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Dear Friends

New Year 2015 seems a distant past. Christmas Trees, tinsel, cards etc have been taken down and perhaps recycled. Gifts received are treasured, valued and given thanks for the giver of the gifts. In the meantime, New Year resolutions have been taken and perhaps in some cases broken already!! Well, that is nothing new for we are all human.

As we started this week with great hope for a better tomorrow, as we always do, we end the week with great sadness as we still come to terms with the tragic events that took place in Paris last Wednesday. Our prayers are with those who died, injured and their families and pray that the good God will be their strength, comfort and hope. These events remind us how fragile peace is today. I remember the powerful words of late Pope John Paul II, in his message to the World Day of Peace, at the beginning of this millennium, *"There is no Peace without Justice, No Justice without Forgiveness."* How true those words are even today! But there is always hope and we live in hope in the power and strength of God and the mercy of God.

As this is the first 'front page' in the new year, I look back to the last three months of my stay in the parish. As I mentioned last Sunday it has been challenging three months. But they were good three months. So as we begin this new year 2015, I once again recall the words of Pope John Paul II, at the dawn of the 21st century— *"remember the past with gratitude, live the presence with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence."* It is with those words in mind I look forward to this year with your support, help and of course your prayers. For nothing, nothing can come about without prayer.

Looking to the past with gratitude, I once again thank each and every one of you for your support and help and for all the work you do in the parish. There are so many of you working tirelessly and

giving your time, your talents and treasure in so many ways.

As I mentioned last Sunday, our time, talents and treasure, the gifts of God given to us to be used to bring His love, mercy and forgiveness to others as we serve each other.

Pope John Paul at the very beginning of his Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Inuente*, at the beginning of the new millennium also spoke about how Jesus after speaking to the crowds from Simon's boat, invited the Apostle to "put out into the deep." Peter and his companions trusting Christ's words acted upon.

Those words of Christ, 'put out into the deep' are an invitation to each and every one of us today. With this in mind I want to strengthen the 'Welcome Ministry' in the parish this year. I thank all those who are actively involved in the Welcome Ministry. While thanking you all, I invite those involved in the Welcome Ministry and those who have shown interest, to come together on Monday 2nd February and 3rd March at 7.30pm to look at the Welcome Ministry within the parish. We will welcome Teresa Keogh on those two evenings as she will help us to 'put out into the deep' this wonderful ministry. Please keep the two evenings free, and, I look forward to welcome you all.

Thank you once again for all your support, help and all you do in the parish and specially for your prayers.

God Love you all.
Canon Edward Perera

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 10th/11th January 2015
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

Sat 6.30pm	Eilish Mulholland RIP (Mary Taylor)
Sun 9am	Deceased members of the Punter family (Margaret Radford)
11am	Peter Groves RIP (Ralph & Lucy Smallwood)
12.30pm	No Baptisms
6.00pm	People of the Parish

Daily Masses

12th January 2015—17th January 2015

Mon 12th	Feria
7.00am	For smooth house building (Shantha/Sutha Family)
9.30am	Joan Rose (Bernadette Quilter)
Tues 13th	Feria
9.30am	Peter Groves RIP (U.C.M.)
11.00am	Funeral Mass for Celia Pollock
Wed 14th	Feria
7.00am	In Thanksgiving (Carina Manning)
9.30am	Dawn Carrigrip (Eileen Kaye)
Thurs 15th	Feria
9.30am	Mary Clifford RIP (Dominic Clifford)
Fri 16th	Feria
7.00am	Welfare of Eddie and Sheila Walsh (Anne Sheridan)
9.30am	Peter Groves RIP (Jim Ballesteros)
Sat 17th	Saint Anthony
9.00am	Jack Rupert Hemsley RIP (Friends and Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 17th/18th January 2015
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Peace Sunday

Sat 6.30pm	Morello John RIP Anniversary (Family)
Sun 9am	Anita, Jagath, Vincent & Mickel RIP (Anne Tissera)
11am	Intentions of the Secular Franciscan Order (Jim Ballesteros)
12.30pm	No Baptisms
6.00pm	People of the Parish

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

Next Sunday

Next Sunday, 18th January, is a Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth. Envelopes will be available for your donation to the work of Pax Christi, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales.

Next Sunday also sees the start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Next Sunday's Readings:
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? First of all it means a willingness to listen to him, to accept that he is calling us to be with him and to act on his behalf. Secondly it means responding to that call, going out of our way to see what he wants of us.

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

The Lord calls Samuel to be his faithful servant.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Our bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

Gospel John 1:35-42

Jesus calls his first disciples God's beloved Son

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially those who have died recently; Celia Pollock, James O'Neil and Kitty Doherty
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, Evie Durkin, Thomas Haley and Chris Wade.

Updating the Sick List

As announced last weekend we hope to update the Sick List from the first issue of the newsletter in January 2015. 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.

Last Sunday's Collection

£2019

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

Cash counters

This week: George and Paul Hoskins

Next week: Pam Ford and Vivian Phillips

Christmas Crib Offerings

At the request/suggestion of Archbishop Peter Smith, the Crib offerings will be sent to Friends of Holy Land. The Friends offer help to the poorest families in Bethlehem, contributing to their medical costs and paying for school and university fees.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Feast of Santa Nino

Bishop Paul Hendricks will join us on Saturday 17th January for the 6.30pm Mass to Celebrate the Feast of Santa Nino, a special feast day for the Filipino Community. After Mass there will be refreshments in the hall. I invite all the members of the Filipino Community to spread the news and bring your Filipino friends to celebrate this feast and to bring a traditional Filipino dish to share with others. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate Pope Francis' visit to Philippines.

PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Peace Sunday
**'Slaves no more,
but brothers and sisters'**
Pope Francis World Peace Message 2015

In his message Pope Francis reminds us that many think that slavery is a thing of the past. In fact, this social plague remains all too real in today's world and he describes slavery as 'an open wound on the body of the human family - a running sore on the flesh of Christ'.

Pax Christi says 'we see slavery as being linked to issues of poverty, indebtedness and conflict, as many are forced into violence of was to leave everything behind and seek refuge elsewhere.'

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.

Therefore I invite all those who are involved in the Welcome Ministry in the parish and all those who are willing to help in this important Ministry in the life of the church and parish for two evenings to look at our Welcome Ministry.

The two evenings are on Monday 2nd February and Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm. Please keep these two evenings free. I very much look forward to see new faces and also to invite families to come forward. 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

In the past there has been a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. This year I hope to resurrect and re-start St. Vincent de Paul Society in the parish. Some have shown their interest and I look forward to hear from the parishioners who are willing to help. Thank you.



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.

Repository

If any ladies would like to help out on our rota we would be very pleased. Pat Buchanan
0208 399 2300

Parish Library

The Parish Library will open again on the weekend of 24th/25th January 2015.

Vocations Weekend for Older Men

The diocesan Vocations Centre in Whitstable is hosting a weekend for men over forty to give them the chance to learn more about a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. It will take place from the evening of Friday 23rd and will end with lunch on Sunday 25th January. Places are limited and it is essential that those participating book beforehand. To book a place or for more information please contact the Vocations Director on [in-fo@southwarkvocations.com](mailto:info@southwarkvocations.com).

Newsletter

I will very grateful if items for the newsletter could reach the presbytery by 6.00pm Wednesday evening. Thank you. Fr. Edward

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 Elsbeth.casey@rbs.com. Many thanks. Children's Liturgy team

**Churches Together in Surbiton
Unity Week Services 18-25 January 2015**

Sunday 18th January—6.30pm

Covenant Service—Surbiton Hill Methodist Church

Tuesday 20th January—12 noon

Prayer Service followed by lunch—Tolworth URC

Friday 23rd—12.30pm

Soup Lunch—St. Matthews

Friday 23rd—7.30pm

Taize Service—Our Lady Immaculate Church

Saturday 24th January—7.30pm

Quiz Night—St. George's Church, Hamilton Avenue

Collection in Aid of the 'Well'. Tea/Coffee provided.

Please bring own nibbles. Contact Shirley Hayward on

8241 9235

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 13th January Is there life after death?

Fr Stephen Dingley

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*

Parish Magazine

Those who could not get Grapevine in December can ask Marie-Helene on 020 8399 4368 for a spare copy.

Coffee Morning

Next Sunday after 9am mass on Sunday 18th in the Old Chapel.

Head Teacher Vacancy

' HEADTEACHER REQUIRED for SEPT 2015 at The John Fisher School in Purley. Please see the school website for details. www.johnfisherschool.org

BORN TOO SOON

The charity Born Too Soon are in desperate need of knitters who are able to knit tiny little clothes for premature babies. If you can help, please call Joan McCutcheon on 020 8399 9844 who has the patterns. Thank you.

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.

New Year's Sale

Beautiful good quality ornaments, china and glassware will be on sale in the Old Chapel after all Masses on the weekend of 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.

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!

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.

Community Fundraiser, 36 hours per week - £24,892 plus Outer London Weighting, 2 year contract

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH) is at the forefront of tackling homelessness in the borough of Kingston upon Thames. If you wish to apply for the role, please find more details at www.charityjob.co.uk and send an up-to-date CV with a covering letter providing evidence that you have the qualities to meet every point of the Personal Specification of the job to: Matt Hatton, Operational Director: matt.h@kcah.org.uk

If you wish to discuss the role, please email and provide your telephone number and we shall contact you. Closing Date : Monday 9th February 2015 at 12pm. Interview : Week commencing Monday 16th February 2015