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8th February 2015 (Day of Victims of Trafficking)



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Healing the sick

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and his companions who brought news that many people were looking for him. The word had got out about the people being healed. Many people were suffering all kinds of illnesses and infirmities so it is no wonder they wanted to see someone who could help them.

However, Jesus tells his disciples that they must leave Capernaum to preach in other places. This decision illustrates Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Jesus' healing presence to all in its ministry to the sick and infirm. In the Sacrament of the Anointing the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In former days, the anointing of the sick was largely administered to people who were dying

or believed to be dying. In my childhood parish in Northern Ireland, the priests were called out at all hours of the day and night to administer the Last Rites. If the priest should not arrive in time, this

was such a matter of concern for the relatives that the sacrament was administered in case the person retained some glimmer of life not discernible to human eyes.

Nowadays, the Sacrament of the Sick is available to all who wish to receive it, irrespective of age, during a period of serious illness or infirmity, whether the person is at home, in hospital or in a residential or nursing home. There may still be some remnant of the former attitude to the Sacrament in people's minds, that is, Last Rites, but it is truly a Sacrament of God's care and compassion for the living.

For many years now (indeed since Canon Ford's time with us), the Sacrament of the Sick has been celebrated annually in a service in our church at Our Lady Immaculate. Great numbers of people have experienced its healing graces for mind and body, and done so visibly within the believing community here.

The Church is therefore continuing to make present Jesus Christ's ministry of compassion and of healing in mind and body. This ministry conveys God's love and concern for each and every one of us here on Earth.

Deacon Al Callan

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7/8th February 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(Day for Victims of Trafficking)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Welfare & Health of Fr Ed Hartley
(Manche Family)
- Sun 9am** Rosaria Papa & Velia & Beniamino Perillo
RIP (Mrs D'Agustino)
- 11am** People of the Parish
- 12.30pm** **No Baptisms**
- 6.00pm** Nuala Ennis RIP (Keely Family)

Daily Masses

9th February 2015–14th February 2015

- Mon 9th Feria**
9.30am Sidney Linstead RIP
- Tues 10th Saint Scholastica**
9.30am Terrence Lewis
- Wed 11th Our Lady of Lourdes**
9.30am John Bonnici RIP (Manche Family)
- Thurs 12th Feria**
9.30am Matt Ellworthy RIP
- Fri 13th Feria**
9.30am Health of Eddie & Sheila Walsh
- Sat 14th Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius**
9.00am Molly O'Brien (Mary Hayes)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14/15th February 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
(Day for the Unemployed)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Ellen Whelan
- Sun 9am** People of the Parish
- 11am** Julie Shaw (Pat Fulford & Helen Emmett)
- 12.30pm** **No Baptisms**
- 6.00pm** Ryan Wrathall (Conchi Bullen)

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

Next Sunday—Second Collection for Poor Parishes (formerly the 'Needs of the Diocese'). This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

Last Sunday's Collection **£1929**
Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish.

Cash counters
This week: Rob Estall and Roman Szymanski
Next week: Eileen Kaye and Elizabeth Christmas

**Next Sunday's Readings:
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Introduction**

Jesus Christ is the model for our life. His example of life, his healing love, reveals to us the love of God in human form. By God's grace may we become like Christ Jesus in our own lives

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46
Separation from the community is a rule laid down for those with a contagious disease.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
Christ Jesus is the true model of life.

Gospel Mark 1:40-45
Jesus heals a leper and finds he has to stay outside.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially those who have died recently; Ernie Brown (Cindy Owen's father), Sadie Merrifield (mother of Janet Mulholland), Nuala Ennis (mother of Kevin Ennis) and Mr. Paulose and We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

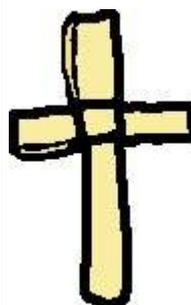
We remember all those who are sick, those in hospital, the housebound and all who care for them: Josephine (Jo) Bull, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Evie Durkin, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Canon John Naughton, and Chris Wade.

Updating the Sick List

Thank you for your support in updating the sick list. If you wish to have the names of loved one and friends including in the newsletter please ask the sick person his or her permission and hand in their name to presbytery marked 'Sick List'.

Welcome Ministry

Thank you to all those who came along for the first of the two evenings looking at the Welcome Ministry. I look forward to seeing you all at the next session on 2nd March at 7.30pm. I hope all those who couldn't attend the first session will come along for the next session.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is not far away - 18th February - Please can you bring in last years palms so that we can prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

LENTEN PROJECT

The distribution of the boxes commences this Saturday - 7th February. We will be distributing boxes 7th & 8th Feb and 14th & 15th Feb. As usual please collect the boxes from the RDJ Room (far right corner) towards the end of Mass.

SPONSORED EVENT FOR THE LENTEN PROJECT

This year, the Tolworth Tornados are joining up with the Tolworth Trekkers for a joint sponsored event to raise money for the Lenten Project. The Tolworth Tornados will cycle from Canterbury back to Our Lady Immaculate Church, which is a distance of over 70 miles (!) The Tolworth Trekkers, led by Fr Tom, will, over the weekend of 21 / 22 March, walk the 60 mile (!) route from St George's Cathedral, Southwark to Canterbury. More details of both events and how to sponsor us will follow shortly. Please contact Elspeth (Elspeth.casey@rbs.co.uk) if you are interested in taking part in the walk.

THANK YOU

Union of Catholic Mothers

Thanks to everyone who supported our Bring and Buy Sale. Your generosity raised £67.60 for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. All ladies are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday February 3rd at 8pm in the old chapel when we shall enjoy a Games Evening. Refreshments for all and prizes for the winners.

Quality Bric-a-brac Sale

The Knights thank everyone who took part in the Quality Bric-brac Sale last weekend. The sale raised £190 for the Old Chapel Appeal Fund.

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 soon with possible dates for our initial meeting. 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 Liturgy team

CAFOD

LENT FAST DAY

Lent Fast Day is on 27th February

Storms, droughts and floods worldwide are having the greatest impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now.

CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive.

Every pound you donate to CAFOD during Lent will be matched by the UK Government up to a total of 3.5 million. Parishes will be issued with envelopes which must be used for collections this Lent Fast Day in order to take advantage of this chance for your generosity to go twice as far.

CAFOD Diary Dates

Saturday 24th April

J & P Spring Assembly "From prayer to action and back again - learning and doing together" 10.30am - 4pm in the New Barn, Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BX

Sunday 7th June

Pedal Against Poverty. Annual Pedal Against Poverty sponsored bike ride through the beautiful Lee Valley.

PASSIONATE ABOUT INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE?

Help children and young people learn about social justice with CAFOD Are you passionate about inspiring young people to get thinking and acting on global justice issues? CAFOD are looking for volunteers to visit schools in this area, to deliver assemblies and lead classroom workshops. We provide training, the next dates being 23 February and 30 March in Waterloo. So if you are interested, please contact us now on 020 8466 9901 or southwark@cafod.org.uk for more information and an application form. All School Volunteers are required to undergo a DBS criminal record check.

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!

PARISH MEAL

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

Kingston NCT Branch Nearly New Sale

Good quality Baby and Toddler clothes, books and equipment will be on sale.

Date and Time: Sunday 22nd March 2015 from 3pm to 5 pm (Doors open 2:45pm for NCT members).

Venue: Tolworth Recreation Centre, Fullers Way North, Tolworth

Cost - £1.50 per adult.

St Joseph Vaz, Apostle of Sri Lanka and son of Goa- PRESENTATION

You are invited to a Presentation on the life and work of this recently canonised missionary priest;

Place: St Catherine of Siena Church, 100 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, Surrey. KT9 2HY

Date: Monday 16 February 2015

Time: 7.30 pm.

By : Cecilia Suarez

Ample parking is available. Refreshments in Sacristy from 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Contact Parish Office; 0208 397 4499

email office@stcatherineofsiena.org.uk.

St. Philomena's Catholic School for Girls Examination Invigilators—Immediate Start

Examination Invigilators required throughout May and June 2015 to invigilate public exams at St. Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls. The position would suit mature, responsible and flexible individuals. Please contact Ms M. Adams on recruitment@stphils.org.uk

Vacancies at The Laurels School**Head of Science**

required for September 2015.

The successful candidate will lead the school's science provision from KS3 to A Level.

Director of Music

required for September 2015

The successful candidate will encourage and develop girls in instrumental playing, singing, manage peripatetic staff, organise concerts and school visits and co-ordinate musical groups. This position may suit a teacher who has recently completed his or her induction as well as those with more experience.

The deadline for applications is Monday 16th March
Further details from Lara McManamon, Headmistress' PA, on 020 8674 7229 or email: administration@thelaurelsschool.org.uk

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

EVENTS / COURSES RUN BY CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

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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.

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 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