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In the Gospel according to Matthew today, we learn that the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. His wheat appeared to be growing successfully, when he discovered that much of the crop was in fact poisonous weed, called darnel, which looked like wheat. It seems that an enemy had nipped in and sown the darnel while the farmer and his servants were asleep. What should they do? The servants suggested saving the crop by pulling out the darnel weeds, but the farmer disagreed. He was worried that uprooting the weeds would endanger the wheat. He ordered that both the wheat and the weeds be allowed to grow on and only at the final harvest were they to be separated.

The world we inhabit- and, indeed our own lives- are like that field. Just as the wheat and the darnel were inextricably mixed together- it was not a case of the wheat being in one half of the field and the darnel in the other- so too are good and evil in the world, and in our own lives. The best of people are not without the capacity to sin and the worst are not without the capacity to do good. So we must not make any final judgement about a man or woman that would categorise them solely as good or as evil: that judgement is reserved to God at the end of time.



Jesus understood the complex interplay of good and evil in the world- and in our own lives.

Matthew would have us know that our God is a God of hope, of mercy, of compassion who believes in us enough to give us the time to make changes in our lives so that we may become more like wheat and less like darnel. He is lenient with us (a description from today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom), always willing to give us time. When others see us only as darnel (weeds), he sees wheat, a valuable plant which he desires should be encouraged to grow on until it bears its special crop of goodness and nourishment. The

alternative opening prayer in today's Mass expresses this desire thus:

*"Father, let the gift of your life
continue to grow in us,
drawing us from death to faith,
hope and love.
Keep us alive in Christ Jesus.
Keep us watchful in prayer
and true to his teaching
till your glory is revealed in us."*

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 19th/20th July 2014
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Sat

6.30pm In Thanksgiving
Sue & Dave Blunt 40th Wedding Anniversary

Sun 9am Charlotte Brown (Anne Sheridan-Loughay)

11am Catherine Persaud RIP (Frank McGivern)

12.30pm **Baptisms:- Rose Abbie Mann & Louie Mann**

6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 21st - 26th July 2014

Mon: St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7am Fr Tom Lynch- 1st Anniversary of Ordination
(Rosemary Durkin)

9.30am Alex Yapp RIP (Catherine Yapp)

5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues: St Mary Magdalene

7am Paddy McHugh RIP (Jack & Mary Hoey)

9.30am Patrick Thomas RIP (Molly Clifford)

Wed: St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe

9.30am Gemma's Baby and Family (Anne Sheridan)

Thurs: Feria

9.30am Shirley Morton RIP (Eileen Kaye)

Fri: St James, Apostle

7am Sundracanthy David RIP (Family)

9.30am James Doyle RIP (Kathy Reed)

Sat: SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mr & Mrs Santiago & Margaret (Marlee)

11am **Baptism: Bonnie & Rose Brennan**

2.30pm **Maria Mulholland & Peter Iles**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26th/27th July 2014
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
DAY FOR LIFE

6.30pm Eleanor Moody RIP (Margaret Radford)

Sun 9am People of the Parish

11am Mr & Mrs Sebastian & Arokiya (Marlee)

12.30pm **Baptisms: Miles Antonio Carballo & Isla Isabella Marasigan-Ravago**

6.00pm Peter O'Shea RIP (Colm O'Malley)

Retiring Collection for Human Life

Last Sunday's Collection £ 2,020

Apostleship of the Sea £ 525

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)

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



We welcome into the Church **Rosalie Pengos & Jacob James Clinton Zaks** who was baptised last weekend.

This Sunday's Readings: 16th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

God is infinitely powerful, but combines power with kindness and gives us time to repent.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

When we find it hard to pray, the Spirit is there.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus uses the agricultural seasons to teach us patience.

Next Sunday's Readings: 17th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

The young king, Solomon, prays for wisdom more than any other gift.

Second Reading Romans: 8:28-30

In his goodness God our Father will help to form us into images of his Son.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

The kingdom of heaven is a rare treasure, a fine pearl, a place of justice and truth.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Mick Walsh, Jean Margaret Walter, Janet Dodds, Melissa Watts** (niece of Rebecca Guerrero), **Patrick Gaffney and Mary McNally** (mother of Una Keely). 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: Baby Albert Zaks-Kemp, Maureen Sivyver (mother of Sharna Osborne), Kathleen Doyle, Elizabeth Ciano, Barbara Coshan, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Joseph Leightley, Brendan Kinsella, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Jane and Martin Estall, 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, David Moss, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Emma Rees, Rhian Knappgate, 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, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.

SCHOOL ENTRY FORMS FOR 2015

Please note that Fr Anthony will not be signing any priest supplementary forms for school entries for 2015. The usual process will apply when dates are set aside for form signing from October 2014.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2015 are available at the back of the church. Please complete the form and either hand it to one of the priests or post it through the Presbytery door. You will then be contacted via email confirming your place on the programme. All forms need to be submitted by **31st July 2014**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DVDs

These will be available from the Presbytery on Monday 21st July onwards. Please come to the Parish Office to collect your pre-paid copy.
Thank you.

DATE FOR THE DIARY- FR ANTHONY'S LEAVING CELEBRATION

This has been booked for **Friday 26th September**. Mass will be at 7pm followed by a celebration in the Hall afterwards. More details to follow shortly.....

The Trustees of Depaul UK and Depaul International cordially invite you to a **Mass of Thanksgiving** In celebration of 25 years working with homeless and vulnerable people. At Westminster Cathedral 2.00pm on Saturday 27th September 2014, the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul. Principle Celebrant: His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of Depaul UK
Everyone is welcome. Please join us for light refreshments after the Mass.

Churches Together in Surbiton

- are having a bring and share picnic at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church Tennis Club (11-13 Manor drive Surbiton) on Sunday 10th August from 4pm to 6pm. All welcome for games and fellowship.

Canon Edward Perera

We welcome Canon Edward Perera as the new parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate. Fr Edward was made a Chapter Canon earlier this year. He does sign language and works with the deaf. Like Fr Anthony, he is on the Liturgy Formation Committee of the diocese. His previous parishes have been Edenbridge and Rotherhithe. He has been at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Lee for the last nine years. Fr Edward will be arriving briefly on 5th September, but will be on pilgrimage to Fatima until the 14th.

OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

Thanks to all of you who have so generously donated to the Old Chapel Appeal. In an amazingly short time, we have raised over £22,000, which is almost one third of the total.

Thanks also to all those who sponsored Fr Tom and Parishioners for their gruelling 26 mile walk on 5 July. It's not too late to sponsor us - either through the Justgiving site for the Appeal or using the sponsorship form; copies can be found at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony and Fr Tom are keen to find stories about the Old Chapel for inclusion in the next Parish Grapevine Magazine publication. Do you have any stories about the Old Chapel that you would like to share with the rest of the Parish? Please see contact details in the Parish Newsletter.

Access the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>) for further information on this important Appeal, including details on the ways in which you can do-

Thank you to so many of you who volunteered to take on my hens. I am pleased to say that they will shortly be moving all the way to Raeburn Avenue to their new forever home.

Fr Anthony.

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 (26/27 July) – 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 **tinned fruit, tinned or packet steamed pudding, tinned or instant custard powder, long life milk, long life juice or squash, tinned spaghetti and coffee.**

Many thanks for your help.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, please complete a 'new parishioner form' which is available from the back of the church and put it through the Presbytery door, or hand it to one of the priests.

The Passage

David Dimpleby will be appealing on Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage – the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27 July at 7.55 & 21.26 and Thursday 31 July at 15.27.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING

Catholic Speed Dating is finally here! Come along with friends and enjoy the chance to meet lots of other like-minded people. Register with Claire at claire@austin-forum.org beforehand and come along to Austin Forum, Hammersmith on Sunday 28 September at 7.30pm, £5 only.

Organist Available

Organist available. If interested, please contact Michael on 07901 947139 or email mrbb20@gmail.com

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2014



The last few weeks have been a treat for anyone interested in sport, but has that got anything to do with the Church? The Church is interested in sport because it is concerned with the whole human person, recognizing the effect of sporting activity on the person's formation, relationships and spirituality. Sport is an educational and cultural good, in which human beings are revealed to themselves, and understand the deep value of their lives. It is also a modern 'Court of the Gentiles', or a precious opportunity for meeting between different types of persons, believers and unbelievers, in which it is possible to experience the joy and challenge of sharing life with different cultures, languages and religions. This month we are asked to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention

PARISH LIBRARY



A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Library and a little reminder to all those who have outstanding books.

The library will be open after each Mass next weekend 26/27 July in the RDJ Room. Please note that the library will be closed in August, and will reopen

Saints Joachim and Anne 26th July

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers- New rota

A new rota, beginning on 3rd August, for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, is now available on the Parish Website (www.olionline.co.uk). If you are not able to access the website please take a paper copy which is available in the RDJ Room. If you are not able to minister or read when your name is shown on the rota please try to find a replacement. This is particularly important as the holiday season approaches. Rota Co-Ordinator, Pat Parker (pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk) OR 0208 390 0179.