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In today's Gospel taken from St Matthew, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call the chosen guests but they did not come. So, he sent more servants to tell those invited that the banquet was all prepared and to come to the wedding. However, they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business and the rest maltreated his servants and killed them. (Jesus was referring here to the prophets of old who had carried the Word of God but were not listened to).

The king was furious. Having dealt with the murders of his servants, he ordered more servants to go into the streets and by-ways, and to invite everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

There are many ways of saying 'no' to an invitation and several degrees of refusal. Imagine if we were giving a party at our home. You send out invitations with an RSVP at the bottom. And what happens?

Some say, "I'm sorry, but I cannot come on that night but thanks for inviting me." You may feel disappointed, but understand.

Others say, "I'm not coming" somewhat bluntly. It's a refusal and no reason given. It's hurtful but at least you know where you stand with these people and in time come to accept it. From another group you hear nothing, not a word. This is the worst kind of refusal of all.

You never know where you stand with these people. If you were to contact them, they would probably say, "Oh, I meant to reply, but..." This is a real let down, really disappointing. To go back to the parable and what it means: to ignore God's invitation is the worst form of refusal. It implies indifference.



In attending a wedding, neatly and suitably dressed, I think we also take it for granted that we are expected to join in the spirit of the occasion, to be happy to be invited, to rejoice with the newly-married couple and to enjoy the company of others, at least after we have had something to eat and drink! We are called to come in a spirit of thankfulness and joy.

God our Father welcomes us to His banquet of truth and goodness, His banquet of holiness and grace, His banquet of justice, love and peace. We are

invited to the banquet because we are loved so very much by our Heavenly Father. Let us do our best to show by example of our lives as Christians that we believe we are loved by Him, so that others will be drawn to the banquet too. We are called to be evangelizers, His servants to go out into the world "to tell those who have been invited that I have my banquet all prepared.....everything is ready. Come to the wedding".

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11th/12th October 2014
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Prisoners' Sunday

Sat:

6.30pm In Thanksgiving for Dr Peter Rys Evans & Family
 (Anne Sheridan)

Sun 9am Anthony Felton RIP (Kevin & Nancy)

11am People of the Parish

6pm Helen Gallagher RIP (Intranova Family)

Retiring Collection for the Needs of the Diocese

Daily Masses 13th-18th October 2014

Mon: St Edward the Confessor, King

7am Dennis Peiris RIP (Mary Peiris)

9.30am Col. Thomas Crawford RIP (John Crawford)

Tues: Feria

7am Holy Souls (Rosemary & Anthony Durkin)

9.30am Barbara Flaherty RIP (Mary McDonagh)

Wed: St Teresa of Jesus of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9.30am Holy Souls

11am FUNERAL: SHIRLEY ENRIGHT RIP

Thurs: St Hedwig, Religious

9.30am Valerie Estall RIP (Robert Estall)

Fri: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

9.30am Jadwiga Lewandowska RIP (Lucy)

**7pm MASS OF INDUCTION FOR
 CANON EDWARD PERERA -
 Main celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks**

Sat: St Luke, Evangelist

9am Holy Souls

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th October 2014
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

6.30pm Edward Tyler RIP

Sun 9am People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving for Roger Percy Lister
 (Percy Lister Family)

6.00pm Welfare of Fr Chris O'Brien (Rosemary Durkin)

Retiring Collection for MISSIO

Last Sunday's Collection £ 1,946

CAFOD HARVEST DAY £ 436

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

(Cash counters this week: Ray & Liz Lewry
 Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)



We welcome into the Church **Teddy Michael Lavender** who was Baptised last weekend.

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

This Sunday's Readings: 28th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10

Isaiah gives us a dazzling and reassuring image of the warm heart of our God.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

St Paul thanks some of his converts for their generosity.

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus shows how sad it will be if we turn down God's invitation to the heavenly banquet.

Next Sunday's Readings: 29th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

The all-powerful Lord uses the pagan king Cyrus as an instrument to bring about his purposes.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul greets the Church in Thessalonika and recalls how they recognised the power of the Gospel.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus tells us that we recognise God's rule over our lives by giving back to God all that belongs to God.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:-
Shirley Enright, Brendan Kinsella, Catherine Lis, Col. Thomas Crawford (cousin of John Crawford), **Pedro Castrence, Helen 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: Christine Walsh, Bernie Dark, Catherine Spain, Ken Hammerton, Elizabeth Ciano, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Margarita Miccerienciene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Guy Green, 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 McDonagh, 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 amount raised has amazingly now reached over **£56,000**, which is **81% of the £70,000**, which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel. This includes £223, which was raised last Sunday from a very successful cup-cake sale. Many thanks to Shinta and Zoe for making all the delicious cup-cakes, which were (almost) too beautiful to eat.

We need one final push to raise the remaining **£14,000** needed. Now is the time to make any final donations. Please start returning your **Old Chapel Appeal Collection Boxes** to the Presbytery – don't forget to fill in the details required to enable us to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation. Collection Boxes will also be collected before all the Masses on the weekend of 25th / 26th October.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Sri Lankan Evening, which will take place on **Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm**. The evening will include a 3 course meal and entertainment. Tickets cost £10, children under 10 go free, but extra donations are welcome. To book your tickets, call Antoinette and Joseph Sebastian on 0208 399 6491.

There will also be one of the very popular Biryani Take-Away events on Sunday 26th October, after the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses.

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

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.

HELP REQUIRED

We are asking parishioners to bring a plate of finger food to share after Fr Edward's Mass of Induction on Friday 17th October. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church and put your name against the item of food you will be bringing. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are needed for Canon Edward's Induction Mass on Friday 17th October at 7.00pm. we need a good group of Servers as Bishop Paul Hendricks will be presiding at the Induction Mass and there will be a number of other priests and deacons present. It is a very important occasion for our parish and if you can help please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. You will need to be there by 6.15 pm. And jobs will be allocated on the night. Thank You in advance for your help. Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies."

WEBSITE – copies of the plans for the building work on the presbytery and Old Chapel uploaded (news / events)



The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 43 years. The aim of the project is give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund raising for third world projects.

The Lenten Project AGM will be on Sunday 7th December at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2015. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A CHARITY:

1. Charity/organisation needs to be based in the third world
 2. Direct help – we looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
 3. Christian based
 4. Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
 5. Value for money – small and professionally run charity/ organisation in the third world
 6. Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference
 7. Only one charity will be supported per country per year
- Only four charities will be supported per year
- If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2015 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: <http://www.olionline.co.uk/parish-groups/lenten-project/>
- You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of the church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

Once you have completed the form please either email it to info@olionline.co.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.

Thank you.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

This Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday, a day of prayer, reflection and action for prisoners, ex-offenders, their children and families, victims of crime, and all those who work in the criminal justice system.

We will be holding a second collection today for Pact – a charity dedicated to helping these prisoners and families to make a fresh start. Please give generously. To find out more about

Prisoners' Sunday and what Pact does, visit **www.prisonadvice.org.uk** or contact Monica Deane.

Tel: 020 7735 9535; e-mail: monica.deane@prisonadvice.org.uk

Thanks from Fr David Gibbons

Last Sunday at the 11:00am Mass many parishioners said they would pray for Fr David's father, who had just been taken to hospital. Your prayers worked! It turned out to be not too serious and he soon returned home. Both Fr David and his father are grateful for your prayers

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 :- **Wednesday 15th October from 6pm to 7pm and on Thursday 16th October from 6pm to 7pm.**

Please come to the Presbytery at 401 Ewell Road. 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.



Parishioner Andrew Manning of Cyclelink is offering his time to the Old Chapel Appeal of on Sunday 19th

October. On this last Sunday before half term, Andrew will be undertaking safety checks and smaller repairs such as fixing punctures, brakes or adjusting gears on parishioners bikes. He is not charging for his time but asking that parishioners using the service will make a donation to the Old Chapel Appeal. You will find him just outside the church at all masses on Sunday 19th October.

The Holy Cross School, New Malden 'Christmas Shopping Evening' - Friday 21st November 2014

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Road, New Malden, is having a 'Christmas Shopping Evening' on Friday 21st November from 6.30pm until 9pm. There will be a great selection of cards, gifts, jewellery, books and much more. If you are interested in having a stall at this event please email Danielle at holycrosspfa@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER 2014 : DOORS OPEN 1.30 pm : ADMISSION £1.00

This ever-popular, fund-raising event is being organised by the KSC and UCM to support their charity and other activities. They would be most grateful for any of the following items, in good condition, such as clothes, shoes, handbags, kitchenware and utensils, cutlery, crockery, glassware, books, pictures, children's toys and games, and general bric-a-brac.

Please note: the organisers are sorry they are NOT able to accept any furniture, TVs or other electrical items.

You should bring your jumble to the Hall on the morning of the sale (25 October) **between 9.00am and 11.00am**. If you would like your jumble collected now this can be arranged by contacting Leo (020 8390 2500) or Alex (020 8399 0833).

Come to the sale early (doors open 1.30pm) and encourage your friends and neighbours to do so too. There are bound to be some bargains to be had!

POLITE NOTICE

Please could you refrain from standing on the kneelers- some of them are becoming very damaged and they are very expensive to replace.

Thank you

THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS

The Sisters of the Holy Cross in India have expressed their sincere thanks to the OLI parish for the funds received as part of the 2014 Lenten Project.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate. With immense joy and gratitude I appreciate your generosity and your effort to help these poor children to acquire good education. With all the staff and students of Jeevan Jyoti Convent School, we extend our heartfelt thanks and prayers. We have started to build an extension to our school. We can now further the children's education and support more young people. May God bless and reward all our benefactors. With regards Your Sister Dora.

Thank You from the Sisters of Charity of St Louis

I want to express my sincere thanks for your very generous contribution from your Lenten Project Fund to the work of our Sisters in Madagascar and especially to the work of the community at Befandandriana Sud. The community there are doing a remarkable ministry and your support will help them to rebuild the lodgings for the pupils destroyed by the cyclone of 2013.

I visited our Sisters in Madagascar after I was elected Superior General. I returned for a much longer visit in July and August this year. Both visits included a trip to south western Madagascar in a very rural and isolated area of Morombe, Befandandriana Sud. It takes two days to get there along very badly damaged roads or dirt tracks. That part of Madagascar suffered most from the devastating cyclone in the winter of 2013 and there was a great deal of damage and loss of life. The "**lodging house**" for the pupils who live far away from the school was totally flattened. Many pupils travel long distances to access education. Many are too far away to go and come to school each day or even each week as they have to walk for hours. "lodging house" has not been rebuilt as yet, as they have not had the necessary resources. As a consequence many more children than normal for this part of Madagascar have no access to education and to the food and health care which goes with it in this context. Every penny of the very generous grant from the Lenten project will be put towards the cost of re-building of the lodging house so that many more of the children and young people who currently are unable to attend school can return to resume their education and have access to additional food and health care. Your donation is one more step towards finding the necessary resources to fund the re-building of the lodgings so that more children have access to:

- ◆ Safe lodgings so they can attend school
- ◆ Food especially during the shortage of rice in the winter months.
- ◆ Basic health care.

With grateful thanks. Sr Josephine Goggin

APF RED BOXES

Thank you to all those who brought in their Red Boxes- they have now been emptied and are available for you to pick up from the RDJ Room after Mass.