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Lent is for life, not just for chocolate

So, we've decided to do something extra for Lent, maybe we're going to pray more, or give to charity. Excellent. And we've also decided to give up something. Even better. And so far (for the past five days) we've kept to our resolution. Perfect, we're almost saints now!

Almost, but not yet. In the Church we often talk about prayer, fasting and almsgiving (PFA) as a means to an end, not as an end in themselves. These words "means" and "ends" might be confusing, because we don't often think in those Greek philosophical terms anymore.

An "end" is what we desire, what we are aiming for. For example, the "ends" of dieting are weight loss and health. The "ends" of our work are to provide for our family. The "end" of the Christian life is heaven, the beatific vision, union with God.

And the "means" are how we will achieve our aim. So for example, if I desire to provide for my family and put food on the table, the means I use to do this are hard work and careful saving.

So, PFA are not the ends. Our Christian life, and particularly our Christian engagement with Lent is not to pray, fast or give alms. Each are good, and by engaging with them we also begin to become better people, holier people, but the aim of our life isn't just prayer, isn't just fasting, isn't just almsgiving.

So what is the end of PFA? What do these Lenten observances lead to?

They lead to a number of ends, they lead to self-knowledge, peace, humility, generosity, empathy, compassion, knowledge of God, love of God ... the list is endless.

I'll give you an example; suppose I fast from chocolate for Lent. After a couple of days I find myself desiring chocolate, hankering, pining, craving, longing for chocolate. My fasting has given me this self-knowledge that chocolate was a big part in my life, a bigger part than I had supposed.

Another example; I have resolved to pray more this Lent. I promise myself I will pray the rosary every day. I tell everyone I will do this, and make it a big part of my planning each day. But when the time comes I forget, or I get distracted. So, I receive the gift of humility; I wasn't as holy as I thought I was. So, each day I ask God for the spirit of prayer.

A final example; I've decided to give my spare change to charity.

Thinking about this while walking to the shop I pass a homeless guy. Remembering my Lenten promise I also decide to buy him some food. So that I have fed both this man and my Lenten project box. God has given me the gift of generosity.

These are small ways that the "means" of Lent are leading us to the "ends", a holier, more God centred life. This week, I invite you to see what God is working in your life through your Lenten penance. How God is using your Lenten "means" to achieve his desired "end".

Fr Tom Lynch



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 8th/9th March 2014

First Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9am Welfare of Rob Estall & Family (Rosemary Durkin)
11am Denis Deasy RIP (Cummins Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Sophia May Fowler**
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6pm Charles Buckland RIP (Heather Trutwein)

Daily Masses 10th-15th March 2014

Mon: Feria

- 7am** In Thanksgiving (Carina Manning)
9.30am In Thanksgiving for the Life of Mary Estall RIP (Rob Estall)

Tues: Feria

- 9.30am** Maureen Dillon RIP (Mary O'Mara)

Wed: Feria

- 7am** Michael Peter Doherty RIP (Bridget J Fennah)
9.30am Stephen Fleming RIP (Monica Tett)

Thurs: Feria

- 7am** Mrs B Brennan RIP (M.F.Barry)
9.30am Breda Cruse RIP (Staunton Family)

Fri: Feria

- 7am** Beatrice Jaisingh (L Lewis)
9.30am Jacinta & Scott Baxter & Family (Anne Sheridan)

Sat: Feria

- 9am** Crata RIP (Tina Pozella)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th March 2014

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Dan & Rosa McGeown RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)
Sun 9am Margaret Grogan RIP (Pat Grogan)
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptisms: Amber Lily Trevenna**
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6.00pm Mary Langton RIP & Mary Campbell RIP (Maria Campbell)

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

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 1,953

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

(Cash counters this week : Ray & Liz Lewry
Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)



We welcome into the Church **Ella Jasmine Mantillas & Ivan Andreas Portela** who were baptised last weekend.

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

Today's Readings : 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Using imagery, the story is told of man and woman's creation, of temptation and the origins of sin.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Paul compares the disobedience of Adam, whose sin brought death, with the obedience of Christ, whose death restored eternal life.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus defeats three temptations as he prepares for his mission as Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord calls Abraham to receive his blessings.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls all of us to be holy in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus calls his disciples to share in his glory.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for: **Bruno Di Libero, Myles Humphrey, Maureen Dillon, Alex Yapp, Reginald Miller, Peter Searle and Margaret Comiskey** (mother of Helena Coulson). 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: Baby Noah (grandson of Peggy O'Connor), Jane and Martin Estall, Eileen Sullivan, Margarita Mickericiene, 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, Amanda 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 Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Simon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.



Sunday Morning Coffees

To set up a proper rota more volunteers are needed. Please Contact Marie-helene on 020 8399 4368 or milene_cook@fastmail.com.

Want to know more about the bible?

On the first Thursday of each month we read and reflect on the bible around 10.30am, after the morning Stations of the Cross, in the RDJ room by the Sacristy. Next session: **Thursday 3 April.**

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

CAKE SALE AFTER MASSES 8/9th MARCH

The Union of Catholic Mothers will be holding their annual Cake Sale for the Parish Project this weekend -March 8/9th. This is the first fund-raising event for the Project this year so we hope to get off to a good start. Everyone is invited to bake a cake or cakes and bring them to the parish hall before 6.30pm Mass on Saturday March 8th and before the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday March 9th. Do come and buy delicious home-made cakes and bread. All proceeds to the Parish Project.

FR ANTHONY AND THE TOLWORTH TREKKERS

You will see that this year's main sponsored event for the Lenten Project will be the sponsored walk. This year we have decided to make the walk a tad more challenging, and plan to walk a little over 17 miles on Saturday 22nd March. This is despite the fact that last year- after only 11 miles- we had blisters the size of footballs and the loss of two toe nails!



There is a sponsorship form attached to this week's newsletter with details of the route, along with a gift aid section to complete if you are a UK tax payer. Both Fr Anthony and Fr Tom will be completing the walk, together with a band of parishioners, collectively known as 'The Tolworth Trekkers'. So please show your support and fill out a sponsorship form and return to the Presbytery with your donation in the envelope provided, by Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention- March 2014



In some of our societies women are still prevented from playing a full and equal role. In some cultures women are restricted in their movements, punished for permitting the exposure of an arm or ankle denied an education or career. The root of

this prejudice lies deep in our histories and is hard to shake off. How many opportunities might we have wasted by discriminating against half a population? This month's prayer asks us to challenge outdated attitudes and practices.



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:-

- 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
- Sun 27th April- Krispy Kreme donut sale after 9am & 11am Masses

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.

LENTEN PROJECT 2014

WANTED FOR TABLE TOP SALE –

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd March

The Table Top Sale involves new and nearly new items as well as the very popular, home-made *jams*, *marma-lades* and of course the *plants* stall. This year - a table of items of interest to gardeners.

The pupils of OLI school are donating *toys*, *books* and *games* both new and in very good condition. And already we have a collection of table ware with cutlery, china and glass.

All proceeds from these tables go to the Lenten project.

Do you have any **unwanted goodies?** gifts – chocs – toys that are 'over' after Christmas? – to be sold or used as raffle prizes.

Ring **0208 397 7733** to find out how to donate or to arrange collection.

Tea / coffee and cakes and biscuits will be on sale.

Call in after the Saturday evening Mass or the two Sunday morning Masses meet friends and support the project!

THANKYOU!

Introduction to Lent

In his Lenten message for 2014, Pope Francis takes inspiration from the words of St. Paul (Cor 8:9), and asks us to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty." Embrace his call by fasting from or "giving up" material things, including food, superfluous to your basic needs; "taking up" charitable habits directed to helping and caring for others; and "lifting up" those in need through giving alms, praying and participating in devotional practices.

URGENTLY NEEDED:

Local LIFE Caring Centre urgently needs a tandem baby buggy. If you can help please ring Therese on 020 8390 1080 for collection. LIFE charity cares for women with crisis pregnancies and their babies.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: FRIDAY 14 MARCH

Tonight, one in eight of us will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this weekend, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day! Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

Lent Talks BBC Radio 4

Starts Wednesday 12th March 2014

Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.

Lenten Online Calendars

Many Christian charities place online Lenten Calendars on their websites nowadays. These calendars offer daily prayers, reflections and suggested activities. Check out the calendars at...

- ◆ www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-Calendar-2014
- ◆ Count your blessings this Lent with Christian Aid's thought provoking Count Your Blessings Calendar. 40 daily bit-size reflections. www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent-2014/count-your-blessings
- ◆ The Three Minute Retreat www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer (not just for Lent.. you can have this delivered to your inbox all year round)

Why 40 Days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- ◆ In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- ◆ The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- ◆ Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
- ◆ Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

The Justice and Peace group would like to thank everyone who supported the Big Breakfast last Sunday. Your generous donations raised £85 for the Lenten Project.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons for beginners (+5 years). For information contact Ajani on 07703138451.

Soldier to Saint Friday 4th April 7pm

St Joseph's Church Hall, Montem Road, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 3QW

Rise Theatre will be bringing to life the inspirational story of Saint Alban, Britain's' first Christian martyr. Be immersed into the gritty world of London 2020 where religious expression has been made illegal. John Alban is an ordinary soldier whose life is about to change forever. As Christians are forced into hiding and rioting hits the streets, John strikes an unlikely friendship with a fugitive priest – a friendship that could cost him his life.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped many couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The programme can help you too. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 28th-30th March 2014, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0797 338 0443 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

Kingston NCT Branch Nearly New Sale

Sunday 23rd March 2014 3pm - 5pm

Venue: Tolworth Recreation Centre

Fullers Way North, Tolworth

Admission: £1:50

Priority and early admission queue for NCT members (2:45pm)

CHORAL CONCERT

At OLI Church on Thursday 20th March at 6.15pm.

A programme of sacred and secular works by Jenkins, Elgar and Willcocks performed by the Sunningdale School Choir. Musical director, Leanne Spencer. Accompanied by Steve Lea. All proceeds to the

FR PETER RYMAN

Fr Peter, former assistant priest of OLI, is celebrating his 50th Year of Ordination later this year, and we have been asked to track down any old photographs of his time here. If you do hold any photos, please let Elaine in the parish office know, and she will be able to scan them for our records. Thank you.

READING FOR LENT

There are a variety of books available in the Repository that might be suitable for reading this season. Among them are various versions of Stations of the Cross. For the children, there are some Easter activity books. There are also various books giving daily meditations for the Lenten season. We also have a copy of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium', together with various pamphlets about his life and words.