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"Water, water everywhere, and all the boards did shrink;
Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink."

So goes a stanza from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. Day after day, the ship was becalmed, "as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean."

The good people who live on the Somerset Levels or along parts of the Thames (indeed some not very many miles away from us in Tolworth) might have had similar thoughts when their precious homes and land were flooded in recent months. Indeed, initial concerns about flood water coming higher and higher into their homes were added to by anxiety about what noxious things would be in the water, and would remain in their living rooms and kitchens when the waters eventually subsided. Could they even be certain that the water from their taps would be safe to drink?

Water is basic in a way that other natural resources are not. That is why the people of the Bible, just like every other group of people throughout the course of human history, show immense concern for their water supply.

Today's first reading (taken from the Book of Exodus) describes how Moses was faced with open rebellion over this very issue. He had led the Chosen People out of the land of Egypt and slavery, but they were now being tested by God as they journeyed through the desert. The people thought they would be better off back in Egypt as slaves than being tormented with thirst in the desert.

In the Gospel of John this Sunday, we find that the central theme is about water. It is the story of Jesus, tired from walking and thirsty, meeting a Samaritan woman, coming to the well in the early evening to draw water.

Jesus astounds the woman by asking her for a drink. The woman knew that Jesus was a Jew, and Jews did not associate with Samaritans, who were said to worship idols. She confronted him with this, but Jesus turns round her question with the suggestion that if she had known who was asking her for a drink of water, she would have been the one to ask him for water, as he would have given her 'living water'. Indeed, Jesus goes further, to assert that whoever drinks this 'living water' will "never be thirsty again..."



The woman makes the delightful reply, "Sir, give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water." She meant that she would never again have the onerous task of drawing water, and never have to risk meeting Jews at the well again.

Jesus eventually reveals himself to her as the Messiah and the woman goes back to her town to tell the people who are so impressed with her words that they flocked to the well to see Jesus, who they invited to their town, where he stayed for two days. They believed Jesus was the Messiah: they said 'we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' This came about from the witness of the woman, who indeed was the first disciple of Jesus.

The importance of clean, life-giving water to our lives explains the many references to it in the Bible. If we do not have water, there can be no life. The reality is as stark as that. In the Gospels, it becomes clear that what Jesus is offering under the symbol of water is nothing less than the Holy Spirit of whom there will be no shortage. The Spirit will be more refreshing, more life-giving than any ordinary water could be, and ultimately will lead to eternal life.

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd March 2014

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Sat 6.30pm Frank Gallagher 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**
6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 24th-29th March 2014

Mon: Feria

7am Tom Keville RIP (Dorothy Mundow)
9.30am Welfare of Freda Sirmon (FM)

Tues: The Annunciation of Our Lord

9.30am Sheila Charlton RIP (Fr Anthony)

Wed: Feria

7am Myles Humphrey RIP (Mary Taylor)
11am **FUNERAL MASS: Darren Wright RIP**

Thurs: Feria

7am Welfare of Fr Peter Jenner (Lizzie Lee)
9.30am Joe D'Costa RIP (Bertha D'Costa & Family)

Fri: Feria

7am James Kerr RIP & Irene Boffa RIP (Maureen Kerr)
9.30am Mervyn Rodrigues RIP (Bertha D'Costa & Family)

Sat: Feria

9am Welfare of Sally D'Costa (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 29th/30th March 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Mothering Sunday

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Fran Lena (Lena)
11am Mary Hunt RIP (Lucy & Ralph Smallwood)
Church Parade
12.30pm **Baptisms: Conor Owain Agostino Webb & Lauren Nicole Betts**
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6.00pm Terry George RIP (Heather Trutwein)

Last week's Offertory Collection **£ 2,096**

CAFOD Family Fast Day **£ 805**

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 MacLeod & Lynette Confait)

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



We welcome into the Church **Amber Lily Trevenna** who was baptised last weekend.

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

Today'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.

Next Sunday's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord makes the surprise choice of David to be king of Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Live in the light of the Lord, doing good and being virtuous.

Gospel John 9:1-41

The miracle of Jesus curing a man blind from birth, which testifies to the power of Jesus to heal, not just the blindness of the eye but, above all, the blindness of the heart.

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 parish-ioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them: Olivia Dowling, Cesare Cavazzi, Jane and Martin Estall, Margarita Mick-ericiene, 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, 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 Bur-linson, 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.

TABLE TOP SALE -LENTEN PROJECT 2014

Call in after the Saturday evening Mass or the two Sunday morning Masses meet friends and support the project!

**CARDS – JAMS – PLANTS – BRIC-A-BRAC- NEW & 'GOOD AS NEW' ITEMS
COFFEE – CAKES
(BRING YOUR PURSE!!)
ALL THIS AND A FAIR TRADE BREAKFAST!!**

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. Fr Anthony, Fr Tom and the Tolworth Trekkers (made up of 16 parishioners) were due to complete the 17 mile trek yesterday (22 March). We will give you an up date on how the walk went next weekend- hopefully most of the Trekkers will have made it home by then.

Sponsorship forms were distributed over the last two weekends, so please show your support by sponsoring Fr Anthony, Fr Tom and all the Tolworth Trekkers. Please don't forget to complete the gift aid section of the form if you are a UK tax payer. Donation can be made right up to Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU.

Calling all Young People of the Parish

On the evening of Friday 28th March 2014, the members of Junior Youth Club would like to invite all young people of the parish to join them in a sponsored prayer event at the Church. You are invited to pray in silence for up to an hour and a half, in church from 7.15p.m until 8.45p.m. Please encourage family and friends to sponsor your effort. Sponsorship forms will be available in the narthex or on arrival. A member of the JYC committee will verify attendance and length of stay on your form. Pens and paper will be available if you wish to write your prayer intentions. An opportunity to display your intentions in the narthex will be available. We hope you support this opportunity to gather and pray with us in support of the Lenten Project. All donations to be returned to the presbytery or to a JYC Committee member by Easter Sunday.

JYC Committee and Members

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



LENTEN 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:-

Sat 22nd March- Sponsored walk event
Sat/Sun 22/23 March- Table Top Sale after Masses
Fri 28 March- JYC Sponsored Prayer Event
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) or the parish office (info@olionline.co.uk)
Many thanks.

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.

**QUIZ
?
NIGHT**

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

AFTER 11AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY 30 MARCH



Don't miss the chance to win some lovely chocolates next Sunday- all proceeds to the Lenten Project!

PARISH LIBRARY

The Parish Library will be open next weekend after all Masses- in the RDJ Room.



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.

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.

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.



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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, WIMBLEDON

PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND PARISH SECRETARY

We are looking for a person with excellent personal and secretarial skills to fill this new full-time post in a large and vibrant Roman Catholic parish. Further details and an application form can be obtained through the website at <http://www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk/> or by phoning 020 8946 0305. The closing date for applications is 7 April 2014.

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 23rd – Friday 30th 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

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). 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 (29/30 March) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is 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 instant mashed potato, pasta sauce, fruit juice (including small children's size juices), fruit squash, sugar (small 500g packs), noodles and pot noodles, long life milk and tinned fruit. They have lots of soup, pasta, baked beans and tea bags and so don't need those items at moment.

Many thanks for your help.

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

London Marathon

In 2 months time 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)