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows perfectly. St. Gabriel was born 'Francis' but took the name St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows when he entered the Passionists as a novitiate. Gabriel died from tuberculosis in February 1862. His example reminds us that we don't need to strive to be heroic but simply to make small acts of kindness every day.

Talks for adults in London organised by the Faith Movement (details below).

The series is about the purpose of the Church with titles and dates as follows.

1. **Wednesday 26th February 2014:**

The Church of Jesus Christ: The 'ecosystem' of man.

Fr William Massie

2. **Wednesday 12th March 2014:**

The Church's Magisterium: Why must it be part of God's communing with Man?

Fr Mark Vickers

3. **Wednesday 26th March 2014:**

Why male and female? Why the virginal birth?

Fr Hugh MacKenzie.

Talks will take place at **7:30pm** in the crypt of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Warwick St, London (nearest tube is Piccadilly circus).

Please note that the entrance to the crypt is via the basement stairs (next to 24 Golden Square, London, W1F 9JR)

Saint David **March 1st**



Were we restricted to hard manual labour and a diet of bread, vegetables and water, most of us would find little reason to rejoice. Yet joy is what David urged on his brothers as he lay dying. Perhaps he could say that to them—and to us—because he lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. For, as someone once said, "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." May his intercession bless us with the same awareness!

Parish Website-

◆ **Photos of the first Confirmation Group's visit to Whitstable.**

Can I help?

Polish lady with many years of cleaning experience and ironing in SW London. References available. Please call Celina on 07724 486535 if interested.