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The Happiest Days of Our Life!

I started school in 1955. It was the Le Retrait convent in Aikens Road, Clapham Park. They took boys in the Infants. We were in the old building from which we could see a brand new school being built in the grounds. This was to be called St Bernadette's. I remember being in a long line of children carrying books from the old building to our brand new school. They were, for me, happy days. The girls greatly outnumbered the boys. Then, when I was due to move to the juniors in 1958, a new boys' school had been built behind St Bedes Church, in Thornton Road with a new head teacher, Mr. Brennan and we all lined up in the playground to have our photo taken for the newspaper. It was a time of great growth in the Catholic Church in this country, when many schools and churches were being built. Our own school of Our Lady Immaculate was built in 1955, and so we will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee next year. The Catholic Church in this country has always put great emphasis on Catholic education. Often the building of schools came before building churches. After the restoration of the hierarchy in 1850, the English bishops made the provision of Catholic elementary schools their highest priority. In response to the political settlement of the 1944 Education Act the bishops pursued voluntary aided status for their existing and future schools. Both these commitments required the bishops to make a huge financial commitment to education. The reason for such a commitment was that schools are seen as an effective way of transmitting the Catholic faith and culture for the Catholic faith community.

Today, nationally, the Catholic Church is the largest single provider of secondary schools and the second largest provider of primary schools (after the Church of England). Almost 800,000 young people attend Catholic schools and sixth form colleges in England and Wales. In our own Diocese of Southwark over 71,000 young people are educated in 170 Catholic schools and colleges. 73% of the pupils of these schools and colleges are baptised Catholics. We have over 4,600 teachers. For those of you who are keen on knowing how Catholic schools perform, apparently 92% of the schools have been graded 'Outstanding' or

'Good' in their section 48 report (The Catholic life of the school, Religious Education and collective worship). 83% of the schools in the diocese have been graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good' in their Ofsted inspections. This is significantly higher than all schools nationally.

The Mission Statement of our primary school is "Following the example and teachings of Jesus, Our Lady Immaculate School is at the heart of the local community. We strive to create a welcoming, caring and secure learning environment in which every child is cherished and nurtured." Andrew Morris, Director of the Centre for Christian Education at Liverpool Hope University wrote in his book 'Fifty Years On: The Case for Catholic Schools':

"if they(Catholic Schools) remain true to the primary purpose of Catholic education in England and aim to be Christian communities, their educational goals should be rooted in Christ, his teaching, as recorded in the gospel, and concerned with transmitting the essential doctrines, devotions and corporate religious vision of Catholicism. Consequently while they should, under most circumstances, conform to the generally accepted school programmes of the day, they must necessarily seek to implement them within an overall religious perspective of human life and purpose. This, the Church claims, affects the relationship between teacher and taught and the internal school processes."

Our schools are a wonderful asset in helping our young people grow into the people that God created them to be. As the late Cardinal Basil Hume wrote "The glory of God is a human being fully alive. This is the goal of Catholic education, to draw out the potential in each person to the full, in the community which recognises the centrality of Christ as our guide and inspiration. Christ speaks to us in human terms of God, by what he is, says, and does. To see and listen to him is to see and listen to the father. He also shows us what it is to be truly and fully human. "

Next week is Education Sunday. Please pray for all who work in and for our schools; teachers, support staff, ancillary staff and volunteers and those who give their time as governors and for all our children and young people.

Anthony Charlton



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 8th/9th February 2014
Fifth Sunday (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Joseph Thamothisampillai RIP
(Gunam Wickramasingham)
- Sun 9am** Rosaria Papa & Velia & Beniamino Perillo RIP
(Mrs D'Agostino)
- 11am** Intentions of Edwin & Yvonne Fernandes & Family
(Tony & Sally D'Costa)
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

Daily Masses 10th-15th February 2014

Mon: St Scholastica

- 7am** Sidney Linstead RIP (FM)
- 9.30am** Wellbeing of Sr Patricia & All at 'Shalom' (Anne Sheridan)

Tues: Our Lady of Lourdes

- 7am** Welfare of the Doherty Family (Lizzie Lee)
- 9.30am** Margaret McGill (Bernadette Quilter)

Wed: Feria

- 9.30am** Welfare of John & Bernadette Brooks & Family
(Rosemary Durkin)

Thurs: Feria

- 9.30am** Paul Marcus RIP (Alex & Rosemary Maranzano)

Fri: SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

- 7am** In Thanksgiving
- 9.30am** Iris Sundar RIP (Mrs L Lewis)
- 10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat: Feria

- 9am** Ann Taylor RIP (Richard Linney & Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th February 2014
Sixth Sunday (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** McGivern Family Intention (Frank McGivern)
- Sun 9am** People of the Parish
- 11am** Intentions of Arthur & Samar Staussi & Family
(Tony & Sally D'Costa)
- 6.00pm** Rita Sumner RIP (Heather & George Trutwein)

Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service

Last week's Offertory Collection **£ 1,916**

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

(Cash counters this week : Tessa McLeod & Lynette Confait)

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

Next week: George & Paul Hoskins)

POLITE REMINDER

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR
MOBILE PHONES OFF
DURING MASS.



Today's Readings : 5th Sunday (A)

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

God speaks to our heart, urging us to live lives of solidarity and mercy.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

How Paul explained the Gospel: very simply, and relying on the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus encourages us to let our light shine in the sight of the world.

Next Sundays Readings: 6th 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.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:-**Alex Yapp, Myles Humphrey, 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: 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.

Send a Disabled Child to Lourdes

The Pilgrimage Trust (formerly HCPT) arranges for disabled children to visit Lourdes each Easter. It costs £750 to send a child. The parishioners of OLI have always been most generous. The local Group is led by Canon Anthony Charlton, and is supported by the Knights of St Columba who have inserted a donation box in the wall at the back of the church near the choir steps. Please help to fill the box or place donations in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door. Many thanks.

Krispy Kreme Donuts for sale

Two boys from Richard Challoner School will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts after the **9am and 11am Masses TODAY-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.



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect your new Rotas from the RDJ Room after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass you would like to be celebrated in 2014 please get your Mass request in as soon as possible to try to avoid disappointment. Please bear in mind that we sometimes have to change Masses at short notice when we have to arrange a funeral. In such cases we will then try to rebook your Mass on the next available date. All Masses for February are already fully booked. Thank you.

JUMBLE SALE!

SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2014 : Doors Open 1.30pm Admission £1.00

This ever-popular fund-raising event is being organised jointly by the KSC and UCM to support their various charity and other activities.

They would be most grateful for any good-quality, saleable items you may kindly wish to donate such as clothing, shoes, handbags, kitchenware and utensils, cutlery, crockery, glassware, books, pictures, children's toys and games, and general bric-a-brac.

Please Note: The organisers regret they are NOT able to accept any furniture, TVs or other electrical items.

Please bring your jumble to the Parish Hall **between 9am and 11am** on the morning of the sale. If you wish to have it collected in the week of the sale, between Monday and Friday, please contact either Alex (020 8399 0833) or Leo (020 8390 2500). Thank you.

Papal Prayer Intention for February 2014



There's no doubt about it, ageing can be a difficult process. We can grow physically slower and mentally a little less alert, but perhaps the biggest difficulty we have to face as we grow older is the perception that a youth obsessed society has of us. All too

often a younger generation can tell older generations that it's time to step aside and all too often older generations believe it. In truth older generations have an experience of life that younger people cannot imagine, and very often the spare time to make things happen. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in the papal prayer intention for this month, **"....That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people."**

LENTEEN 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

Sun 30 March- Chocolate Tombola

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)

ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTAS

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

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.

