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A letter to the young people who started their confirmation preparation last week.

This is an important year in your life, particularly your life of faith. Each of you is a gift to your family and to the world. You exist because God loves you and he wishes nothing better than for you to come to know and experience his love. He created you for some special work in this world. You are unique and through your baptism you have been chosen to live a life of love in the world.

When you were baptised God sought to draw you personally, each one of you, into union with him. It is up to you whether or not you say yes and welcome God into your lives and your hearts

If God has chosen you he will not leave you without the means to carry out the task of sharing the good news of his love with others. The Holy Spirit was first given to you at baptism and these few months are a preparation for you to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You will be given gifts at confirmation. The special grace and gift of the Holy Spirit given to you at confirmation will enable you to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never be ashamed of the Cross. You will be just like the apostles who received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. From being people who were anxious and afraid of what others might say and do to them because they were friends of Jesus, they became fearless in sharing the Good News. This was because they knew that it was not up to them alone. They were doing a work given to them by their loving Father. It was the gift of the Holy Spirit that filled

them with zeal and confidence. It is important for you to understand that God does not force you to use these gifts that you will be given at Confirmation. He will not force us into a deeper relationship with him. It is your decision to say yes and use the gifts to be given to you.. If you are uncertain what these means in practise you can do no better than pray every day. All I ask of you is that you pray every day. Ask the Holy Spirit to come to you in a deeper way. The Holy Spirit is a spirit of holiness, the spirit of Power, and above all the spirit of Love. He is the deeply personal spirit of Unity, who brings us closer to God and to each other. A dear friend of mine, Bishop Michael Evans, who died in 2011, suggested the following as a way to pray.



" Firstly quieten down for a moment . Relax your body and mind then focus on Our Lord. Perhaps light a candle. Or look at a cross or icon. Spend a few moments in simple adoration and praise of

God. Thank him for being there with you. Lift up your heart to him. Tell him you worship and adore him. Then ask the Holy Spirit to come to you. Quietly, with pauses of silent waiting, invite the spirit into your mind- into your thoughts and memories. Invite him into your body from head to toe. Invite him deep into your heart and soul. Ask the Spirit to fill your whole being with God's own love and peace. Sit there quietly, knowing that God always gives his Holy Spirit when we ask him."

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Anthony Charlton

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th January 2014
THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of Kyle Linehan (John Linehan)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Lillian Callow RIP (Terry Clancy)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Erin Mary Michello Askin & Noah James Francis Askin**
6.00pm John Flaherty RIP (Cruse Family)

Daily Masses 27th January- 1st February 2014

- Mon: St Angela Merici, Virgin**
7am Jacqueline Coote RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Eddie & Sheila Walsh (Special Intention)
(Anne Sheridan)
- Tues: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**
9.30am Bridget Cruse RIP (Bridie Curly)
- Wed: Feria**
7am George & Patricia Buggie RIP (FM)
9.30am Kathleen Ebbs RIP (Family)
- Thurs: Feria**
7am Fr Peter Edwards RIP (Fr Anthony)
9.30am Margaret McCarney RIP (Noreen Greenway)

- Fri: St John Bosco, Priest**
7am Welfare of Pope Francis I (Elizabeth Lee)
9.30am Tony Fazal RIP (Mrs Shinoyawa)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Sat: Feria**
9am The Welfare of the Family of Maria Simmonds

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1st/2nd February 2014
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Patrick (Patsy) Cronin (Maureen Davidson)
Sun 9am Roisé Gleeson RIP (Perks Family)
11am Intentions of Norbert & Yvonne D'Costa & Family
(Tony & Sally D'Costa)
6.00pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection £ 2,016

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

(Cash counters this week : Eileen Kaye & Elizabeth Christmas
Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)



We welcome into the Church **Valentina Medeiros & Matthew John Andrews** who were baptised last Sunday.

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

Today's Readings THIRD SUNDAY (A)

First Reading Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

The prophet speaks of a light to enlighten the people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

Paul appeals to his readers to be united in mind and heart – acting otherwise would rob the cross of Christ of its power.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus says to his first disciples, "Follow me", and immediately they follow him.

Next Sundays Readings: Presentation of The Lord (A)

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

The fifth-century BC prophet Malachi foresees a time when the Lord will "enter his Temple".

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

The genuine humanity of Jesus is underlined: he became completely like his brothers and sisters, complying with the rituals of his people.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

The story of how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the Law, but also how Jesus made his first appearance in the Temple and was recognised as saviour of all, Jew and Gentile alike.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Stephen Fleming, Irene Boffa, Gino Ferrito, Rose Toole, Bridget Cruse, Lisa Borg, Roise Gleeson** (mother of Fiona Perks), **Jacqueline Coote, Francis Northmore, Breda Mitten and Susan Biggin**. 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: Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Louis von Malaisé (brother of Fr Nicolas), Guy Green, Alex Yapp, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, 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 Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, 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.

**PARISH DINNER Friday 31st January 2014
at the Sorrento Restaurant**

Our Parish Dinner will be taking place on Friday 31st January 2014 at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road, 7.30pm for 8pm.

For all those who have booked a space, and haven't already paid, please could you do so as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

**Do you have 4 hours that you could spare this year?
Baptism Preparation classes**

We need some more help in the group that prepare families for their child's baptism. We run the classes for one hour (10am-11am) on the first two Sundays of the month, with two catechists leading the session. The commitment is only to help out on two months a year and to help host the afternoon tea in June for all newly baptised children. You can be old, young, a parent or not - just willing to help! We are a constantly growing parish and it is a really rewarding activity to be part of as we welcome new members of the church. If you would like to help please contact Kate Kelk on 07803726931 or kate@kelky.co.uk

THIS WEEKEND- Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th - The Parish Library will be open in the RDJ Room after all Masses

ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTAS

Could ALL Altar Servers please collect a new rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.
Thank you.

Krispy Kreme Donuts for sale

Two boys from Richard Challoner School will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 9th February for £1 each. All profits will go towards raising funds for their school trip to a region in the far north of India called Ladakh. They are going to a village in the lower regions of the Himalayas and helping to promote environmental awareness and help to build a community school. The company organising the trip, True Adventure, are a company that organizes trips to developing countries to help local people and work on environmental and socio-economic projects. No doubt the donuts will sell like hot cakes, so bring some extra change with you on Sunday 9th February!



Tuesday 28th January is the feast of Thomas Aquinas, Patron of students. He wrote this prayer to be said before study.

*Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom,
origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.
Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance.
Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.
Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.
Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

If you're in Year 7 or 8 and OLI is your parish, we have membership spaces available for the Junior Youth Club. The Club meets every other Friday evening from 7.15 until 8.45pm in the Parish Hall. Fixture dates for the term are: **31 January, 14 February, 28 February, 14 March & 28 March.**

Parents will need to complete a membership form, ideally in advance, by downloading the form from the Parish website at www.olionline <<http://www.olionline>>. The fee for the term is £10 (50% discount for siblings; guests £1.50 per session). We have a range of informal activities - music, games, table tennis, a tuck shop and time to chat with friends. We hope to see you there!

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Julie Smyth, Alison Vigor

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.

ACTA

A Call To Action. A Time For Dialogue
Open Meeting on Saturday, 8th February 2014
Amigo Hall, next to St George's Cathedral
From 11.00am to 3.30pm
Registration, coffee and dialogue from 10.30am
Guest Speaker, Canon Michael Cooley MA STL PhL
All laity, religious and priests are warmly invited.
What is ACTA?

- ACTA is a new national group of Catholics, a number of whom are ordained.
- The Church in this country faces many challenges: social change at odds with its teaching, an increasingly confident secular society, declining congregations and vocations, etc. We want to work with bishops and priests to find answers to these challenges.
- We are not a home for people who want to promote single issues.
- We desire to help create a climate of trust and respect for all where dialogue may be fostered.
- If you want to be a part of that, then please come along to our meeting in February. *Please bring a packed lunch. There will be a collection on the day to help cover costs.*

Register online at <https://sites.google.com/site/actasouthwark/>
or for more information call 07828 192 594.

MUSICAL EVENING:

You are invited to a Musical Evening on **Saturday February 1st commencing at 7.45pm** in the Hall (duration about 1 hour) featuring Michael Bevan, piano and John Stratford, tenor. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the week-ends of January 18/19th and 25/26th, price £5. Under 16s free. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. All proceeds will go to LIFE charity

Housing Justice are hosting a discussion about what sort of housing we need in Britain, who it should be for, where it could be built and how we should pay for it. We will have input from David Orr of the National Housing Federation, Bishop Patrick Lynch and Alison Gelder of Housing Justice and hopefully lots of contributions from the floor. The event is called Housing for the Common Good and it's happening on Wednesday 29th January from 6-8pm at Amigo Hall (London SE1 7HY). It's free to attend (though donations are always welcome) and you can register at <https://housing4good.evetnbrite.co.uk/>.

The Catholic theatre company, **Ten Ten**, is presenting two plays for the whole family at **The Tristan Bates Theatre in Covent Garden on Saturday 8 February**. Suitable for children aged 4 upwards, the plays aim to support parents and promote family values. For more information, please visit their website: www.tententheatre.co.uk/whatson

Message from Fr Nicolas

I was delighted to be with you all on Friday. OLI welcomed me with its usual kindness and warmth, and I was very touched by the great generosity of your presentation to me. It was great meeting old friends at the 'do' afterwards, and also to catch up with Fr Anthony briefly. I was safely inducted on Sunday by Bishop Paul Hendricks. God bless, and with all best wishes and prayers
Fr Nicolas

ENCOUNTER - EVENING FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS AGED 15-30

On Friday January 31st at 7pm, the first ENCOUNTER evening will be held at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley. Encounter is a new event designed to bring together younger Catholics for prayer, talks, music, and a chance to have fun with other Catholics of their own age. If you are between 15-30, you are very welcome. There will be a very welcoming atmosphere, with lots of new people, so just turn up!

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday at the 11.00 am Mass the following altar servers were enrolled into the Altar Servers Guild after completing their probationary period :-

Aaron Amarathan, Christian Baird, Leo Dos Remedios, Edmund Groves, Nicole Kabochi, Ruva Masuko, Joseph McCaffrey, Ruby Roy, Matthew Smyth, Luxshwin Thayaparan, Alvin Varant, Edwin Thadathil and Rachel Rodrigues

Canon Anthony presented them with their bronze medal as a sign of their membership and service.

Certificates were also presented to Neil D'Aguiar, William Turkington, Alan Varant and Nicole Barclay for their dedicated service to the Guild since their enrolment.

The Guilds Silver Medal was presented to Sarah Perks for her 10 years service to the Guild, as Master of Ceremonies for 9.00 mass and helping train and guide the less experienced servers.

Congratulations and thanks go to all of these servers.

Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 25th January - 2nd February

This year's inspiration comes from Proverbs: "Speak up for the rights of all who are destitute".

There are people who are destitute in today's Britain.

The phenomenal growth of foodbanks emphasises the gaps left by our creaking benefits system. Low wages, zero-hours contracts, outrageous interest charges by doorstep lenders, and benefits cuts, – all these and more contribute to a Britain where many are locked out of what the rest take for granted.

So from Homelessness Sunday on 26 January to Poverty Action Sunday on 2 February, we call on churches across the UK to stand alongside people in crisis; to give, act and pray for justice.

To do:-

- ◆ Pray for those who are destitute or on the brink of becoming destitute.
- ◆ Make a donation online at www.actionweek.org.uk
- ◆ Support local initiatives and campaigns eg food banks and charities that donate furniture and white goods.

Mass Intentions

If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass you would like to be said for 2014, please get your Mass request in as early as possible, to avoid disappointment. Please bear in mind that we sometimes have to change Masses where we have to arrange a funeral, but we will then rebook your Mass at the next available date.

LENLEN PROJECT 2014



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

Sat 5th April- Bingo Night

Sat 12 April - KSC/UCM Jumble Sale

Sat 26th April- Southern Indian Night

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.