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# Parish News

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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### Advent - A time of preparation

In both the Church and in the world, December is a time of preparation. In the Church, of course, we call it Advent, in the world we call it pre-Christmas shopping.

So, whether we're Christian or not, virtually the whole of the country is in preparation.

But preparation for what? There are different forms of preparation depending on what we are preparing for.

For example, I prepare my house for guest by decluttering, bringing in food and drink, cleaning and tidying and decorating. If, however, I was preparing for an exam, I would be studying, and learning, I would be practicing with past papers and revising with friends.

So, the way we prepare depends on what we are preparing for (it's obvious really). So, let's take this obvious statement a little further.

What are we preparing for in Advent? We're preparing to celebrate the incarnation, the Word becoming flesh, the second person of the Holy Trinity being born into our world, into a real human family, into a real human society.

So, to prepare to celebrate that great mystery, and this great miracle, we have advent calendars, and wreaths with candles.

These are ways of counting down. Throughout history the Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah, counting down to the redemption of the world. In the same way, we are waiting and counting down.

Later on in Advent, we prepare to celebrate by building cribs. It's traditional to put up a crib, but keep back the baby Jesus until Christmas morning.

The crib is a visual representation of Bethlehem.

It's a way that we can enter, with our imaginations, into the cave where the animals were kept, and there be with Mary and Joseph as they welcome Jesus.

These are ways that Advent traditions help us prepare for the coming of Christ.

I really hope that in our homes, with our families, we can prepare ourselves throughout this season. Because, we know, preparation is the key to success. A successful Christmas is a Christmas where we all encounter Jesus our saviour, and are able to share his love with others.

### Good byes and new opportunities

As we all know this is a big, busy and vibrant parish. Everyday a lot happens, and a lot of work is done to continue the work of Christ in Tolworth. It would not be possible to do nearly so much, or to do it nearly so well, if it weren't for those who work or volunteer at the presbytery.

For the past 7 and a half years our parish has been administered by Elaine. She's greeted parishioners, sorted problems with the buildings, organised parties and Masses, and all the thousand daily jobs that keep this parish working smoothly. All of this she has done with joy, sensitivity, professionalism and humour.

At the beginning of this month Elaine moved to a new job, and I would like to extend to her, our thanks and support for her years of service in the Presbytery, and wish her all the best for her new job.

Fr. Tom Lynch

**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

**Daily Masses 1st–6th December 2014**

- Mon:** **Feria**  
**7am** Sheila Sharp  
**9.30am** Esther Waters-Furlong RIP  
(Jo & Colin Gray)
- Tues:** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Stephen Donlan (Mary Ryan)  
**11.00am** **Funeral Mass –Jaqueline Mallett**
- Wed:** **Saint Francis Xavier**  
**7am** Welfare of Eileen Ewens (Molly Clifford)  
**9.30am** John Joyce RIP (Jo & Colin Gray)
- Thurs:** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Maria Eaton RIP (Elizabeth Saunders)
- Fri:** **Feria**  
**9.30am** John Frederick & Margaret Theresa Gowers  
RIP  
**7.00pm** **Parish celebration of Feast Day Mass  
of Our Lady Immaculate**
- Sat:** **Feria**  
**9am** Charles Mathew RIP

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6th/7th December 2014**

**Second Sunday of Advent (B) (Toy-Bible Sunday)**

- 6.30pm** David Doyle RIP (John, Kathleen & Mary)
- Sun 9am** In Thanksgiving Nubia & George Carro -  
Wedding Anniversary (Nubia & George)
- 11am** **Church Parade**  
In Thanksgiving for safe birth of giving Baby  
Sebastian Tyler Georgeson (Mrs F Narcisi)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms** - Orla Marie Martin-Crewe and  
Dylan George Martin
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Last Sunday's Collection**

**£1910**

*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 and Vivian Phillips  
Next week: Barbara Buchinger and Bernie Turkington)

**Next Sunday's Readings:  
2nd Sunday of Advent (B)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The prophet Isaiah announces that God's glory is about  
to be revealed, and calls on the people to prepare for it.

**Second Reading** 2 Peter 3:8-14

The followers of Jesus are called to lead holy and good  
lives while waiting for the new heavens and new earth,  
where righteousness rules.

**Gospel** Mark 1:1-8

The first verses of Mark's Gospel announce the  
"beginning of the Good News" of Jesus Christ, and tell  
of the witness of John the Baptist

**Baptisms**

We welcome into the Church **Elizabeth Rhea Mo-  
rant and Olivia Holly Morant and Amelia  
Rose O'Riley-Lynn** who were baptised last Sunday.

**Death**

We are sorry to announce the death of Miriam  
Arguello. Please remember her and her family and  
friends in your prayers. May she rest in Peace

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

**Miriam Argeullo, Tony Ambroselli (Gaetano),  
Desmond Neligan, Leroy George Hue, Eilish Mul-  
holland, Edward Maryniak, Christopher Walsh,  
John Gwynn, Shirley Enright, Brendan Kinsella.**

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: Philip Mooney, Sue Jones, Shirley Rutter, Chris  
Wade,, Bernie Dark, Catherine Spain, Ken Hammerton,  
Elizabeth Ciano, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bai-  
ley, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Margarita  
Mickericiene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford,  
Guy Green, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Andrea Shep-  
herd, 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 Knap-  
gate, 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 McNal-  
ly, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, San-  
dra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Nicky  
Bushell, Tom Tyler, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Paler-  
mo, 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**

**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 this 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

**Diocesan Vocations Centre**—Made for Glory Advent Video Calendar

The team at the Vocations Centre have been working on a series of short commentaries on the Gospel for each day of Advent. Produced by young people for young people, the two minute videos can be used in variety of different contexts to help foster a spirit of Christian discipleship. Starting with first Sunday of Advent, the videos will be available on Youtube day by day: [www.youtube.com/user/madeforgloryuk](http://www.youtube.com/user/madeforgloryuk)

**World AIDS Day**

Today is World AIDS Day. We remember that 34 million people in the world are living with HIV/AIDS. Although medicines are now more available, according to the WHO in 2011, just 28% of children and 58% of adults eligible for treatment received HIV treatment. Millions remain in need of essential treatment, care and support, especially in Africa, a continent that still cries out for justice. In the UK there are 100,000 people living with HIV. Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support provides a pastoral ministry to those infected with HIV in the UK. For further information go to [www.caps-uk.org](http://www.caps-uk.org) and [www.positivecatholics.com](http://www.positivecatholics.com)

**Christmas Crib Offerings**

Usually the Crib Offerings were sent to Cabrini Children's Society. Following their request earlier in the year not to take the crib offerings for the them, and at the request/suggestion of Archbishop Peter Smith, the Crib offerings will be sent to Friends of Holy Land. The Friends offer help to the poorest families in Bethlehem, contributing to their medical costs and paying for school and university fees.

**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. All application forms, once completed, must be countersigned by a priest before an application can be accepted.

The form signing sessions (which are to be attended by at least one parent / guardian and the candidate themselves) last 5 minutes each, so please attend whenever you like during the following time slots and be prepared to wait for your turn: 12<sup>th</sup> December (6-7pm), 13<sup>th</sup> December (11am-12pm), 16<sup>th</sup> December (5.30-6.30pm), 18<sup>th</sup> December (7.30-8.30pm). 18<sup>th</sup> December is the absolute closing date for next year's programme.

**OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL**

Fr Edward and Fr Tom are extremely pleased to announce that we have now reached our **£70,000** target for the renovation of the Old Chapel. This is due to the truly amazing generosity of parishioners. Many many thanks to **all** those who have donated to the Appeal. This week, there was a £101 contribution from Cyclelink, following its bicycle maintenance surgery and £175 from the Union of Catholic Mothers' sale of 'Amazing Household Tips'.

There are a few other fundraising events coming up, including the sale of boxes of Christmas cupcakes, baked by a very talented parishioner. Please continue to bring in your Old Chapel Appeal Boxes and please do make any promised donations. Any extra money raised will be used for finishing touches and unforeseen eventualities.

**Thankyou!**

**The Parish Library**

will be open this weekend, 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.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**As a new rota is to be prepared, will anyone able to carry on, advise Gerry Hague on 32565 3142 after 3rd December.**

**Thank you for all your efforts in 2014.**

**Repository**

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Crib Sets, Children's Books are now on sale after the Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

Please call in

### 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

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

The sale of "Amazing Household Tips" booklets raised £175 for the old chapel appeal. We shall be celebrating Advent with a party in the old chapel on Tuesday December 2nd. Come and join us for carols and entertainment at 8pm. Please bring some finger food. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. This will be our last meeting until the New Year. Happy Christmas to you

### Noah's Ark Pre-School

Noah's Ark Pre-school is now accepting applications for September 2015. Noah's Ark provides safe and stimulating surroundings for children with well qualified, caring staff. All our activities are designed to be educational and enjoyable. We encourage independence in all aspects of care and learning in preparation for school. You can download an application form from our website [www.noahsark-preschool.org.uk](http://www.noahsark-preschool.org.uk) or pop into the pre-school to collect one. The deadline for applications is the end of March 2015.

### APPEAL FROM LIFE:

Baby clothes and equipment - especially double buggies - are needed for our Caring Centre at Hounslow. If you have any items you no longer require please contact Therese on 020 8390 1080 for collection. Thank you for your generosity in the past. It is much appreciated. Life is a national organisation which helps unsupported mothers to keep and care for their babies.

**Come and sing carols with LIFE** on Victoria Station from 5-7pm on Wednesday December 17th. Everyone welcome.

### Eucharistic Ministers & Readers- New Rotas

The new rota, is now available on the Parish website ([www.olionline.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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. Germa 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.

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 43 years. The aim of the project is to 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 or organisation needs to be based in the third world
2. Direct help - we are 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.
8. Only four charities will be supported per year.

If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2013 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](mailto: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](mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Thank You