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My dear people

I begin with few words of thanks and gratitude to you all. Last weekend (Saturday) we celebrated the Feast of Santo Nino, with our Filipino brothers and sisters, a feast very dear to their hearts. It was indeed a joyful celebration, incorporating little bit of Filipino culture. Thank you also for the wonderful food brought to share with us all. It was indeed a feast. I want to thank the members of the UCM and the other members of our parish who helped with the arrangements, serving and of course helping to tidy up at the end. And thank you to all who came along to celebrate.

We are a very diverse parish community, rich in so many gifts and talents given by God. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians, 'we are fashioned and formed as earthen vessels, we are fragile and easily broken, but yet there is a great treasure within us'. I thank God for these God given gifts of yours. Sharing these gifts for the service of God and one another, we help each other to experience the presence of God among us.

Therefore once again I thank all those who expressed their willingness and support in the Welcome Ministry in our parish. As the first of the two evenings is not too far away (2nd February), I once again like to encourage as many of you to be part of this Ministry. So please keep the two evening free. These two evenings are not just for the new volunteers but also to all who are already involved in the Welcome Ministry.

In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis says that 'Every Christian is challenged, here and

now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation; indeed anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love (EG 120)

One of the questions on religion in the board game 'Trivial Pursuit' is, 'what is the shortest sentence in the Bible?' Similarly, one of the most common one-liner expressions in the Bible is "Do not be afraid." When we read the appearance of an angel with a message from God, the greeting is 'Do not be afraid' We also hear it said by Jesus many times. What could be the reason? Could it be we are afraid of God or is it because we are not too sure of our personal relationship with God?

This reminds me of what Walter Brueggemann called a 'credo of five adjectives' that appear in the Old Testament, namely God is— "merciful, gracious, faithful, forgiving and steadfast in love". The challenge for us is to how to experience this God who is always 'merciful, gracious, faithful, loving and steadfast in love.'

God love you all.
Canon Edward Perera

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 24th/25th January 2015
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Sat 6.30pm Alice Durkin RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Richard Roy (birthday) (Family)
12.30pm **No Baptisms**
6.00pm George & Heather Trutwein's Intentions

Daily Masses

26th January 2015—31st January 2015

Mon 26th **Saints Timothy and Titus**
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am John Dobson RIP (Pat Buchanan)
Tues 27th **Feria**
9.30am Elizabeth Lee (Safe delivery)
Wed 28th **Saint Thomas Aquinas**
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Welfare of Jeanette Newbold
(Rosemary Durkin)
Thurs 29th **Feria**
9.30am Peter Simmonds RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
Fri 30th **Feria**
7.00am In Thanksgiving for all blessings
(Gamier Family)
9.30am Patricia Crawley RIP (Eileen Kaye)
Sat 31st **Saint John Bosco**
9.00am Peter Groves RIP (Knights of St Columbo)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 31st/1st February 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(Education Sunday)

Sat 6.30pm Holy Souls
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Holy Souls
12.30pm **No Baptisms**
6.00pm In Thanksgiving (Anne Tissera)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30am to 10am and 5.30pm to 6pm

NEXT SUNDAY is EDUCATION SUNDAY
and there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

Last Sunday's Collection **£2257**
Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish.

Cash counters

This week: Elizabeth and Ray and Lewry
Next week: Barbara Buchinger and Bernie Turkington

Next Sunday's Readings:
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Introduction

The Gospels speak of a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, but Jesus has defeated Satan through his cross and resurrection

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord will raise up a great prophet; we are to listen to his words.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expects Christ's return soon and so urges his congregation to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Jesus exorcises a demon in the synagogue as part of his campaign to overcome the kingdom of Satan.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially those who have died recently; Sadie Merrifield (mother of Janet Mulholland), Nuala Ennis, Celia Pollock, James O'Neil, Kitty Doherty and We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all those who are sick, those in hospital, the housebound and all who care for them: Josephine (Jo) Bull, Reynario Diaz, Evie Durkin, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus and Chris Wade.

Updating the Sick List

Please be good enough to send the names of your loved ones and friends who are ill to be included in the newsletter and prayed for, to the presbytery marked 'Sick List'. Can I also ask you to ask the sick person his or her permission for the name to be included in the newsletter. Thank you for your support and kindness.

THIS WEEKEND

New Year's Sale

Beautiful good quality ornaments, china and glassware will be on sale in the Old Chapel after all Masses this weekend, 24th/25th January. Collectors and bargain hunters are invited to browse and purchase items from the collection. Sale proceeds will go to the Old Chapel Appeal Fund.

Kingston Food Bank Collection

Foodbank collection after all Masses. Many thanks for your continued support. Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver and Ania Godbold (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

**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.

WELCOME MINISTRY

Welcome Ministry is an important Ministry within every worshipping community. I thank all of you, who are involved in the Welcome Ministry in our parish and thank you for your dedication and willingness. With the help of the Stewardship Ministry we want to strengthen our Ministry of Welcome.

Whilst thanking all those involved and those who showed interest in involving in this important Ministry in the parish, I would like them to keep the two evenings free to look at the Welcome Ministry.

The two evenings are on Monday 2nd February and Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm. If anyone else would like to be part of this Ministry they too are very welcome for the two meetings. Thank you for your support and help.

In the words of Pope Francis, *“May the Church be a place.....where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel.”*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who have shown interest in re-starting St Vincent de Paul Society in the parish, and for giving me their contact details. I will be in touch with you all this week with possible dates for our initial meeting to talk things through. Thank you for your support.

READERS AT OLI CHURCH FAMILY MASSES

We are looking for children in Year 3 to Year 6 who would like to read at a Family Mass at OLI Church. Family Masses take place at the 9.00 Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Children are given a week to practice their readings and then have the opportunity to practice in Church before the Mass. Please encourage your child to volunteer and send contact details to Elspeth.casey@rbs.com. Many thanks. Children's Lit-

“NEW SERVERS ENROLLED

Recently the following Altar Servers were enrolled into The Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Servers having successfully completed their probationary period:

David Brovarosa, Cole Bryan, Monica Fox, Martina Hardy, Stephen Hardy, Anish Jacob, Jerrin Jomon, Heerathana Peterarulthus, Keshan Ranjan, Tom Simon, Delwin Thomas, Joyal Thomas and Noyal Thomas. Congratulations to you all and don't forget to collect your membership cards from the RDJ Room.

Also congratulations go to Alvin Varant who received a certificate of appreciation and to Neil D'Aguiar who received the Guilds Silver medal for over 10 years of dedicated service to the Archconfraternity of St Stephen. Thank you all for your valuable contribution to our Parish Liturgies, it is much appreciated.
Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies

PARISH MEAL

Our annual Parish Meal will take place on Friday 24th April. Please keep the date free. More details to follow.

Lenten Project 2015

TABLE TOP SALE—HELP NEEDED

For some years a popular and successful event (thanks to all in the parish) has been the Table Top Sale. A small group run the main areas each year but in 2015 we need someone to co-ordinate the input. As I am no longer able to do this I am happy to 'hand over' contacts and a plan that works (usually!). And new ideas are always welcome.

If you are interested/willing to look at this please give me a ring. The timetable of events is being prepared now. Janet 0208 397 7733 Thank you!

GM Babies

The Government announced just before Christmas that it is shortly going to ask Parliament to legalise the production of human beings who, in order to eliminate some rare but very serious diseases, have had part of the ova (their mother's eggs) from which they themselves came replaced by material taken from other ova. These re-constructed ova would have then been fertilised artificially (i.e. by In vitro fertilisation – IVF). This process is known as mitochondrial donation, and would result in babies having, in effect, three parents. If the process is allowed it will for the first time allow the alteration of the DNA of future generations. It is essentially a form of genetic modification (GM), which was banned by Parliament in 2008. But in order to legalise it the Government is trying to redefine the process as genetic 'donation'. This would mean that the change in the law would not have to be debated by Parliament. Several prominent genetics experts have argued that the redefinition of GM is dishonest. They also warn it could undermine public trust in medical experts arguing for its introduction in the UK, the only country where it will be permitted in law if legislation is passed.

Apart from the serious damage that could be suffered by children produced by genetic manipulation, and on their descendants, this process is also objectionable because it ignores the possibility of curing or alleviating the serious diseases it pretends to target. Resources that could be spent on research into these diseases are instead being diverted into unnecessary and horrifying experimentation on human beings.

The petition and the signing form is at the back of the church for your support.

OLI PTA Quiz Night

This year's very popular **OLI PTA Quiz Night** will take place at the **Broadway Bar, Tolworth** on **Saturday 7th February at 7.30 (8pm start)**. It is a fun evening, where parents, teachers and parishioners compete to win the coveted title of **'PTA Quiz Night Team of the Year'**. Tickets are £6.00 per person, with a maximum of 8 people per team. Tickets can be bought at the School Office

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje this Easter.

Departing 1st April with British Airways, 7 nights Half Board accommodation, guide and transfers for £499. Or join 50,000 young people for the Medjugorje Youth Festival departing 30th July. Contact Jonathan on 02032892627

Faith Movement London Talks: 'The Church and other beliefs'

All are welcome to our series of talks on 'The Church and other beliefs' on selected Tuesdays at 7:30pm from 13th January 2015. Talks are held in the basement of 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Details and titles are below and at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith)

Tuesday 27th January Scandals in the Church: A way forward. *Mgr Keith Barltrop*

Tuesday 10th February Are all religions equally valid? *Anna-Marie Treloar*

Tuesday 24th February Can I love Christ but not the Church? *Sr Andrea Fraile*

Tuesday 10th March The cosmic meaning of the Eucharist. *Fr Roger Nesbitt*

Tuesday 24th March Should the Church impose lifestyle choices? *Edward Hadas*

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Rite of Election Preview Evenings

For all catechists and clergy involved in RCIA, and also for catechumens and candidates themselves.
7 for 7.30– 8.30pm. Amigo Hall, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR

The Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated on Saturday 21st February at 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral.

Dementia & Disability At the Heart of the Church

A day of study and reflection on disability and inclusion for parishioners, carers, Eucharistic ministers, those who suffer and their loved ones. Saturday 14 March from 2-5.30pm at Our Lady of Crays, 312 High St, St Mary Cray, Orpington BR5 4AR

Church and State

A conference to mark the signing of the Magna Carta. 27th March, 11am—3.20pm at CCF. £5 includes lunch.

Preambles to Faith

Two talks exploring the importance of reason and philosophy in the New Evangelization. Mondays 23rd Feb and 2nd March 7.45-9pm at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 1 Montem Rd, New Malden, KT3 3QW.

Makaton Training Course

A 2 day Foundation Makaton training course using signs and symbols to communicate. Weds 4th & 11th Feb from 9.30am-4pm at CCF. £85 including all materials.

LOVE HEALS

BODY MIND AND SPIRIT TEAM

A one day Retreat of quiet Reflection

Saturday 31st January 2015

10.30am - 4.00pm

The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Picadilly Circus exit 2 (Down Regent St, turn right into Regent Place)
For programme see notice board.

Epsom & District Irish Association are holding their **first dance of the new year** at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA phone 0208 397 2683. Its on 30th January 2015 dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Mary & New Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door

Lantern Arts Centre presents **The Crucible** by Arthur Miller. 7.30pm Tues 17th—Sat 21st March. Sat Matinee at 3pm.