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# Parish News

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### Desert to Mountain

Last week's Gospel, as we will remember, was the testing of Jesus in the desert. The desert, of course, is one of the places where God is encountered. In the Bible we read about the Hebrews 40 years in the desert, and the 40 days journey of Elijah.

But this week we move from the desert to the mountain. The mountain is also a place where we encounter God. It was on a mountain that Moses was given the commandments, and it was on a mountain that the temple was built.

It's good for us to notice that landscape, the physical features of a place can lead us to God. It might be interesting to think about the places in our own life where we encounter God, where we recognise his presence.

Of course, God is everywhere, he is omnipresent, but there are places where we recognise his presence more than in other places. This is why our churches are beautiful, and quiet and clean.

So, we meet two mountains this week, the mountain where Abraham offered Isaac, and the Mount of the Transfiguration.

When we climb a mountain, even an easy mountain, we are moving away from the hum-drum world. We're physically moving away from our difficulties and trials.

And as we reach the top we see beautiful views, we see at a distance the world we left behind. And often, I hear people say a lot, we feel closer to God. The beauty of the world speaks to us of God, and the distance from the world gives us space and time to recognise his presence. The top of a mountain feels like a different world.

In the readings today, the summit of the mountains are different worlds, everything seems different and strange.

In the Gospel we read of Jesus, whose divinity is hidden. Normally Jesus hides that he is God, who hides his divine mission. But on the mountain he is transfig-

ured, his divinity shines forth, and he talks to Moses and Elijah about his mission.

In the first reading Abraham reaches out to slay his only, beloved son. An inversion of nature. The nature of the parent is to protect, guard and defend their child. But on the mountain Abraham reaches for the knife. But the mountain of Abraham points us towards another mountain, Calvary, Golgotha, the place of the skull.

Isaac, the only begotten son speaks to us of Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father. Isaac carries on his back the wood for the offering, Jesus carries on his back the wood of the cross. Some early theologians even believe that Isaac was bound on the hill of Calvary, 1800 years before Christ.

But, when Isaac is bound God provides for Abraham another sacrifice, the ram. But Jesus, nailed to the cross, is the sacrifice which God himself has provided for his Church.

On top of the mountain, nature is inverted. God, who gave life to mankind, is killed by men.

But, as we know, we must always come down the mountain. The disciples must be silent about the glory of the transfiguration. Abraham and Isaac descend the mountain with a renewed love for God and each other. And Jesus descends from Calvary to the grave to be resurrected.

In all Churches, the altar is raised by a few steps. This is not so people can see, but that is a perk. It is because at Mass we climb the mountain of the Transfiguration and the Mountain of Calvary. We witness the glory of God, and renew his sacrifice.

As we leave Mass today as we descend the mountain, to continue our Lenten observance, let's give thanks to God, for his glory, his mercy and his presence in our own lives.

Fr. Tom Lynch

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/1st March 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Bert O'Connor & Jacqueline Mallett  
(Keely Family)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Peter Groves RIP (Jacques Lambert)  
**12.30pm** **No Baptisms**  
**6.00pm** Holy Souls

**Daily Masses**

**2nd March 2015— 7th March 2015**

**Mon 2nd** **Feria**  
**7.00am** In Thanksgiving for Coptic martyrs  
**9.30am** Thomas Grier (Weerheim family)  
**Tues 3rd** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Victoria Thangaraja & Sebamalai Boniface  
**Wed 4th** **Feria**  
**7.00am** Cyril Hackett (Peter Hogan)  
**9.30am** Rosanna & James Day RIP  
(Manche family)  
**Thurs 5th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Gaetanina, Gaetano & Margherita Pascale  
(Maria Simmonds)  
**Fri 6th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Health of Eddie & Sheila Walsh  
**6.00pm** **Adoration**  
**7.00pm** Ian Quinlan (John McKernand)  
**Sat 7th** **Feria**  
**9.00am** Guiseppe Fucarino (Delta Fry)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7th/8th March 2015  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Liam Devitt  
**Sun 9am** Joe Cullinan RIP  
**11am** Denis Deasy (Cummins family)  
**12.30pm** **No Baptisms**  
**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**Stations of the Cross— during weekdays in Lent**

Stations of the Cross will be conducted after the 9.30am mass.

**Last Sunday's Collection**

**£1870**

*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 McLeod and Lynette Confait  
Next week: George and Paul Hoskins

**Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Lent**

**Introduction**

As part of our Lenten journey we are asked to get rid of all that gets in the way of our relationship with God. We pray today that we may let go of all that weighs us down in our lives: our sinfulness, our fears and anxieties, our failure to see God's path for us.

**First Reading** Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord who has brought his people out of slavery gives them his commandments.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

God's foolishness, the crucified Christ, is wiser than human wisdom.

**Gospel** John 2:13-25 Jesus replaces the Temple with the temple of his own body.

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died**, especially those who have died recently; Margaret Henning, Cathy Bartlett (daughter of Carmel and Mike), Mary Smith (mother of Anita Jordanous), Ernie Brown (Cindy Owen's father).

**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: Arthur Bailey, Josephine (Jo) Bull, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Evie Durkin, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Canon John Naughton, and

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**Change of date of meeting.** Unfortunately we have to postpone the proposed meeting from Wednesday 11th March to Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the RDJ Room. I hope this will not cause too much disruption or disappointment. Thank you for your understanding. Kieran Knights, SVP Central Council Recruitment Officer for Southwark will also be present to meet every-

**Repository**

Easter cards and Lenten reading matter and books for children are now on sale in the repository. First Holy Communion goods will be on sale in early May.

**Coffee and Tea in the Old Chapel:**

3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

**Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Please do come and meet fellow parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee at both the above.

**Quick Journey into the Bible DVD**

This Thursday, 5th March - in the RDJ Room  
After the Stations of the Cross.

10.30 Projection of the DVD

### **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 tomorrow, 2nd March, at 7.30pm. I hope all those who couldn't attend the first session will come along for the next session.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer—This Friday**

Praying for the Bahamas - Friday 6th March  
10.30am John Bunyan Church, Cromwell Rd, Kingston.  
Speaker: Revd Carole Bourne. Choir: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.  
7.30pm Emmanuel Church, Grand Avenue, Tolworth.  
Speaker: Mrs Becky Whiting.  
Refreshments will be served after each service.

### **LENTEN PROJECT**

#### **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT— Saturday 7th March**

7.45pm in Church Hall. Adults £3, Children £1  
To reserve a table call George Hoskins on 07949 334349  
8 people per table (maximum). Bring your friends and own snacks and drinks.

#### **TABLE TOP SALE—Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Table Top Sale after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Items sold will include delicious homemade jams, plants, toys, books and games and much more! All proceeds will go to the Lenten Project. Do you have any unwanted goodies that you can donate to the sale? We are looking for items to sell and use as raffle prizes (eg unwanted gifts, good bric a brac, jewellery, household items, toiletries and chocolates). Teas, coffees and cakes and biscuits will also be on sale and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and support the Lenten Project.

#### **JUMBLE SALE - 21st March**

#### **SPONSORED CYCLE AND WALK EVENTS 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.

#### **PARISH MEAL**

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

### **Baptisms in the Parish**

Many parishioners want to know how to get their children Baptised in the parish. The practice in the parish is that all parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am – 11.00am in the Old Chapel (in April the preparations are on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays as Easter falls on the 1st Sunday of the month). Before following the preparation sessions please be good enough to speak to the priests and register for the sessions, so that the Catechists can be informed the names of those who are attending. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the preparations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and fill in the Baptism Registration Forms. If the God Parents are attending Mass in another parish please collect the form to be signed by their parish priest. For more details please speak to one of the priests.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS :**

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our cake sale. Your generosity raised £512.60 for the parish project.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle :

Ticket no. 796 Bottle of gin  
Ticket no. 638 Bottle of champagne  
Ticket no. 496 Easter Egg  
Ticket no. 793 Bottle of wine  
Ticket no. 757 Bottle of wine  
Ticket no. 694 Tin of biscuits  
Ticket no. 759 Bottle of port

On Tuesday March 3rd at 8pm in the old chapel we shall be holding our AGM. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us.

### **Stewardship and the challenge of Pope Francis**

A day of reflection for priests and people who have begun to engage with Stewardship

Speaker: David Wells (Plymouth Diocese)

Friday 24th April, 10 for 10.30am—2.00pm  
(lunch is provided)

Venue: Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, London SE1 7HY  
RSVP to [fatherjohn@finance-rcdsouthwark.org](mailto:fatherjohn@finance-rcdsouthwark.org)  
by Monday 13th April

“In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others.

Set your stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful.

Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.”  
*Pope Francis to an audience on April 24, 2013*

**"THANK YOU" FROM KINGSTON LIFE GROUP:**

Once again, a big thank you for your generous response to our recent appeal for baby clothes and equipment. This has been delivered to our caring centre in Hounslow and will be given to mothers and babies in need.

**CAFOD**

**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.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS**

**March 19th: Prevention of Young Suicides**

Suicide is a leading cause of death among young people. This event is for those helping and caring for those at risk. As well as clergy, it is aimed at teachers and chaplains, youth workers, catechists and Safeguarding coordinators. Venue: Vaughan House, next to Westminster Cathedral Cost: £10. To book (essential) by email: family@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7931 6064

**April 25th: Marriage MoT Enrichment Day**

All married couples, no matter how long ago you were wed are invited to this day from 9.45am to 4.30pm at Holy Cross School, New Malden. Donation: £25 per couple. To book (essential) email: marriage2014@virginmedia.com or phone 020 8651 2477

**Marriage Preparation Courses**

Please see notice board for dates and venues

**Annual Marriage Mass at St George's Cathedral**  
June 20th.

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE  
TO LOURDES  
(with the Catholic Association)**

**Pastoral Theme—"Lourdes, the Joy of Mission"  
21—28 August 2015**

Basic Price from £770 by Air, £705 by Train

Young helpers (17-25) £513 by Coach  
Contact John Toryusen on 01227 272900  
info@scys.org.uk

In conjunction with Tangney Tours 01732 886666  
Visit: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/lourdes.htm](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/lourdes.htm)

For further information and booking forms, please contact Southwark Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage Director:  
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**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.

**Common Objections to Catholicism**

A series of talks addressing popular objections to, and misconceptions about, the Catholic faith  
Thursdays 16th April– 21st May 2015 from 7.30-9pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral.

**Mass for New Catholics**

Saturday 9th May 11:00am  
St George's Cathedral

**Annual Day for Catechists**

Saturday 27th June from 11am  
at St George's Cathedral

**Pilgrimage & Day of Celebration  
for People with Differing Needs**

Sunday 5th July from 12.00 noon  
at The Friars, Aylesford

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith))

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** The cosmic meaning of the Eucharist. *Fr Roger Nesbitt*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** Should the Church

**St. Philomena's Catholic School for Girls**  
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**Teacher of English**

The Governors at St Philomena's are seeking to appoint Teacher of English for September 2015. For details / application form contact; [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk) or Marsha Adams on 020 8642 2025 ext 202 or download from [www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk)