



OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

Dear Friends

It is with a sense of deep gratitude and thanks I write these few words this weekend. Thank you for your very kind and warm welcome given to me from the moment I arrived in the parish nearly three weeks ago. Many of you very kindly ask me how I am settling down. Well, I am getting there slowly. Change is always hard but inevitable. As John Henry Newman said, 'to live is to change and to be perfect is to change often.'

Just to introduce myself briefly—I was born in Sri Lanka—when it was known as Ceylon—and my dad was a Catholic and my mother was a Buddhist. Though she remained a Buddhist till she died last month, exactly three months short of her ninety fourth birthday, she was a great influence and an example for all the children and we are ever grateful to her for that. I always said that she was a better Catholic, though was never baptised! I am eldest of the five children and was educated by the Good Shepherd nuns and Sylvestro-Benedictine Monks. Scripture, Liturgy and Catechesis are areas I am involved in and I love sports—specially cricket, rugby and golf. I was there at Canterbury last Friday when the Vatican St. Peter's Cricket team played the Anglicans. Although St. Peter's team lost, there was a wonderful atmosphere and great sportsmanship. With my interest in golf you can imagine how glued I will be to following the Ryder Cup this weekend!

One of things that I have experienced over the last few weeks is first of all our parish church is a church where prayer has been the centre. It is a church where people pray. It is very encouraging to see parents bringing children in the morning to

church to pray before they go to school. My sincere thanks to all those parents for the wonderful example of prayer they pass on to their children and for their example too. May God Bless and strengthen you always, and, I know you will experience the reward and God's blessings everyday. I would like to encourage as many parents to come with their children and pray before they go to school. Thank you also for all of you who join the daily Masses. The old adage we were taught when

we were young is always true—'More things are wrought in prayer than this world dreams of'.

I want to say thank you for all those who do so much for the parish involving themselves with great love in various ministries. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

On Tuesday our school children celebrated the Harvest Festival with a special service in the church. As we give

thanks to God for the wonderful creation and the food we have let us not forget the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Let us each day count the many gifts and talents given to us and let us share them with each for the good of each other and to further God's Kingdom. This in a way is also Stewardship. We have been entrusted with many gifts and blessings. They are given to us to share with each other. Let us share the unconditional love of God and his loving mercy we experience each day with each other.

Thank you once again for your love and care. Remember me in your prayers and I assure you of my prayers.

God Bless and love you all.

Fr Edward Perera



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th September 2014**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
**HARVEST SUNDAY**

**Sat**

- 3pm**      **Wedding: Tom Dewsbury & Louise Fox**  
**6.30pm**    Damian Maranzano RIP (Alex & Rosemary)  
**Sun 9am**    John Michael Burton RIP (FM)  
**11am**      In Thanksgiving for Well Being (Mrs D'Agostino)  
 CHURCH PARADE  
**12.30pm**   **Baptisms:- Adalyn Melissa Ava Buckley**  
**6pm**        People of the Parish

**Daily Masses 29th September - 4th October 2014**

**Mon: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

- 7am**        Peggie & Lu's Daughter (J.M.)  
**9.30am**    In Thanksgiving for Rob Estall on his 90th Birthday  
 (All his friends at OLI)

**Tues: St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

- 9.30am**    Alphonsus Thambyrajah RIP  
 (Sri Towri Thambyraja)

**Wed: St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

- 7am**        Holy Souls  
**9.30am**    Michael Dwane RIP (Marie Turnpenny)

**Thurs: The Holy Guardian Angels**

- 9.30am**    John Tobin RIP (Sparrow Family)

**Fri: Feria**

- 9.30am**    Henriette Wright RIP (Mary Taylor)  
**6pm**        Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**7pm**        Sheridan Family's Intentions

**Sat: St Francis of Assisi**

- 9am**        Holy Souls (Rosemary Durkin)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th October 2014**  
**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

- 6.30pm**    Pam & Tony Barratt RIP (Rosie E)  
**Sun 9am**    Jim Cattini RIP (Pat Cattini)  
**11am**      Tom Delaney RIP (Family)  
**12.30pm**   **Baptisms: Teddy Michael Lavender**  
**6.00pm**    People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

**Last Sunday's Collection**                      **£ 1,881**  
**Home Mission Collection**                    **£ 200**

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

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



We welcome into the Church **Asher Samuel Japlit & Chezka Arabella Melendez** who were Baptised last weekend.

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

**This Sunday's Readings: 26th Sunday of OT (A)**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 18:25-28

God is justice and God is life. To reject justice is to reject life.

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:1-11

Christ entered into the slavery of sin, which leads to death, so that he might be exalted on our behalf.

**Gospel** Matthew 21:28-32

All human life is itself a second chance offered to us by God. We call that second chance redemption. Redemption makes life a choice.

**Next Sunday's Readings: 27th Sunday of OT (A)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7

In Isaiah's "Song of the Vineyard", because of their poor stewardship, God proposes to remove the privileges of Judah and Israel.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:6-9

Paul urges the Philippians to aspire to all that is true, good and beautiful, as revealed by God.

**Gospel** Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus uses the imagery of Isaiah to tell a new parable about the coming rejection of the Son of Man and Son of God.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Hel-en Gallagher** (mother of Geri Schwarz), **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, 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, Ruben 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.

## OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

The total raised has now reached over **£55,000!** So, amazingly, in less than 5 months, we have raised **80% of the £70,000** which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel.

The total includes an incredible £7,000, which was raised from the Golf Day at Horton Park Golf Club on Saturday 13th September. The event was organised by Patsyanne and Kevin Lynch and was, by all accounts, a really fun day. 50 golfers competed, with one player coming within a foot of a hole in one, which would have earned him a £10,000 prize. In total, prizes worth £2,000 were given out on the day! Many thanks to the Lynchs, who organised this event and also to Tesco's, Marks and Spencer's, Landmark Groundworks Ltd and all of the other sponsors of the day.

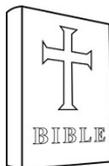
Many thanks to **all** those who have donated to the Appeal. Please keep your donations coming in. Donations can be made online (**JustGiving site : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>**), by cheque or cash. We also invite any offers of loans. Access the Parish website (**<http://www.olionline.co.uk>**)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



### 'Sewing' the Bible

We gather **every 1st Thursday of the month** to read the Bible. Some of us bring their **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**.

We are now reading Kings. You do not need to prepare: we just listen to the reading 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 2nd October

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 7th at 8pm in the Old Chapel. Sarah Marley will be speaking to us about her time working with the Missionary Sisters in India. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tolworth Air Scouts

4<sup>th</sup> Tolworth Air Scouts meet in OLI Parish Hall and currently have spaces for girls and boys:

Beavers ages 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-8 Wednesday-5.15pm-6.15pm, Cubs ages 8-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Wednesday 6.30pm-8pm

Scouts ages 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Thursday 7pm-9pm

Please contact Group Scout Leader, Pat Askey, 07952 967930, for further information

### SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIEST SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS FOR 2015 ENTRY

Fr Edward together with Fr Tom will be signing the priest verification forms for 2015 secondary school entry on

**:- Monday 29th September from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and on Wednesday 1st October from 6pm to 7pm.** Please come to the Presbytery at 401 Ewell Road.

The next dates will be :-

**Wednesday 8th October from 6pm to 7pm and on Thursday 9th October from 6pm to 7pm.**

Please check the newsletter each week for times and dates of form signing sessions.

**Please note:- Supplementary forms for Primary School entry will not be signed until NOVEMBER.**

### CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (England and Wales) Friday 3rd October

#### Make a place at the table!

This Harvest Fast Day, Friday 3 October, make a place at your table for families around the world who don't have enough to eat. This Harvest, please help CAFOD share the harvest with the world's hungriest people. Your gift can provide food for today, and seeds, tools and livestock for tomorrow, so everyone can share God's abundance. A donation envelope is attached to this weekend's newsletter. Please return your donation the following Sunday or soon after. Consider making a regular gift at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

If you're in Year 7 or 8 we have some membership spaces available for the OLI Junior Youth Club. This meets every other Friday evening (wherever possible) from 7.15 until 8.45 in the Parish Hall.

Dates for the rest of the term are: **3 October, 7 November, 21 November and 12 December.** 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](http://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, karakoe, snooker/pool, a tuck shop and time to chat with friends. We hope to see you there!

### 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.

### 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.** Tickets cost £10, children under 10 go free, but extra donations are welcome. To book your tickets call Antoinette and Joseph Sebastian on 020 8399 6491.

**Universal Day of Prayer for the  
Synod on the Family  
28th September 2014**

The theme of this autumn's Synod of Bishops in Rome focuses on the family - particularly the pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that the Church sets aside a Day of Prayer on Sunday 28 September to pray for this important international meeting. Today, we're encouraged to pray that our families might become true "domestic churches" in our home countries and "bear witness to God's love". We are asked to reflect on what this might mean in our own homes.

**JAM JARS**

Thank you to all those who have donated empty jam jars. I have finished jam making, so there is no need to bring them in now.

Thanks. Rosemary Durkin

**Post-referendum statement  
Christian Aid Scotland**

Following the result of the Scottish referendum on independence, Christian Aid Scotland wishes to assure all its supporting churches and individuals that Christian Aid remains absolutely committed to the task of overcoming poverty, and to working with people of good faith everywhere to that end. It has been encouraging in the weeks and months leading up to the referendum to note the strong emphasis on equality, justice and the desire to end poverty, not just in Scotland but across the world, that has characterised the debate on all sides. Christian Aid will continue to do all it can to enable supporters in Scotland to achieve these goals in an ongoing partnership for change.

**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.

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**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 **NEXT WEEKEND on Sunday 5 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 5 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

**HOMEMADE CUP CAKE SALE**

There will be a sale of delicious home made cup cakes after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses next Sunday (5th October). All proceeds will go towards the Old Chapel Appeal.



**Parish Library for children and adults**

Open after every Mass at the week-end of 27/28 September (as usual last week-end of every month).

**Clothes and equipment for Baby Boy needed**

Young mother will soon need to be equipped. If you have any equipment or clothes which you do not need, please contact Marie-Helene on 020 8399 4368 or leave your items in the RDJ Room with a label "Baby Boy". Thank you.

**Saint Jerome 30th September**



The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the bible. Since the Bible is God's divine revelation it makes sense that it should be translated so that everyone may benefit whatever their dialect. Today's 'Bible Society' exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. If you are interested in being a part of the Bible Society's work, visit them at [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)