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The year with Gospel of Matthew has reached its end. Over the past twelve months, through this Gospel, we have been drawn into reflecting on the Kingdom of God and of course, the Kingship of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The ending of the Church's year, on the feast of Christ the King is, therefore, an opportune time to recap on how the theme of this Kingship developed.

Jesus began his public ministry with this exhortation, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". He then went about recruiting the nucleus of the community who would be the task force of the Kingdom - disciples, the Twelve.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus proclaimed the ideals of the Kingdom, challenging the attitudes of the world around him. "How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle, they shall have the earth for their heritage" and so on. Indeed, challenging our world of today and into the future.

Jesus then turned to special training of the twelve apostles, repeatedly warning them there would be no half-hearted or easy way of following Him.

Their attention was then drawn to consider the Kingdom in the world around them. The Kingdom would necessarily have to grow in a world hostile to it and its ideals. However, the disciples were assured that it would prosper and grow, as wheat in the midst of dandel, weeds that looked like wheat. People would discover that it is a hidden treasure and worth paying a great price for.

Towards the latter chapters of the Gospel, attention is transferred back to all disciples

and Jesus trains this small community who will continue this work when He is gone. Despite Peter's protestations, Jesus must face Jerusalem where death and resurrection will be his inevitable destiny.

Over the course of seven Sundays, the disciples (and we) were given many lessons about how the community of the Kingdom should behave - about compassion, courage, faith, taking up the cross, dying to self, supporting the erring brother and offering forgiveness.

The final parts of the Gospel are located in Jerusalem. Jesus proclaims the ultimate vindication of the Kingdom. The harvest will see the separation of those who have their lamps ready from those who have not, and of those who use their talents profitably from those who did not. (Remember last Sunday's Gospel reading?)

And so we have reached today's Gospel on this last Sunday of the Church's year, when the values of the Kingdom of God are set out in stark detail and clarity. "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

The Kingdom-of-Heaven-on-Earth means that our love of God is to be shown by attending to the daily, commonplace, nitty-gritty, needs of others, without thought of reward. The Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand - just on the end of our arm!

Al Callan
(with acknowledgement to Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd November 2014**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**

6.30pm	Margaret Barrat RIP (O'Regan Family)
Sun 9am	Richard Baker RIP (Kristina Baker)
11am	Elsie Fowler RIP & Hilda Budd RIP (Rosemary Howe)
12.30pm	Baptisms - Elizabeth Rhea Morant & Olivia Holly Morant and Amelie Rose O'Riley-Lynn
3.00pm	Memorial Service for the Bereaved
6.00pm	People of the Parish

Collection for Catholic Youth Services**Daily Masses 24th–28th November 2014**

Mon:	Saint Andrew Dung –Lac & companions
7am	Denis Peiris RIP (Mary Peiris)
9.30am	Christopher Walsh RIP (Jacinta Dunseath)
Tues:	Feria
9.30am	Edward and Harriet Perera RIP
Wed:	Feria
7am	Leelamma (Smitha)
9.30am	Gerrard and Janet Dodds RIP (FM)
Thurs:	Feria
7am	Holy Souls
9.30am	Funeral Mass for Tony Ambroselli (Gaetano)
Fri:	Feria
7am	Henry and Mary Joyce RIP (Jo & Colin Gray)
9.30am	Monica Slaughter (Family)
Sat:	Feria
9am	Rosemary Gribble RIP (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 29th/30th November 2014**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

6.30pm	Deceased members of the Kenny Family (Alf & Maureen)
Sun 9am	Ted Howe RIP (Sheila Howe)
11am	Con Hickey RIP & Helen Gallagher RIP (Keely Family)
12.30pm	Baptisms - Sophie Bridget Lyons and Sofie Mati
6.00pm	People of the Parish

Last Sunday's Collection**£ 1815.00**

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

(Cash counters this week: George & Paul Hoskins

Next week: Pam Ford and Vivian Phillips)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**Saturdays 9.30am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm****Next Sunday's Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent (B)****First Reading** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

We humans are rebellious and our integrity is only skin-deep; yet God is the potter and we are the clay. We can trust God to help us.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Jesus fills us with the gifts of the Spirit as we await his second coming.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus teaches us never to forget that he, the master of our house, will come again

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church **Grayson Anthony Deadman** and **Amy Franekova Slaytor** who were baptised last weekend.

Funeral Arrangements

The Funeral Mass for Tony Ambroselli (Gaetano) is on Thursday 27th November at 9.30am.

Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in Peace

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:-

Tony Ambroselli (Gaetano), Desmond Neligan, Leroy George Hue, Eilish Mulholland, Edward Maryniak, Christopher Walsh, John Gwynn, Shirley Enright, Brendan Kinsella, Catherine Lis,
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: Sue Jones, Shirley Rutter, Chris Wade,, Bernie Dark, Catherine Spain, Ken Hammerton, Elizabeth Ciano, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Margarita Mickericiene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Guy Green, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Andrea Shepherd, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, 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 Burrridge, 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.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
8th December 2014**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is our parish Patronal Feast. This feast day is also celebrated as the principal Patron of our Diocese.

Though the Feast Day falls on a Monday, we will as a parish celebrate the Feast with a special Mass on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

I invite you all to keep the evening free and come and join in the festal mass and the celebrations as we thank God for the many gifts and blessings he has bestowed and continue bestow upon the parish.

There is a sign up list at the back of the church for those who would like to contribute any finger food for the evening. If you can please indicate what you would like to bring. Thank you for your kindness and generosity as always

NOVEMBER LISTS

NOVEMBER LISTS are now available at the back of the church. Please take a sheet and put the names of your deceased family and friends on it and place it in the box provided. They will then be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.

Bereavement Service - 3pm today

Our annual Bereavement Service will take place this afternoon, Sunday 23rd November, at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome, come to remember and pray for our loved ones

The Parish library

will be open on Saturday & Sunday 29/30 November after all masses

Bible group

will meet on Thursday 4th December in the RDJ Room: 10am tea and coffee; 10.30am to 11.30am DVD "A quick journey through the Bible"

**AFTERNOON CLUB-
TEA, COMPANY & CHAT!**

We meet on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2pm in the RDJ Room. Why not pop along for a slice of cake, a cuppa and a nice chat. All are welcome.

Repository

**Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Crib Sets,
Children's Books are now on sale after the Satur-
day 6.30pm, Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am Mass-
es.
Please call in**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If your son / daughter is in Year 9 or above and they would like to be Confirmed next year, please visit the parish website, go to Sacraments, then Confirmation, and then read carefully the contents of the page. Please download the application form, and then look out for the priest form signing dates which will be published in the newsletter later this month. All application forms, once completed, must be countersigned by a priest before an application can be accepted. No applications for next year's course will be accepted after the form signing dates have run out (just before Christmas).

OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

The amount raised has now reached absolutely amazing **£69,000**, which is **99% of the £70,000**, which is required to renovate our Old Chapel. We are nearly there!! Many thanks to **all** those who have donated to the Appeal. Last Saturday, the very successful Sri Lankan evening raised an incredible £1,200. Congratulations to Antoinette and Joseph Sebastian for organising such an enjoyable evening. On Sunday, there was a sale of delicious Krispy Kremes, which raised £220. The donuts were so popular that they completely sold out after the 9.00am Mass. Many thanks to Cindy Owen for organising the event.

The **Old Chapel Appeal Boxes** have raised almost **£3,500** (including the Gift Aid reclaim). Please continue to bring you Appeal Boxes in. Either leave them in the RDJ room after this weekend's Masses, or leave them at the Presbytery.

There is also one further event to come. A very talented parishioner is planning to bake and sell boxes of Christmas cupcakes to raise funds for the Old Chapel. Boxes containing 6 beautiful cupcakes, decorated with Christmas themes will be sold at £10 each. More details will follow shortly.

We 'only' need to raise **£1,000** more. Now is the time to please please make any final donations. Donations can be made online (**JustGiving site : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>**), by cheque or cash. Thank you!

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers-
New Rotas**

The new rota, is now available on the Parish website (www.olionline.co.uk). If you are unable to access the website please take a paper copy which is available in the RDJ Room. If you cannot minister or read when your name is shown on the rota please try to find a substitute. Rota Co-Ordinator, Pat Parker (pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk) OR 0208 390 0179.

TEACH US TO PRAY

On 6th December 2014, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will play host to an event at St. George's Cathedral which aims to encourage participants to explore and experience the spiritual riches to be found within our own diocese.

Representatives from various religious traditions (Benedictine, Carmelite, Dominican, Franciscan and Ignatian) will provide opportunities to reflect and to pray in a number of afternoon sessions and the day will be facilitated by Dr. Geremma Simmonds CJ, lecturer at Heythrop College.

This event, entitled Teach us to Pray, will start with registration while the first talk will be at 10.30am and it is anticipated that the event will conclude at 4.00pm. Suggested donation for the day is £5/- Tea and coffee will be provided and please bring a packed lunch. More details on the notice board.

J&P Big Breakfast

A big thankyou to all who came to our recent event. You raised £50 which was sent to Aid for the Church in Need Iraq.

There is a letter of thanks in the Narthex. We are always thankful for your support with these events and special thanks to Margaret and Christine who always lend a helping hand. We hope to hold another BB in the near future.
OLI J&P Group

Children's Church Choir

Please note that from the 9.00 Mass on Sunday 30th November and all subsequent **FAMILY** Masses (9.00 Masses on the last Sunday of the month), all children in Years 4 and above are invited to join in the Children's Church Choir. Hymns will be chosen which the children should know from school or previous Masses.

The children do not need to make any regular commitment or attend rehearsals—just turn up with a smile. Spaces will be made available at the front of the church.

Thank you from
The Children's Liturgy Group

Our Lady Immaculate School Tolworth Christmas Bazaar—29th November

Our Lady Immaculate School Christmas Bazaar will take place on 29th November -4pm.

We have fantastic stalls, activities and games, including a fabulous raffle draw.

Prizes are: an iPad Air, Maxi Micro scooter, £100 John Lewis vouchers and a Mystery Prize!

Please purchase your tickets after Mass or collect a book from the school office.

Please remember to return your ticket stubs and money to the school office by 28th November

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

As ever, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our monthly Foodbank collections – it is very much appreciated (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk). Foodbanks continue to be extremely busy, and the one in Kingston is very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (29/30 November) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is milk (long life or powder), fruit juice (long life or squash), vegetarian meals (tins of macaroni cheese, vegetable curry, vegetable chilli, ratatouille etc), noodles (packets or pot noodles), steamed puddings and it may be nice to include some Christmas treats (chocolates and biscuits). They have lots of pasta, baked beans and tea so please avoid those items at the moment.

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

Telephone: 0208 399 9550

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Richard Challoner School Vacancy for Cleaner

A cleaner is required for general cleaning duties on school premises.

The position offered is for 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, during the hours of 3.30 to 5.30pm

Hourly rate: £8.15 per hour.

For further details, please contact:

Sean Flowers (Assistant Site Manager)- Mob: 07725 794244 or Penny Strath (Cleaning Supervisor) Mob: 07872 507022