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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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As a pilgrim in the Holy Land, when you are taken to the foot of Mount Tabor the traditional site of the transfiguration of Jesus, you have a choice. To walk to the top or to wait for the fleet of minibuses to take you up the narrow winding road to the top. (16 hairpin bends). It is impassable for coaches.

As the guide books say, "the precise identification of this important event of the transfiguration must remain a mystery." This is how the late Jerome Murphy O'Connor introduces Mount Tabor in his book on the Holy Land. "The perfect breast shape of Mount Tabor excites awe and wonder; it has the aura of a sacred mountain. From the dawn of history it was a place where humanity found contact with the numinous and it is hardly surprising that Christian tradition eventually located there the transfiguration of Jesus"

A mountain is seen as a place where God reveals himself. Moses went up the mountain to receive the Commandments and encounter God. It is a place set apart. To climb to a high place sets us in a space where we can be quiet, where we can rest, where we absent ourselves from the noise and bustle of daily life. One of my favourite places is the Malvern hills. I used to love

being able to sit atop the Worcestershire Beacon and look across Herefordshire on one side and the vale of Evesham on the other.

Jesus took Peter James and John with him and climbed the mountain. There they experienced Jesus in a new way. It was here that the three men saw

Jesus transfigured. Jesus was shown to them as who he really was. The voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved son, listen to him."

Lent is our time for finding some way in our busy lives to climb a mountain, to find a place apart. A time to let ourselves be led by Jesus who wants to show us who he is. God whispers to us, "This is my beloved son,

listen to him."

Fr James McCaffrey says "the command to listen is not just an invitation to lend an attentive ear. It also means to open the heart to God's word and to respond in obedience.... To be a disciple is to listen: .. This attitude of listening surpasses all other forms of worship;... To pray means to remain always open to the word and ready to respond to it."

What sort of listening am I doing during Lent? Have I managed to find moments of quiet? Am I prepared to let Jesus lead me to a place in my heart where he can show me who he really is?

Anthony Charlton



**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**
- 6pm** Mary Langton RIP & Mary Campbell RIP  
(Maria Campbell)

**Daily Masses 17th-22nd March 2014**

**Mon: St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

- 7am** Frank Rogers RIP (Family)
- 9.30am** Mona Staussi RIP (Thelma Staussi & Family)
- 5.30pm** Syro Malabar Mass

**Tues: Feria**

- 9.30am** Rhoda D'Cruz RIP (FM)

**Wed: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patron of the Universal Church**

- 7am** Mary Coyne RIP (Ann McGuinness)
- 9.30am** Mary Anne Bastiampillai RIP (Ronald & Family)

**Thurs: Feria**

- 7am** Daphne Mundow RIP (Dorothy Mundow)
- 9.30am** Welfare of Sheila Walsh

**Fri: Feria**

- 7am** Alex Yapp RIP (Catherine Yapp)
- 9.30am** In Thanksgiving- 80th Birthday (Anne Dray)

**Sat: Feria**

- 9am** Rosario & Juanita RIP (Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd March 2014**

**Third Sunday of Lent (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Frank Galagher RIP (P Hogan)
- Sun 9am** Gladys Millard RIP (Sheila Howe)
- 11am** Sheila Newman RIP (Dell Family)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms: Thomas Riley Cummins &  
Bran Avron Acuavera**
- 4.30pm** **Evening Prayer**
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

**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**

**£ 2,096**

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

(Cash counters this week : Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski  
Next week: Tessa MacLeod & Lynette Confait)



We welcome into the Church **Sophia May Fowler** who was baptised last weekend.

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

**Today'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.

**Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)**

**First Reading** Exodus 17:3-7

After their escape from slavery in Egypt into the barrenness of the desert, the Israelites begged Moses to give them water.

**Second Reading** Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Our thirsty souls need the life-giving water that is love. Through Jesus, the Spirit of love gives us the life for which we all long.

**Gospel** John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman represents all of us who thirst for the spring of water "welling up to eternal life", which Jesus makes available to us in himself.

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, 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, 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 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 Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.

**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 (former parishioner and OLI student). Accompanied by Steve Lea. It will be a fantastic evening, so please do come along and enjoy the music- why not bring along friends and family. There is no entrance fee, but a collection will be taken on the night, and all proceeds will go towards our Lenten 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.

**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.**

**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.

**LENTEEN 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:-  
 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](mailto:townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk) ) or the parish office ( [info@olionline.co.uk](mailto:info@olionline.co.uk) )  
 Many thanks.

**LENTEEN PROJECT 2014**

**WANTED FOR TABLE TOP SALE –**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

**CONTACT THE ELDERLY**

Do you live on your own? Are you lonely, especially at the weekend? Would you like to join a group of like-minded people and enjoy a lovely tea on one Sunday a month? If so, please contact Heather on 020 8241 7574 or Toni on 020 8399 7788. Don't be shy, we would love you to join us!

Also wanted- reserve drivers to collect- as and when available.



### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

We have a retiring collection for CAFOD Fast Day- please use the CAFOD envelopes from last week. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them. Our prayers and donations are helping to ensure thousands more people worldwide are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today, and face the future with greater hope and security.

### UCM CAKE SALE :

Thanks to everyone who generously provided and bought cakes. £607 was raised for the Parish Project.

Thanks also to those who provided raffle prizes. The winning tickets were:

Pink ticket 464 - Chocolate gateau  
Pink ticket 219 - Bottle of whisky  
Pink ticket 429 - Bottle of sherry  
Pink ticket 251 - Bottle of Irish Cream  
Pink ticket 497 - Small hamper  
Blue ticket 326 - Easter egg  
Yellow ticket 466 - Bottle of wine  
Pink ticket 243 - Hand cream

### AWAKENING

Come help us to continue the chain of prayer as it sweeps across the country. The Jesus youth cordially invite you to be a part of 24 hours of **'Awakening'**, a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, an initiative happening all across Europe, and now it's our turn here at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Tolworth; starting at 9.00am on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March till 8.30am the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. There will be the celebration of Holy Mass at the beginning and conclusion of the 24 hours. Join us as one family in prayer as we pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and for the Church in the Europe.

The Jesus youth is an international Catholic youth movement that had its beginning in India, and currently has an active presence of over 25 countries around the World. The strength of the movement is its special focus on a life centred on the Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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.

### FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT- LENTEN PROJECT 2014

This fun filled event takes place on Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. Adults £3, children £1. Maximum of 8 people per team. To book a table call George Hoskins on 07949 334 349. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. All funds go to the Lenten Project.



### UCM Meeting

The next meeting of the UCM will be on Tuesday March 18th at the later time of 8.30pm in the Old Chapel. Father Anthony will talk to us on a Lenten theme

### 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.

### ENCOUNTER - EVENING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS AGED 15-30

The Next ENCOUNTER evening will be on Friday March 21st at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley, running from 7pm-9pm. There is no charge and no need to book. It's a friendly evening with music, food (snacks), Adoration, a guest speaker and the chance to meet other young Catholics. New people are especially welcome.

### Ever thought of going to Lourdes? Want to go again?

Come and join Fr Tom and other parishioners on **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes led by His Grace Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

For details concerning:

Sick pilgrims and those needing care or assistance: phone the Society office (020) 8848 9833

Able bodied pilgrims:

phone travel agent, Tangney Tours, 01732 886 666

Doctors, nurses and general helpers:

phone the Society then the travel agent, as above

**Reflection on next Sunday's readings will take place this Friday in the RDJ Room at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

One of the ladies from St. Matthews attending our Lenten Group has asked if anyone from the parish would like to spend some of the Lenten period knitting 6" squares to be made into blankets for the reception class children at the Ntunungwe School in Matabeleland.

If you can help, please contact Sheila Ennis on [sheilaennis44@gmail.com](mailto:sheilaennis44@gmail.com) Thank you.