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I spent seven years from 1962 till 1969 at a Junior Seminary called St Joseph's College that was near Tunbridge Wells. It was owned and run by the diocese of Southwark. Boys who were aspiring to become priests were sent there for their secondary education and for a way of life that intended to nurture this calling to the priesthood.

I was sent a DVD last week containing photos of the building now as well as photos of past years. The college was sold by the diocese in 1970 to a ballet school and later on, this school sold it to a Muslim foundation who now own it. It is in a very sorry state.

The chapel was deconsecrated and used by the Ballet school as a performance area. This is now derelict. Above the main door of the building is a stone statue of St Michael. In one of the photos I see that it has been decapitated. I wondered why this was so. My suspicion is that this was done deliberately because Islam sees all images as idolatrous.

I saw pictures of St Mary's Greek Catholic Church in Syria recently where all the statues and icons have their faces destroyed and eyes gouged out. This was obviously done by Islamic rebels who consider it is sufficient to destroy the representation of the face in order to ruin the image as a representation of the human form. Iconoclasm is nothing new in our

history. It was prevalent, for example, at the time of the Reformation in the sixteenth century, when images and pictures and statues in churches were defaced and destroyed.

We do not worship statues or icons.

They are representation and reminders

of all that is important in our faith and are there as an aid to pray and should, in the end, point us to Christ.

This weekend we are covering all the statues and images in the church. This is done to encourage us to consciously meditate and reflect on the Passion of Jesus in preparation of the celebration of the Triduum;

Holy Thursday, Good Friday,

the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

Traditionally these last two weeks are known as Passiontide.

Our stations of the cross remain uncovered. Why not spend half an hour walking the stations and meditating on how Jesus died for us. Or we could in the quiet of our home read one of the accounts of the Passion in the Gospel. As Pope Francis reminds us in his apostolic exhortation, "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you"

Anthony Charlton



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th Sunday 2014

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Martin Hogan RIP (P Hogan)
Sun 9am Luis, Ana & Angela RIP (Nubia & George Carro)
11am Charles Allworth RIP (Bernadine Allworth)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Anna Niamh Pringle**
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 7th-12th April 2014

Mon: Feria

- 7am** Breda Cruse RIP (Horstman Family)
9.30am Deceased Members of the Farrelly Family
(Brian & Mary Farrelly)

Tues: Feria

- 7am** Maureen Carslake RIP (Family)
9.30am Theresa Chamberlain RIP (Marie Turmpenny)

Wed: Feria

- 9.30am** Kathleen Francis RIP (A Phillips)

Thurs: Feria

- 7am** M G Fernando RIP (Mary Fernando)
9.30am All Deceased Family & Ancestors (Vishal Tom)
11.30am **Funeral Mass: Gladess Naoum RIP**

Fri: Feria

- 7am** Holy Souls
9.30am James Rowland & Hilda Ruby Powell RIP (FM)
7.30pm Lenten Penitential Service with Confessions

Sat: Feria

- 9am** Welfare of Victoria Deverell (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th April 2014
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of Sheila Walsh (Eddie Walsh)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Maureen Dillon RIP (Parish Choir)
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6.00pm Patricio & Maria Fernandez RIP (Tony & Carmelita)

Last week's Offertory Collection **£ 1,892**

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

(Cash counters this week : George & Paul Hoskins
Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips)



We welcome into the Church **Conor Owain Agostino Webb & Lauren Nicole Betts** who were baptised last weekend.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm

Today's Readings : 5th Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Through the prophet, God announces the reality of a future, physical resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

Paul teaches that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, given to us by Christ, is the source of our own resurrection from the dead.

Gospel John 11:1-45

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus teaches that he himself is the door to eternal life, being both fully God and fully human.

Next Sunday's Readings: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Procession Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" the crowd sang and shouted in triumphant voice.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The reading from Isaiah reminds us that what is about to happen was forecast a long time ago.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Even though Jesus did not cling to equality with God, we bend the knee at his name.

Gospel Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The sorrow, pain and desertion of Jesus' passion.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Doris Greaves, 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: Brendan Kinsella, Olivia Dowling, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Jane and Martin Estall, Margarita Mickericiene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Louis von Malaisé, 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 Burrigge, 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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!! :-

Celebration Mass for

Canon Tony Ford's 50 Years in the Priesthood

Please keep the date free- Canon Tony Ford will be celebrating a special anniversary Mass to celebrate 50 years in the Priesthood. It will take place on **Friday 23rd May 2014 at 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be served in Hall afterwards.

FR ANTHONY AND THE TOLWORTH TREKKERS

Well done to all of those who took part in and completed the 18 mile sponsored walk on Saturday 22nd March. Don't forget to send in your sponsorship money, or use the just giving page at:-

www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject

Thank you!

**LENTEN PROJECT - JUMBLE SALE
SATURDAY, 12th APRIL 2014**

Doors Open 1.30pm : Admission £1.00

Once again the KSC and UCM are organising this ever-popular fund-raising event in support of the Parish Lenten Project. They would be most grateful for any of the following items in good condition you 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.

Note: The organisers are sorry they are NOT able to accept any furniture, TVs or other electrical goods.

Please bring your jumble to the Hall on the morning of the sale **between 9.00am and 11.00am**. If you wish to have it collected in the week of the sale, between Monday and Friday, please contact either Leo (020 8390 2500) or Peter (020 8390 0431).



LENTEN PROJECT 2014

Our Lady Immaculate Church
Parish Lenten Project

The list below shows you the Lenten Project 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 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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT OLI

FRIDAY 11th APRIL 2014 at 7.30pm

As we approach the end of Lent, we will be aware of how well we've done in our Lenten practices, but also we'll be aware of things in our life that need to change. The sacrament of Reconciliation is the gift that Jesus has given us so that we can receive his forgiveness and healing. The parish Penitential Service is a great opportunity to prepare for Easter by making a good confession and making a new start with God.

There will be lots of time for individual confessions, and lots of priests to choose from. What is stopping you from being Reconciled with God? "Now is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation."

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Volunteers are needed for all the HOLY WEEK SERVICES i.e. **Maundy Thursday 8.00pm, Good Friday 3.00pm, and Easter vigil at 8.30pm**. We need gift bearers, collectors, welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers and of course Altar Servers. If you can help please can you sign up on the relevant sheet in the RDJ room.

Readers will be contacted individually by the Rota Co-ordinator, Pat Parker (020 8390 0179).

ALTAR SERVERS will need to attend a Holy Week Practice on **Sunday 13 April at 12.30pm** and jobs will be allocated then. As the services are more involved than usual we need a large number of servers so please help if you can. Many Thanks. Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

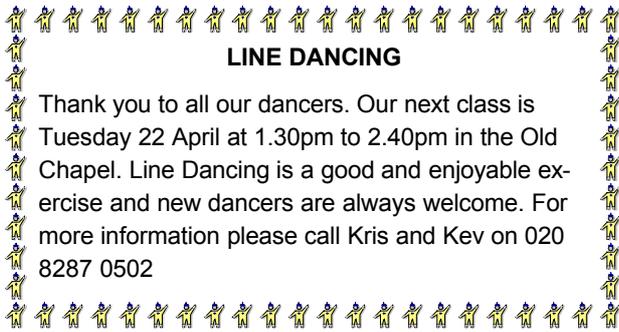
Next weekend, there will be special Easter Offering envelopes at the end of the benches. In accordance with tradition, the Easter Offering is your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish as they receive no salary and provides for their personal expenses such as clothing, providing a vehicle for parish work, and so forth.

If you have GIFT AID envelopes please use the Easter

Lenten Project Money Raised So Far...

Justice & Peace Big Breakfast	£ 85.00
UCM Cake Sale	£ 587.00
The Choir of Sunningdale School	
Choral Concert	£ 515.54
The Tolworth Trekkers	
Sponsored Walk	£1,442.50 (994.50 gift aided)
Quiz	£ 377.00
Odyssey Young Peoples Group	£ 82.58
Individual donations	£ 65.34
Just Giving site	
(majority for Sponsored Walk)	£1,415.00 (all gift aided)

Total to date £4,569.96



LINE DANCING

Thank you to all our dancers. Our next class is Tuesday 22 April at 1.30pm to 2.40pm in the Old Chapel. Line Dancing is a good and enjoyable exercise and new dancers are always welcome. For more information please call Kris and Kev on 020 8287 0502

CALLING PAST PUPILS OF COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL, CROYDON

The annual reunion luncheon for past pupils of Coloma Convent Girls' School in Shirley, Croydon, takes place at the school on Saturday 10 May 2014. The event is organised by COGA – the school's alumnae association – and more details and a ticket booking form are available on the Coloma website at www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/COGA If you are unable to attend this year but would like to be kept up to date with information about next year's 50th anniversary of the school's move to Shirley then please email suzystar@live.co.uk

London Marathon

Next weekend I will be running the London Marathon. I am running to raise money for the Shooting Star CHASE Charity. Shooting Star CHASE is the children's hospice service, supporting local families with a child or teenager not expected to reach their 19th birthday. Shooting Star CHASE currently helps over 600 families living in western London, Surrey and West Sussex.

I'm really excited about the challenge that lies ahead of me. I believe the work the charity does is invaluable to the children and families that it helps. Please help me to help them with your donations and I promise whatever the time, pain or pure exhaustion, I will cross the line! The link for my just giving page is:- <http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Kelly-Adams36>

Alternatively, there are some sponsorship forms at the back of the church. Thank you so much.

Kelly Francis (OLI Parishioner and OLI mum)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Leaflets detailing all of the Holy Week Services are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

GRAPEVINE- Parish Magazine

The Parish magazine will be distributed after every Mass this weekend, 5th/6th April. This is a free publication to parishioners, but we would be grateful for a donation of £1 to help cover some of the printing costs. Thank you.

Papal Prayer Intention April 2014



If we want to cultivate peace, we must protect creation. The condition of our planet and its resources are directly linked to the wellbeing of the people who live on it. The way we decide to share and ensure a sustainable future, determines how just or unjust a legacy we create.

The quest for peace will become easier if all acknowledge the indivisible relationship between God, human beings and the whole of creation. The duty to protect creation falls to each of us, but as individuals there is only so much we can achieve. We are asked in addition to put pressure on our governments to act in non selfish and non greedy interests. This month we join in Pope Francis' prayer intention

"That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources."

Peace Actions for April

- ◆ The second international conference on human trafficking takes place in Rome from 9-10 April 2014. Read 'Faiths Unite Against Human Trafficking' at www.thetablet.co.uk/world-news/5/1840/faiths-unite-against-human-trafficking
- ◆ April 14th for the Global Day of Action Against Military Spending. On this day, take time to consider the financial priorities we should be putting ahead of military spending.
- ◆ On Earth Day, (22nd April) consider the link between our ecology and world peace.

St Teresa of Avila's Mystical Symbolism - Led by Allyson Davies

Saturday 26 April: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm - House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB

Cost: £20 - *Please bring a packed lunch*

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place

"Do you understand what would happen to this beautiful shining castle, this pearl of the east, this tree of life planted in the living waters of life itself, if the soul were to fall into grave error?"

This quote illustrates St Teresa's reliance on symbols to convey her understanding of the spiritual path. The day will explore the role of the symbol in the contemplative life and will look at the legacy of wisdom and guidance left to us.

Fairtrade's The Real Easter Egg

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter.

Fairtrade also gives a sizeable donation from profits and Fairtrade Premium fees, to their farmers allowing them to invest in everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.