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TOLWORTH

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### I will send you an Advocate.

This Friday we are encouraged to begin a novena (nine days of prayer) in preparation for Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit, when I was a boy, was often referred to as the Holy Ghost. This meant that we thought of this person of the Blessed Trinity as some kind of force and not as a person. Yet we need to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. It isn't easy to imagine having a relationship with a disembodied entity. The scriptural images of the Spirit are wind, fire, breath, a dove, cloud, gift, oil. These are only symbols of the Holy Spirit. They are not the Spirit himself.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus promises an Advocate or Paraclete. The Greek word Paraclete means a person called to the side of one in need of assistance, particularly in a legal process. Thus a Paraclete is a helper, who stands beside you and speaks for you. Jesus has promised us that the Spirit will be with us always and he is the Spirit of truth. Some years ago as a parish priest I was involved in a dispute with someone who had a grievance against me. They involved their union representative. At a meeting, called to air the matter, I was relieved to have with me a person who was able to support me and represented common sense and wisdom. I did not feel alone. This person acted in the similar way to the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised his Church that he

would not abandon us but that the Holy Spirit would guide and help us in our daily lives as Christians. Alan Schreck in his book, "Your life in the Holy Spirit." writes: "I would like to suggest a personal image of the Holy Spirit that embodies all that he is and does for us: the Holy Spirit is the friend closest to our hearts . . .

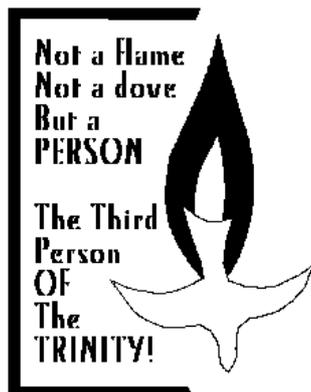
This image of the friend closest to our hearts reminds us that the Holy Spirit is someone with whom we can speak and relate in the intimate, personal way... He is a friend who is within us... We can simply speak to the Holy Spirit as that divine person who dwells within us, who is God's love poured into our hearts".

So starting this coming Friday

we can renew our relationship with the Holy Spirit, by praying to him everyday. We don't need to use long prayers. We can say something simple like, "Come Holy Spirit". " Holy Spirit, guide me and give me wisdom." "Holy Spirit help me to pray". Here is also a longer prayer:-

*Father in heaven: yours is a spirit of truth and love. Pour that same Holy Spirit into my body, my mind, and my soul. Preserve me this day from all illusions and false inspirations and reveal your presence and purpose to me in a way that I can understand. I thank you that you will do this, while giving me the ability to respond through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Anthony Charlton



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 24th/25th May Sunday 2014**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare of Michael McDonagh & Kathleen Connelly  
(Mary McDonagh)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Phylis Simms RIP (William Rabbits)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Anya Mae Tabitha Tough**  
**6pm** Valentino Ostacchini RIP (Diana Mazza)

**Daily Masses 26th-31st May 2014**

**Mon: St Philip Neri, Priest**

**9.30am** Coleman Lydon RIP (Liz Jones)

**Tues: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Apostle of England**

**9.30am** Recovery of Stephen Donlan (Mary Ryan)

**Wed: Feria**

**9.30am** Jo Wales: 70th Birthday (Terry Clancey & Molly Clifford)

**Thurs: Feria**

**9.30am** Kathleen Brazil RIP (Jackie Uluhan)

**Fri: Feria**

**9.30am** Welfare & Speedy Recovery of Sheila Walsh  
(Anne Sheridan)

**12 Noon** **Wedding: Efen Cruz & Melissa Humayun**

**Sat: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9am** Tony Fazal RIP (Philipina & Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 31st May/1st June 2014**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)**

- 6.30pm** Edgar & Clementine d'Armenia RIP (Vivian Phillips)  
**Sun 9am** Winifride Fynn RIP (FM)  
**11am** Joseph Barrie Charlton RIP (Fr Anthony)  
**12.30pm** **Baptism: Tomasina Mary Gallagher**  
**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for World Communications Day**

**Last Sunday's Collection** **£ 1,830**

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

(Cash counters this week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook  
Next week: Tessa McLeod & Lynette Confait)



We welcome into the Church **William Martin Ansel Murray** who was baptised last weekend.

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

**This Sunday's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter (A)**

**First Reading** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

After Philip the deacon had evangelised the Samaritans, Peter and John laid hands upon the newly baptised so that they received the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready with a courteous response to those who ask the reason for your hope, and if you have to suffer let it be for doing right.

**Gospel** John 14:15-21

Jesus assures the disciples that they will not be left orphans because the Father will send them the Holy Spirit.

**Next Sunday's Readings: The Ascension of Our Lord (A)**

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

The second volume of St Luke's story of Jesus begins with the story of his ascension into heaven.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23

St Paul prays that we may fully understand what Christ's resurrection and ascension mean for us.

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

Before being taken up into heaven, Jesus sends out his disciples to all the nations, to continue his own mission by baptising them and teaching them to observe all his commandments

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Melissa Watts** (niece of Rebecca Guerrero), **Mary McNally** (mother of Una Keely), **Fabian Francis, Huda Damar, Susan Earl, Joan Sybil Toner, Doris Greaves, Gladess Naoum**. 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: Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Joseph Leightley, Brendan Kinsella, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Jane and Martin Estall, Margarita Mickericiene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Andrea Shepherd, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), 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 Simon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.

**Lenten Project Money Raised So Far...**

Justice & Peace	
Big Breakfast	£ 85.00
UCM Cake Sale	£ 607.00
The Choir of Sunningdale School Choral Concert	£ 515.54
The Tolworth Trekkers Sponsored Walk	£2,323.50 (£1,604.50 gift aided)
Estimated Tax Refund	£ 401.12
Southern Indian Night	£3,750.00
Quiz	£ 377.00
Odyssey Young Peoples Group	£ 82.58
Individual donations	£ 65.34
Table Top	£ 1,300.00
Curry Takeaway	£ 417.00
Bingo Night	£ 601.00
Chocolate Tombola	£ 270.00
CAFE	£ 51.00
Noah's Ark	£197.10
Maundy Thursday Collection	£446.19
OLI PTA	£ 200.00
Krispy Kreme Sale	£ 193.00
KSC/UCM Jumble Sale	£ 697.05
OLI JYG- Sponsored Silent Prayer	£ 125.00
Lenten Boxes	£ 4,247.81
Just Giving site	£1,690.00 (all gift aided)
Estimated Tax Refund	£ 422.50
Bedding Plant Sale	£ 182.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£19,246.73</b>

**SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?**

If you are celebrating one this year, your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more, Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to celebrate Mass with him at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on Saturday June 21. Families are welcome too. To obtain an invitation from the Archbishop, phone 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

**AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE**

The coach will be picking up those who have booked places for the Aylesford Pilgrimage on Tuesday May 27th at 8am at the bus stop just before the church on the Ewell Road. There is a small cafe in the grounds of the priory but you are advised to bring a packed lunch.

**REPOSITORY- Church Shop**

Goods and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now on sale in the Repository along with many other items and gifts. The shop is open after Saturday 6.30pm Mass and after the 9am and 11am Masses on a Sunday. Pat Buchanan (020 8399 2300)

**OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL**

**NOTE FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER : 24 / 25 MAY**

**OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL : UPDATE**

In just 4 weeks, we have raised **over £9,000 of the £70,000** which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel. Fr Anthony is very pleased with this excellent start, which raises **13%** of the required total. He would like to thank all those who have donated so generously.

However, there is some way to go if we are to save our much loved building. As Fr Anthony mentioned at the launch of the Appeal, the funds required equate to £200 per family. To put this into context, it represents £1 per family per day for 7 months.

On the request of a number of parishioners, who would like to contribute to the Appeal on a monthly basis, a **standing order mandate order form** has been uploaded to the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>). If you would like to make a regular standing order payment for a period of time, please download a standing order mandate order form and send it to your bank. If you pay tax, don't forget to download a Gift Aid Form and return it to the Presbytery, noting on the form that you intend to make a donation by standing order.

Monies are also being raised from direct donations and ongoing fund raising activities. Donations can be made online (**JustGiving site : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>**), by cheque or cash. We also invite any offers of loans.

Please access the Parish website for further details on this important Appeal, including some fascinating original construction pictures and more details on the ways in which you can donate. Please help us to save this beautiful building for our children and grandchildren!

**Annual Mission Appeal**

We welcome Brother Michael Richards SCJ who will be speaking at all Masses this weekend on behalf of the Sacred Heart Missions Betharram. This is the Annual Mission Appeal for the Archdiocese of Southwark. This religious order works in places such as Thailand, India and the Ivory Coast.

**GIFT AID: NEW BOXES OF ENVELOPES**

New boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the year from June 1st, are now available to collect from the RDJ Room- this is the last weekend they will be available. Please let me know if you have ceased to pay tax and must withdraw from the scheme. Also, let me know if you would prefer to make your support of our church via a standing order rather than envelopes.

Rob Estall (8399 0430 or a note into the Presbytery)

**Piano Lessons**

All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Michael Bevan on 07901 947 139 or [mrb20@gmail.com](mailto:mrb20@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH AND SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER PICNIC CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF OLI**  
**PARISH**

WHEN: Saturday 28th June 2013: 1pm-4pm

WHERE: Richard Challoner Sports Grounds

COST: £2.50 per adult, Children - free (proceeds to be donated equally to the PTA and Old Chapel Appeal)

**This is set to be a fantastic afternoon for all the family!**

We'll have: Gladiator Challenge, Inflatable Giant Slide, Outdoor Games, Chelsea Football Club 'Beat the Goalie', Tug of War

Volunteers to help man the gate, giant slide and referee the various outdoor activities would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Becky Guerrero: [rguerrero@btconnect.com](mailto:rguerrero@btconnect.com)

if you can help for 1/2 hour on the day. Thank you!



**Note:** There will be limited parking in surrounding streets so please try and walk or car share. We can't take scooters/bikes in the field as they could ruin the turf.

The **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** is holding another **BIG BREAKFAST** after the 9.am Mass on **SUNDAY 8TH JUNE**, in the Old Chapel, combined with a **PLANT SALE** - vegetables and flowers at bargain prices! All in aid of the **OLD CHAPEL FUND**. Please come and support us.

**"Being a Church for the poor."**

Archdiocese of Southwark Caritas Roadshow, "Being a Church for the poor" on Saturday, 21 June from 10 am for 10.30am start to 3:30pm at St Peter's Catholic Church, Woolwich, 103 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6EF – offering an opportunity for the Archdiocese to reflect on and to celebrate how we are responding to Pope Francis call to be a Church for the poor.

The day will include workshops, as well as a social action marketplace where local charities and parish-based projects have the chance to talk about the work they do in the Archdiocese. Speakers will include Bishop Pat Lynch and Helen O'Brien, chief executives of CSAN. Tea and coffee will be provided free, but please bring your own lunch. For further information and to register a place or a stall in the marketplace please contact [rebecca.hedges@csan.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.hedges@csan.org.uk) or phone 02076334974.

**Archdiocese of Southwark pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014**

Friday, 22 August until Friday, 29 August. Archbishop Peter invites you to join him as he leads the 2014 diocesan pilgrimage. He writes,, "it would be great if every parish was represented and I would encourage parishes to consider coming on the pilgrimage as a group or at least to send one or two parishioners so that all the parishes will be represented. I would also like to encourage as many young people of 17 years and above to consider joining the pilgrimage is part of the Southwark Youth Helpers group. This has gone from strength to strength over the years and is a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. Further details please contact Canon Edward Perera 020 8857 5006 or [fr.edward@btopenworld.com](mailto:fr.edward@btopenworld.com).



**Parish Library** for children and adults  
 Open after all Masses this week-end 24/25  
 May (last week-end of every month)

**Servers Rome trip 2014**

Tuesday, 28 October to Friday the 31st of October

cost £449 includes flight accommodation food and insurance. Age range 11 to 16

This annual pilgrimage to Rome is led by Father Stephen Boyle chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen. In a packed three days there will be guided tours of the main scenes and Mass at St Peter's. We will also attend the Wednesday audience with the Pope. Numbers are limited and the closing date is 30th May.

Parents are unable to attend. For more details download the form from

[www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com) or contact father Stephen Boyle 01322220075, email: [sboyle@clara.net](mailto:sboyle@clara.net).

**JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB AGM – THURSDAY 12 JUNE**

If your child has been attending the Junior Youth Club over the last year or if you have a child in year 6 or 7 and would like to find out more, do come to our **Annual General Meeting** on **Thursday 12 June** at 7.00pm in the RDJ room. Refreshments will be served and you are very welcome to attend.

This is an opportunity to review what we have been doing over the last year since its launch in April 2013, to approve the accounts for 2013/14 and to appoint the management committee for the next twelve months.

The Club is run entirely by volunteers and it is only by their efforts that it continues to operate. If you would like to help out in any way or be part of the management committee going forward, then please speak to a member of the current committee (Anne O'Brien, Julie Smyth, Jackie Murphy, Alison Vigor and Helen Emmett).

We hope to see you there.

**'Sewing' the Bible**

We gather **every 1st Thursday of the month** to read the Bible. Some of us bring our **needle work** (knitting, crochet, hems and buttons to mend), killing two birds with one stone.



You are welcome to join us after 9.30am Mass in the RDJ Room next to the Sacristy. Coffee or tea at **10am**; reading starts at **10.30**.

Over the years we read the Judges and the books of Samuel, we are now reading Kings. You do not need to prepare: we just read and share our thoughts. The idea is to quietly read through the old testament not only to get more familiar with it, but also to have a broader view to help us understand the passages we hear at Mass and to place them into the right context.



Next session: **Thursday 5th June**.

**Sale of bedding plants**

The sale raised a profit of £182 for the Parish Project. A very big thank you to all those who ordered plants.