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Today in the Church's calendar we celebrate the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross.

The origin of this feast is, in my most humble opinion, really quite interesting. So, if you'll permit me, I'll bore you with it now.

In the year 306AD, Constantine was elected Rome Emperor, chosen by the Roman troops in York. Now, this event had a great impact on the world, because Constantine's father was pagan, but his mother was a practicing Christian. He had no desire to persecute Christians as the previous emperors had; - he was tolerant and legalised the practice of being a Christian.

But this story is not about Constantine, it's about his mother Helen. Between the years 326-328AD, Helen travelled throughout Palestine visiting all the Holy Places associated with the Bible, and particularly associated with the life of Jesus.

Her mission was to build churches in these places, adorn churches already there, and to find relics.

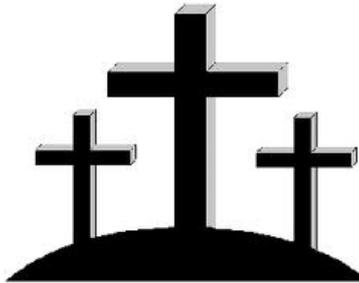
And so, when she came to Jerusalem, and found the place of the burial of Jesus, she excavated for relics. And here, St. Helen found three crosses, of course, because on Golgotha three people had been crucified.

But which cross was the cross of life, which cross had born the saviour of the world?

St. Helen brought forward a woman who was near death. The woman touched one cross and nothing happened, and then a second and nothing happened. Finally she reached for the third cross and when she touched this final cross, she was healed and her life was restored to her. It was this cross that was acclaimed as the true cross of Jesus.

On the site of the discovery St. Helen built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Now, what does this story tell us? What can we learn about the cross of Jesus from this story?



There are many crosses in this world. There are many things that cause us pain, discomfort and death. There are no shortages of crosses in this world.

Like the woman touching the first two crosses, sometimes a cross is just a cross. Just something that causes pain, just something that destroys. This is why we

want to avoid pain, avoid suffering, because it is difficult and meaningless.

But, with our faith, through the faith and grace we received at baptism, we Catholic Christians recognise that if we unite our suffering with Jesus' suffering on his cross, our suffering can become salvific, meaningful, glorious.

Through prayer and understanding, the crosses we encounter every day, can be united to the Holy Cross. They can become a place where we encounter Jesus, a place where Jesus reigns.

Our crosses remain difficult, but, united to Jesus, we find meaning in them, we discover life and salvation.

On the 13th September 335AD the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated, and on the 14th September the relics of the true Cross were presented for public veneration. This is what we celebrate today, the discovery and veneration of the Holy Cross.

I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Fr Tom Lynch

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th September 2014
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (A)

Racial Justice day

Sat

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**

6pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for the
Catholic Association for Racial Justice

Daily Masses 15th-20th September 2014

Mon: Our Lady of Sorrows

7am Monica & James Anderson RIP (FM)

9.30am Richard Fegradoe RIP (Priscilla)

5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues: SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9.30am May Galvin RIP (Mary Hill)

Wed: Feria

7am Tom Cashman RIP & All Bereaved Family & Friends
(Tessa)

9.30am Welfare of Canon Anthony Charlton (Parishioner)

Thurs: Feria

9.30am Eamonn Walsh RIP (Eddie & Sheila)

Fri: St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

7am Holy Souls

9.30am Mrs Harriett Perera RIP (Monica Tett)

Sat: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest &
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

9am For All Catholics & Christians Around the World
Persecuted for Their Faith (Manche Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20th/21st September 2014
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Home Mission Sunday

6.30pm Daniel Yasi RIP (Edwin, Yvonne, Colin, Aaron &
Davina)

Sun 9am Michael & Tomas Casey RIP (Casey Family)

11am Angelica & Concetta De Stasio RIP
(Mrs D'Agostino)

12.30pm **Baptisms:**

6.00pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for the Home Mission Team

Last Sunday's Collection **£ 2,199**

*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 MacLeod & Lynette Confait)



We welcome into the Church **Lois Amelia
Walsh & Habiba Angel Abdullahi**
who were Baptised last weekend.

This 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: 25th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

The Lord takes pity on all who turn to him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Whether alive or dead, our lives are in Christ.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

We may be envious, but God is always generous.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Harriett Perera** (Canon Edward's mother), **David Moss, 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, Maureen Sivyer (mother of Shama Osborne), Elizabeth Ciano, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Brendan Kinsella, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, 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, 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, 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.

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

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

OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

In just over 4 months, the total raised has now reached an amazing **£47,000**, which is **over two thirds of the £70,000** which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel. The funding thermometer at the back of the Church is rapidly rising to the top! Last weekend Rosemary Durkin raised £75 from selling jars of her delicious plum and damson jam. 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 15TH SEPTEMBER**

The annual Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place St. Raphael's Church, Surbiton on Monday 15th 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

Thank You

I would like to thank all those parishioners who bought jam last weekend. You were very generous and the money raised came to £75, which has been donated to the Old Chapel Appeal. I must also thank the two parishioners who donated the damsons and plums; without their generosity I could not have made the jam.

Rosemary Durkin
PS Empty jam jars are still needed.

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

Racial Justice Sunday

This 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. If you wish to make a donation online, please go to www.catholicchurch.org.uk/donations

Fr Edward's Induction Mass

Please note that Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to formally induct Fr Edward as the new Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate Church on **Friday 17th October at 7pm**. After Mass there will be a celebratory reception in the Hall.

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.

HOLD THE DATE!

As part of our fund raising for the Old Chapel Fund, we will be holding a Sri Lankan Evening. It will include a 3 course meal and entertainment and will take place on **Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm**. Please keep the date free- details on how to purchase tickets will follow shortly.

Cardijn Association DAY OF RECOLLECTION.

Thursday 25th September at the Hinsley Rooms, near Westminster Cathedral. 1-5 pm, theme: MIGRATION, Speaker: JACKIE McLOUGHLIN, MBE. Cost: £12.00. Lunch provided. Details from Mary Taylor, 020 8390 1686. See poster in the narthex.

Vacancy

The governors at OLI School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and appropriately experienced person to provide administration support within the busy and efficient school office. Full details and the application pack can be found on the E-Teach website :

<http://www.eteach.com/microsite/jobdetails.aspx?vaco=544575&Page=1>

For further information, please contact Mrs Harvey, school bursar, on 020 8399 9854 or bur-sar@oli.rbksch.org

Harvest Sunday

This will take place on the weekend of 27th/28th September. All donations will be given to the Manna Day Centre in London which provides both a compassionate and practical response to London's poverty and homelessness problems.

Items most needed are:- tea, coffee, powdered milk, cereals, rice, pasta, pasta sauces, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned soups and vegetables, cooking oil and biscuits.

Thank you.

**Service of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday 27th September 11am**

Our annual service for the Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday 27th September at 11am. All welcome.

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

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

If you're in Year 7 or 8 and OLI is your parish, we have some membership spaces available for the Junior Youth Club. This meets every other Friday evening from 7.15 until 8.45 in the Parish Hall. Our first meeting for this school year is on Friday 19th September. Parents will need to complete a membership form on arrival, or in advance by downloading the membership form from the Parish Website at www.olionline. The fee for the term is £10 (50% discount for siblings; guests £1.50 per session). There are lots of things to do – music, games, table tennis, table football, karaoke, snooker/pool, a tuck shop and time to chat with friends. We hope to see you there!

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Alison Vigor

ALTAR SERVERS

Please pick up your new rota from the RDJ Room after all Masses this weekend. Thank you

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

There will be NO MEETING on Tuesday September 16th. Members are invited to join the Parish AGM in the Hall at 8pm when there will be an opportunity to meet Canon Edward

Tour of St George's Cathedral :

This will take place at 10.30am on Wednesday September 17th and will last about one hour. If you would like to join us please contact Pat on 020 8399 2300 for details

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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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

There are about a billion persons with disabilities in the whole world, 80% of whom live in developing countries. In general, and more or less everywhere, the mentally disabled suffer discrimination of all kinds: from the right to be born, if there are already signs of the illness in the pre-natal examination, to abandonment of any kind of assistance, especially if they come to lose their family, to becoming objects of contempt, derision, and mockery. The Pope reminds us that there is something really great that we can do for them. Pray! We are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention **"That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life."**

CYCLELINK



Parishioner Andrew Manning has started Cyclelink offering a high quality cycle repairs and maintenance service at reasonable prices. He provides free bike collection and delivery at a time to suit you for anything from a flat tyre, squeaky brakes or slipping gears to suspension servicing and bike rebuilds. All work is quoted in advance and carried out by a fully qualified and insured mechanic.

In addition, Andrew will donate 10% of any labour costs for OLI parishioners to the Old Chapel Appeal.