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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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### To be a Pilgrim

It is with a feeling of deepest gratitude that I write this last front page. In the last few weeks before leaving for the parish of Canterbury many of you have very kindly expressed your sadness at my leaving and your thanks for my ministry as parish priest at Our Lady Immaculate for 14 years. I have been tremendously happy here. This is the longest amount of time I have been anywhere in my life.

For me it has been a great privilege to share in the joys and sorrows of your lives. You have supported me with your love and prayers throughout this time.

The most difficult question I have had to answer was, "Why are you going? Why are you leaving us?" At the end of April, Bishop Hendricks came to see me and said that the Archbishop would like me to consider going to Canterbury. I was given the choice of saying yes or no. I knew that I needed to consider the request of the Archbishop seriously. When I was ordained priest I promised the Bishop and his successors obedience. This was not blind unthinking obedience, but a willingness to work on behalf of the Bishop in his diocese. A priest is given the faculties to preach, celebrate Mass and the sacraments by the Bishop. I did have to think about my health and physical ability when giving my answer. My reasons for saying no would have been selfish. I am happy

here. The people of the parish are great to work with. I love being in London, I have a wonderful new kitchen, we are in the midst of a project to refurbish the Old Chapel and next year I would have been able to celebrate forty years a priest among people I know and love. Yet I know that the Bishop needs to manage his diocese and a priest needs to consider seriously any request made by his

Bishop. I think I have one parish left in me. If I am to move it must be now. I believe this is what God is asking of me. It is difficult to let go but I abandon myself into the Father's hands that he may do

what he will with me.

This is a welcoming and friendly parish, and that is due to you. You have been easy to work with and you need to continue to be Christ to others in your families, schools and local community. As we gather together each Sunday around the table of The Lord, participating in his sacrifice, we encounter Jesus who calls us to walk with him throughout the week.

I am well aware of my short comings and failures. I thank you for your tolerance and understanding. Canon Edward Perera will be here from the 8th September. He will bring energy and enthusiasm to this parish and I know you will give him a very warm welcome.

Anthony Charlton



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6th/7th September 2014**  
**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

**Sat**

**6.30pm** Patrick A. Hodge (Waller family)

**Sun 9am** Mary Flynn RIP (Pat Grogan)

**11am** Sarah Jayne McCague (Elizabeth Taylor)

**12.30pm** **Baptisms:- Lois Amelia Walsh & Habiba Angel Abdullahi**

**6pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 8th-13th September 2014**

**Mon: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9.30am** Tom Cashman RIP & All Bereaved Family & Friends (Tessa)

**Tues: St Peter Claver, Priest**

**9.30am** Welfare of Marguerite & the Kinsella Family (Manche Family)

**Wed: Feria**

**9.30am** Helen O'Brien RIP Anniversary (Ann Sheridan)

**Thurs: Feria**

**9.30am** Fr Anthony's Intentions (CAFE)

**Fri: The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**9.30am** Welfare of Timothy O'Sullivan (Rosemary Durkin)

**11am** School Mass- For All Staff & Pupils of OLI School

**Sat: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**9am** Maureen Carslake RIP (Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th September 2014**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (A)**

**Racial Justice day**

**6.30pm** Alfred RIP (Antoinette Krishna)

**Sun 9am** Michael & Catherine Burrows (FM)

**11am** Tony & Olive Perera RIP & Tony Confait RIP (Lynette Confait)

**12.30pm** **Baptisms: Trevin Edward**

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for the**  
**Catholic Association for Racial Justice**

**Last Sunday's Collection**                      **£ 1,836**

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

(Cash counters this week: Eileen Kaye & Elizabeth Christmas)

Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)



We welcome into the Church  
**Harry Arthur Payne, Olivia Ivy Payne and Angelina Lenard** who were Baptised last weekend.

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

**This Sunday's Readings: 23rd Sunday in OT (A)**

**First Reading** . Ezekiel 33:7-9 Like a true sentinel, Ezekiel warns against those who threaten the well-being of the community by their wrongdoing

**Second Reading** Romans 13:8-10 All the commandments are summarised in one: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

**Gospel** Matthew 18:15-20 To correct a brother or sister, it may in the end be necessary to involve the community, but Christ himself is with that community in their deliberations.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**First Reading** Numbers 21:4-9

God was prepared to save the lives of those Israelites who rebelled against Moses and the hardships of the desert.

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:6-11

In Jesus, God chose to become one of us. Through the pain and humiliation of the cross, Jesus raised our humanity from degradation to glory.

**Gospel** John 3:13-17

Just as Moses lifted up a bronze serpent in order to heal those who would otherwise have died, so Jesus, through the cross, gives life to those who search for him.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Eileen Rosenberg, Margaret McCauley, Freda Sirmon, and Mary O'Shaughnessy**, 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: Ken Hammerton, Baby Albert Zaks-Kemp, Maureen Sivyver (mother of Sharna Osborne), Elizabeth Ciano, Barbara Coshan, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, 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 Knappgate, 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, 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, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.

**LIFE London Area Conference:**

Whether you are already a supporter of LIFE or would like to know more about what we do, you are invited to join us for the LIFE Conference on Saturday **September 27th**.

This will be held in St Wilfrid's Hall, The Oratory House, Brompton Road, London SW 7 2RP. The day will begin with coffee at 9.45am for 10.15am start.

To book a place at the conference and for additional information please contact Jo Morris on 01926 312272 or e-mail [joannemorris@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:joannemorris@lifecharity.org.uk)



**OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL**

In just 4 months, the total raised has now reached an amazing **£46,000**, which is **two thirds of the £70,000** which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel.

Sponsorship money from the July Marathon Walk, led by Fr Tom, continues to come in and Parishioners continue to make generous donations. During the summer break, an anonymous Parishioner donated £4,000. In addition, a concert, which was put on by the talented Presentation College Choir from Trinidad and Tobago raised £1,000. Last week, a Parishioner donated £10,000 to the Appeal in memory of their parents.

Many thanks to **all** those who have donated to the Appeal.

Please keep your donations coming in. Donations can be made online (**JustGiving site : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>**), by cheque or cash. We also invite any offers of loans. Access the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>) for further information on this important Appeal.



**DEANERY EDUCATION MASS  
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The annual Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place St. Raphael's Church, Surbiton on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm followed by refreshment. All teachers, classroom assistants, school governors and all those who have any connection with our Catholic Schools are most welcome to attend

**HOMEMADE JAM SALE**

Rosemary Durkin will be selling her homemade plum and damson jams this weekend, after the 6.30pm Saturday Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass. All proceeds to go towards the Old Chapel Appeal. **£1.50 a jar.**



**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS : HISTORICAL WALK, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th** We shall meet our guide, Kate, at 10.30am outside Cannon Street main line station (next to the tube) beside the statue of the Plumber's Apprentice. The walk will last approximately two hours. If you would like to join us for lunch afterwards in a small Italian restaurant near St Paul's please contact Lucy on 020 8942 7034 by Monday 8th September.

**GOLF DAY IN AID OF OLD CHAPEL FUND**

At Horton Park Golf Club on Saturday 13th September. Bacon Rolls 9.30am, 18 holes (first tee 10am). £10,000 prize for hole in one on the 10th, buffet dinner to finish. £50 per person, Please contact Kevin and Patsyanne Lynch on 07747 448 656 or [Patsyanne@landmark-ltd.com](mailto:Patsyanne@landmark-ltd.com)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)**

The Children's Liturgy Group has now restarted after our summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back. Please remember to sign the attendance register before Mass starts. The register can be found just inside the main entrance to the church. If your child hasn't attended the Children's Liturgy before (and they are between 4 and 8 years (until First Holy Communion)) do encourage them to come along. Registration forms can be obtained from a Children's Liturgy leader or the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>).



**Babies Memorial Service**

'Born too Soon' of Kingston Hospital are holding a babies memorial service on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Shiraz Mirza Centre, beside Norbiton Station. For further details please contact Pauline Woods (Born too Soon) on 020 8546 7711 bleep 243, Joanne Bull (Bereavement Midwife) on 07703 888 462, Fr Grant Holmes (Hospital Chaplain) on 020 8546 7711 ext 2429 or Clare Ward (Bereavement Office) on 020 8934 3355



**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.**

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from the middle of September, and will start from 7.30pm.

Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests or drop them into the Presbytery. Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

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### **PARISH AGM**

The Parish AGM will take place on **Tuesday 16th September at 8pm** in the Hall. All are invited to attend. This will be a good opportunity to meet with Canon Edward and discuss plans for the future.

### **FR ANTHONY**

There are collection envelopes available at the back of the church for contributions towards a leaving gift for Fr Anthony, as a "Thank You" for all he has done for us and Our Lady Immaculate over the last 14 years. The presentation will be made at his official leaving Mass on **26th September**. Please place your offering in the envelope and post through the Presbytery door. His new address will be: Canon Anthony Charlton 59, Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ

### **YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP – IS THERE A FUTURE?**

We have some 35 active members in our group but some weeks we only have 8 people turn up which leaves the atmosphere rather flat, and the session unviable. The young people who come along to the group have a great evening, and we are more than confident, based on the feedback from them, that the format is correct and exactly what they want. The social side of the evenings, along with the Faith development and events such as World Youth Day in Madrid 3 years ago, have been a massive support for many of our young people as they head off to university or their first job, with far more knowledge of their Faith than would otherwise be the case, and we are desperate that this support network continues into the future.

I know young people have busy schedules these days, and they have far more things they could be doing than we did in our day (how old do I sound?!). It is probably the case that by the time they have been shopping, done huge amounts of homework and studying, accepted various invites from various friends to do all sorts of various things over the weekend, there is often no time left for a church young people's group. However, being committed once a fortnight to a church young people's group is exactly what most young people need in their lives (all be it they may not realise it) in order to keep some link with the parish, with their Faith, and a sense of what it means to be part of a Catholic / Christian community – these years, if this connection is lost, can never be repeated. If we end up with a situation where the group has to close as the support and commitment is not there, it will be a catastrophe for the parish and future generations of young people.

**Parents, I therefore appeal to you to encourage your son / daughter to come along and support us going forwards.** Additionally, you may need to help them by ensuring their OLI friends are also going to come along so they have "safety in numbers." The dates for this term are on the parish website (groups), but the next couple of sessions are **14<sup>th</sup> September and 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in the hall** (behind the church). Members must be in school year 9 or above, either made their confirmation already or will enrol on the OLI course in 2015, and be a parishioner of OLI Parish. Please see parish website for further details: [www.olionline.co.uk](http://www.olionline.co.uk) or contact Andrew Richardson direct (0208 399 3466).

### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

We urgently need more altar servers, age is no barrier **young people and adults equally welcome**. The only requirement is that you have made your first Holy communion. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible to help cover all the Masses as a number have left to go to university this year. We need servers for all the Masses but in particular we need servers for both 6.30 pm on Saturday evening and 6.00 pm on Sunday evening. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish.

Training for new servers begins on **Sunday 4 October at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes.

There are about 8 sessions in all. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on **Sunday 4 October at 12.30pm**

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 and he will be only too happy to help you

### **Racial Justice Sunday**

Next weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. Please pray for this intention in your own prayers. The Catholic Church in England and Wales is contributing to the efforts to overcome racial justice in our nation through the pioneering work of the Bishops' Conference Office for Migration. This work has seen a unique partnership forged between the Church and the statutory authorities in combating human trafficking and modern-day forms of slavery, and supporting some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people. To support this work and that of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, a second collection will be taken next weekend. Your donation, however great or small, will help to make a difference. If you would like more information, please go to: [www.cbcew.org.uk/human-trafficking](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/human-trafficking). If you wish to make a donation online, please go to [www.catholicchurch.org.uk/donations](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/donations)

### **OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH AND SCHOOL PICNIC CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF OLI PARISH**

WHEN: Saturday 13th September 2014: 13.00-16.00

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, Tug of War, Outdoor Games & Chelsea Football Club 'Beat the Goalie'

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. Tickets are available from the Presbytery Office