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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
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The world is being turned upside down. There is war in the east, Russia vs. Ukraine, Israel vs. Gaza, Isis in Iraq. This last year has seen a legal redefinition of what marriage is, it has seen attempts to allow legal suicide and our celebrity idols have been smashed by their unsavoury pasts.

One of the very first Greek philosophers, writing five centuries before Christ, was Heraclitus. He famously believed that the essence of life is change:

“Everything changes, nothing stands still”.

We in our modern age, firmly propound this doctrine. ‘Change’ is our watchword; we feel the need to constantly renew, re-vamp, change, regenerate, revolutionise, recondition, redefine everything from the definition of marriage to our mobile phone.

‘Change’ is the virtue our society is desperate to master.

It’s very easy for us to do this, in our safe, Western world, where we can revolutionise our life, but still get the same order at Costa coffee. I dare anyone to expound the virtues of change to the Christians of Mosul, or the people of Gaza, where change is mourned, where nothing is guaranteed, except that tomorrow will be worse than today.

Even in the West we can see that everything changes, but nothing seems to get better.

So clearly change is not the same as development. If we have nothing but change, change, change, revolution, renovation, we have nothing but chaos. Imagine for example constantly re-decorating and renovating your home. It would be disturbing and detrimental.

Development, however, means improvement,

growth, evolution, construction. Development means that things get better rather than worse as time goes on.

This is one of the reasons why Jesus’ “parables of the Kingdom” (this Sunday’s Gospel, and the last two Sunday’s Gospels) refer so much to seed being sown, seed growing and developing, treasures being discovered and possessed.

Growth and development are good and natural things, which build on the past and improve what went before. This is why in today’s Gospel we are told “the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things old and new”.

This is why we say that the doctrines, the morals and the liturgy of the Church do not change, but they do develop. The “old and the new” enter a conversation, mutually enriching each other, learning from each other.

This is why we as Christians are called to develop ourselves, and to nourish and nurture those around us, so that whatever we have contact with is left better than before.

There was an old monastic saying “The monks made the desert blossom”. This saying is true, literally, because the monks knew how to store water and grow plants, but poetically, they enabled beauty to develop in harsh and difficult times.

All this reminds me of a saying of a Spanish saint “To criticize, to destroy, is not difficult; any unskilled labourer knows how to drive his pick into the noble and finely-hewn stone of a cathedral. To construct: that is what requires the skill of a master.”

Fr Tom Lynch



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

**Sat**

**2.30pm** **Wedding: Maria Mulholland & Peter Iles**

**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**

**6pm** Peter O'Shea RIP (Colm O'Malley)

*Retiring Collection for Human Life*

**Daily Masses 28th July - 2nd August 2014**

**Mon: Feria**

**7am** Welfare of Sutha Shantra (Sutha)

**9.30am** Josie Joyce RIP (Kathleen Kelleher)

**Tues: St Martha**

**9.30am** Jo Jennings RIP (Connelly Family)

**Wed: St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**7am** Brian Edworthy RIP (Angela Davies)

**9.30am** Rosemary Durkin; In Thanksgiving (Friend)

**Thurs: St Ignatius of Loyola**

**7am** Sally Chaplin & Susie Lee (Lizzie Lee)

**9.30am** Eamonn Ryan RIP (Mary Ryan)

**Fri: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**9.30am** Michael Walsh RIP (Mary John Scanlon)

**7pm** Pat Amanpour (Kitty Fox)

**Sat: Feria**

**9am** Private Intention (Sutha)

**2pm** **Wedding: Sarah Kelly and Carl Smith**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2nd/3rd August 2014**

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

**6.30pm** Patrick A Hodge (Waller Family)

**Sun 9am** Wellbeing of Rita Stanley (Marley Family)

**11am** People of the Parish

**12.30pm** **Baptism: Betsy Mary Demetz Bachelor**

**6.00pm** Welfare of Patients in Lilac Ward, Tolworth Hospital  
(Private Intention)

**Last Sunday's Collection**

**£ 1,776**

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

(Cash counters this week: Tessa MacLeod & Lynette Confait  
Next week: George & Paul Hoskins)



We welcome into the Church **Rose Abbie Mann & Louie Finn Mann-Johnson** who were baptised last weekend.

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

**This 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.

**Next Sunday's Readings: 18th Sunday of OT (A)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 55:1-3

God invites us to come and eat and drink of his divine wisdom, food that will nourish us for eternal life.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:35. 37-39

Paul reminds us that nothing can remove the love that God has for us, made visible in the incarnation.

**Gospel** Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus feeds the five thousand to show us God's boundless generosity, to recall the manna in the desert and to prefigure the Eucharist.

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 parish-ioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them: Ken Hammerton, Baby Albert Zaks-Kemp, Maureen Sivyver (mother of Sharma Osborne), Kathleen Doyle, Elizabeth Ciano, Barbara Coshan, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, 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 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, 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- which is this Thursday.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS & DVDs

These are now available to be collected from the Presbytery from 8.30am to 3pm.

Thank you.

### 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](http://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](mailto:pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk)) OR 0208 390 0179.

### 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.

### 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.....

### OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

In just 3 months, we have amazingly raised over **£23,000**, which is **one third of the £70,000** which is required to renovate our beautiful Old Chapel. Fr Anthony is very pleased with this excellent start and would like to thank all those who have donated so generously.

Last week, on the last day of the school term, Our Lady Immaculate School PTA ran their very popular annual Charity Balloon Race. Each child was given a colourful balloon and, after a count down led by Father Anthony, the balloons were all released together. It was a beautiful sight. This year's charity was chosen to be the Old Chapel Appeal and an incredible £240 was raised by the children. Well done to everyone involved! 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.

### PA to Headteacher/Office Manager

Required asap for Saint John Bosco College, Princes Way, Wimbledon, SW19 6QE. 36 hours per week Monday to Friday with half an hour lunch break. Salary £25,770-27,279 pro-rata. Term time only plus 3 weeks. For an application form and for more information see school website:-

[www.sjbc@wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:www.sjbc@wandsworth.sch.uk)

Closing date Monday 8th September at noon.

### A DAY WITH MARY

At St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, nr Guildford. Saturday 16 August 2014.

From 9.30am to 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based upon the message given at Fatima in 1917.

### THANK YOU

We received a lovely thank you letter from Fr Peter from Let the Children Live! for the generous special collection, amounting to £2,768. This will enable him to help over 500 of Medellin's most vulnerable street children.



Fr Anthony, Fr Tom, Deacon Al and  
Trudie, wish you all a safe and happy  
summer holiday.

Today we have a retiring collection for Human Life

**Day for Life (England and Wales)  
27th July 2014**

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, “protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live.” The pope speaks of “protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about.” He emphasises the importance of the family, “husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents.” And of caring for society by “building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.” Let’s all be builders of a better world and protect life.

Day for Life Prayer:-

*Holy Mary, Mother of love,  
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,  
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it  
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes  
to the preciousness of human life,  
from the moment of conception to natural death.*

*Through the example of your tenderness  
teach us the ways of compassion and love  
that we may build up the civilisation of love among  
us  
and a society that is truly worthy of the human  
person.*

*Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of  
death,  
and to work with others of goodwill  
in promoting the culture of life.*

*Bring us ever closer to your Son,  
so that we may know the fullness of life that he  
offers us  
and come to know that life more perfectly,  
with you, and all the angels and saints,  
In the external life of Heaven.*

**Amen**

**Saint Martha 29th June**



From St. Martha one basic lesson learned is that there is both active and contemplative work. Some vocations require more of one, but we all need to stop and experience quiet to pray, meditate, contemplate. Another lesson to learn is that we serve God when we serve others through our work, whether it be the daily duty of household chores or other charitable work outside the home.

**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 this weekend 26/27 July in the RDJ Room. Please note that the library will be closed in August, and will reopen on 27/28 September.

**Marriage Care- One Day Courses**

If you are thinking of getting married or committing to a long term relationship, Marriage Care’s specially designed, thought-provoking and fun marriage preparation courses will equip you with insights and know-how, clarity and confidence to avoid the pitfalls and build the best possible future together: To find your nearest centre visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/marriage-preparation](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/marriage-preparation)

**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.

**Eco Holiday Tip**

Before departing for sunnier climes, Walk through each room of your house and unplug any unnecessary electronics. While you may feel more comfortable leaving on a light or two in your absence, that doesn’t mean that you have to leave the computer on or the stereo system hooked up. This step shouldn’t take you very long, and it will save energy as well as cash.

**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](mailto:claire@austin-forum.org) beforehand and come along to Austin Forum, Hammersmith on Sunday 28 September at 7.30pm, £5 only.