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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

Today's Gospel reading follows closely on last Sunday's, in which we heard Jesus tell us that, as his disciples, we are to be 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world'. The world about us will come to know Jesus through the outward signs of love that the salt of faith in us will engender. The light of Christ in our lives is there for the benefit of others: according to the Gospel, 'your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.' Note well: not that praise should come our way, but to our Father in heaven.

Matthew's Gospel was being heard by Christians who had been Jews and therefore were well-grounded in the Old Testament, and, of course, in their history and traditions. Also, amongst his listeners would have been some who were considering becoming Christians. Jesus was therefore at pains to ensure his listeners that he had come not to abolish the Laws or the Prophets but to complete them. He intended to lead people beyond the legalism and literal interpretation of the Commandments (as taught by the scribes and Pharisees of his day). He desired people to behave in the spirit of the Law that would free them from self-centredness, and lead them to a spirit of other-centredness.

Living in the light of Christ means that we are to strive to unite our will with the will of God so as to live in true freedom. This may seem contradictory, since the culture we inhabit pressures us to believe that freedom is doing whatever we want, without having to bear responsibility, most especially if what we do is judged to not cause visible harm. Of course, the reality is that our every action makes us accountable.

True freedom is not 'freedom from' something we do not want to do, but a 'freedom for' something we truly want to do.

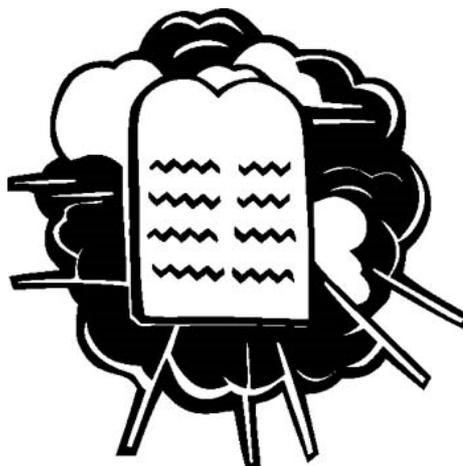
'Freedom for' enables us to have the freedom for doing good. In living the Ten Commandments, we find true joy and fulfilment and true freedom in our lives, which will help us ward off or at least deal with the many frustrations and complexities of living in the modern world. This 'true freedom' is expressed most eloquently by St Paul in the Second Reading this Sunday.

"We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom

that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of men, all that God has prepared for those who love him."

Though written some 2000 years ago, we can readily recognise parallels with our own society. May we embrace the will of God in the Commandments and find the wisdom that St Paul proclaims.

*Al Callan*



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th February 2014**

**Sixth Sunday (A)**

**EDUCATION SUNDAY**

- 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)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Isaac Alf Macanda & Reggie John Drinkwater**  
**6.00pm** Rita Sumner RIP (Heather & George Trutwein)

**Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service**

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

**Mon: Feria**

- 7am** George & Molly Ryde RIP (FM)  
**9.30am** Wellbeing of Mr & Mrs Suthakan (Donor's Intention)  
**5.30pm** Syro Malabar Mass

**Tues: Feria**

- 9.30am** Breda Cruse RIP (Mr Earney & Family)

**Wed: Feria**

- 7am** Welfare of Siblings of Lizzie Lee  
**9.30am** Maureen Carslake RIP (Family)

**Thurs: Feria**

- 7am** Private Intention (The Edwards Family)  
**9.30am** Noel D'Costa RIP (Bertha D'Costa & Family)

**Fri: Feria**

- 7am** Holy Souls  
**9.30am** Margaret Comiskey RIP (Helena Coulson)  
**10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

- 9am** Eileen Tull RIP (Peter Tull & Family)

**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**  
**6.00pm** The Welfare of Jeanette Bonfield (Rosemary Durkin)

**Last week's Offertory Collection £ 2,107**

*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  
Next week: George & Paul Hoskins)

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

**Today's 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.

**Next Sundays 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.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:-**Maureen Dillon**, whose funeral will take place at OLI on Monday 24th February at 10am, **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: Myles Humphrey, Eileen Sullivan, 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 McDonagh, 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.



**POLITE REMINDER**

**PLEASE SWITCH YOUR MOBILE PHONES OFF DURING MASS.**



## Lenten Box Distribution 2014

With Lent almost upon us the annual distribution of Lenten Boxes will commence this weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February and also 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject)

**JUMBLE SALE!**

**SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

As ever, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our monthly Foodbank collections – it is very much appreciated (see website for more information [www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk)). Foodbanks continue to be extremely busy, and the one in Kingston is very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (22/23 February) – so do please remember to bring donations; even if it is only one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

**Food they particularly need at the moment is sugar (small 500g bags), instant noodles and pot noodles, instant mash potato, steam puddings and custard (packet or tins).** They have lots of pasta, tea bags, baked beans, soups and so don't particularly need those items at moment.

Many thanks for your help.

*Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)*

## 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](mailto:townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk) ) or the parish office ([info@olionline.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.st-elizabeths.richmond.sch.uk)**

See poster in the porch for more information.

**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.**

**St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls**

Invigilators are required throughout May and June to invigilate public exams at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls. Would suit mature, responsible and flexible individuals. Please contact Ms M Adams on [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk)

Please see poster on notice board for more details.

**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.

**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.

**1940s Blitz Party- Saturday 22 February 2014  
The Crypt, 14 Ely Place, London EC1N 8SJ**

Tickets £35, which includes glass of bubbly, canapés on arrival and live music from Greg's Greats and his gramophone & swing dance performances. Dress: Black tie with a 40s twist or full WWII blitz dress.

Email [catherineanderson@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:catherineanderson@lifecharity.org.uk) or call 07786 277 234 to book tickets. See poster in porch for more details. All proceeds do to LIFE who help struggling mothers and babies through care, housing and life skills.

Local Police Neighbourhood Team will be at M&S, The Broadway on **TUESDAY 25th February** between 10am & 1pm to offer **FREE security marking for your bicycles.**

**Epsom & District Irish Association** are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA phone 0208 397 2683. It's on Friday 21st February 2014 -dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Just Like That with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door.

**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.

**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

**CLEANING ROTA**

Thank you for all your efforts. The new rota beginning Monday 17th February is now available from the RDJ Room.

**BRING AND BUY SALE:**

The Union of Catholic Mothers will be holding a table-top Bring and Buy Sale and raffle in the Old Chapel on Tuesday February 18th at 8pm. Everybody welcome. Proceeds will go to help victims of the Typhoon Haiyan disaster.

**Heaven's Road fm Catholic Radio**

[www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com) is a new internet Radio broadcasting prayers, interviews and features to appeal to a Catholic audience. They also webcast up to 40 Masses daily and have over 200+ pod-casts available. The Radio, seeks enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the Radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet – they have people in 10 different dioceses contributing. Further info at :-

<http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/>. Listen on [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com).

**OLI J&P Blg Breakfast.**

We will be holding another one of the popular breakfasts on Sunday the 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 anyone 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

**Enhancable Charity Shop- Volunteers needed**

Enhancable Charity Shop in Alexandra Drive require volunteers to help sort donations and man the shop. If you have a few hours to spare each week, please call in and have a word with the manager,