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# Parish News

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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### Born for this

Sometimes, when we were children, my friends and I would discuss which was more important: Christmas or Easter. Often it would boil down to which was the nicer time of year, or who preferred chocolate eggs over wrapped presents. And sometime our logic went round and round: "Jesus had to be born, or else there wouldn't be any Easter at all". We continued ad nauseam.

This coming Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation, commemorating and celebrating when the Archangel Gabriel came to announce to Mary the coming of the messiah, and her great role in the redemption of the world, her vocation as Mother of God. (Luke 1:26-39).

The Annunciation is such an important moment for us Christians, because it marks when Jesus first appeared on earth, it's the moment God came to dwell with his people. Of course, he remained hidden in the womb of Mary, but he was present on earth, growing and learning our humanity.

But also this week, we begin to focus more on the passion of Jesus. This time, leading up to Palm Sunday and the Holy Week, is called 'Passiontide'.

In Passiontide our Lenten journey begins really to focus on the passion and death of Jesus. In the weekday Gospel's Jesus talks more openly about his suffering and death. And, of course, with our practices, rehearsals and preparation for the liturgy, we members of the Church look more forward more eagerly for Holy Week.

So, in the life of the Church, this week features both a celebration of the incarnation of Jesus, and the beginning of the preparation for his death. The two are linked, they are closely related, Jesus' birth and his passion are two sides of the same coin.

Jesus was sent by the Father to save us from our sins, the 'sending' we celebrate at Christmas (and the Annunciation), and the 'saving' happens on Good Friday.

In the Gospel which we will hear today, Jesus say "Now my soul is troubled (as he thinks about his passion and death). What shall I say: Father save me from this hour? But it was for this reason that I have come to this hour".

Jesus is publicly proclaiming that he has been sent to suffer, that the reason for his life on earth is to come to 'this hour'.

There is a beautiful painting by John Everett Millais, entitled "Christ in the home of his parents", which puts across the idea we're discussing. It shows Jesus in the carpenter's shop of St. Joseph, he has cut his hand, and the blood from the wound has fallen onto his foot. The painting is showing that Jesus was always destined to suffer, that his whole life pointed towards the cross.

If Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were why Jesus was born, why he was sent into this world, why he was incarnate, and why he lived among men, then we should certainly pay attention, we should certainly meditate and concentrate on the narratives and the liturgies of those days.

My brothers and sisters, as lent draws to its dramatic conclusion, as we walk the steps of Jesus' passion and death, the destiny and vocation for which he was born, for which he was sent into this world, let's welcome God deeper into our own lives, and welcome the plan he has for us and our lives.

Fr. Tom Lynch

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/22nd March 2015  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Lorraine Doyle  
**Sun 9am** Margaret Grogan RIP  
**11am** Leo Houston RIP (Kathy Goggin)  
**12.30pm** **No Baptisms**  
**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**Daily Masses**

**23rd March 2015 – 28th March 2015**

**Mon 23rd Feria**  
**7.00am** Barbara McDonagh  
**9.30am** John Burnham (Karen Palmer)  
**Tues 24th Feria**  
**9.30am** All priests, bishops and ministers of communion  
**Wed 25th The Annunciation of the Lord**  
**7.00am** Lee and Doherty Family (Elizabeth Lee)  
**9.30am** Sidney Gideon (Barbara Coshan)  
**Thurs 26th Feria**  
**9.30am** Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sally and Willy Simms (Martina Hawley)  
**Fri 27th Feria**  
**7.00am** Teresa Walker and family (Sheila and Eddie Walsh)  
**9.30am** Mary Estall  
**Sat 28th Feria**  
**9.00am** Welfare of Philip Mooney (KSC)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/29th March 2015  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD  
(YEAR B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Wealth and health of Eva and Noel McFadden (Manche Family)  
**Sun 9am** Michael McDonagh (Mary McDonagh)  
**11am** Mary Hunt RIP (Lucy & Ralph Smallwood)  
**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** **£1930**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish.*

**Cash counters**  
This week: Barbara Buchinger and Bernie Turkington  
Next week: Rob Estall and Roman Szymanski

**Next Sunday's Readings: Palm Sunday (B)**

**Introduction**

Today we enter into Jerusalem with Jesus for the climax of his mission. Welcomed as a king and dying on a cross as the "king of the Jews", Jesus helps us understand power and glory in a new way – the way of humility and enduring love.

**First Reading** Isaiah 50:4-7

The faithful servant of the Lord is strengthened by God to face all the insults of those who attack him.

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:6-11

Humble unto death, Christ Jesus is raised up as Lord.

**Gospel** Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Mark tells the story of Christ's passion.

**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), **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, Rouben Sarkissian and Chris Wade.

**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.

**Monthly in the parish**

**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.

**Monthly Syro Malabar Mass** is on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

### **HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for all our Holy Week Services i.e. Maundy Thursday 2 April @ 8.00 pm, Good Friday 3 April @ 3.00 pm and Holy Saturday 4 April @ 8.00pm. We need Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers/Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can.

### **ALTAR SERVERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Holy Week Practice is on Sunday 29 March at 12.30 pm in the Sacristy if you have volunteered for any of the Holy week services you need to attend this practice and jobs will be allocated then.

### **LENTEN PROJECT**

#### **SOUTH INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL AND CULTURAL EVENT: 11th APRIL**

A wonderful time for all the parish, and a way to support the Lenten Project, as all the proceeds go to the Lenten charities. To book a table please phone Roy Joseph on 07538 582971 or Sheba Varanat on 07891 866687.

#### **TABLE TOP SALE**

Last Sunday's Table Top sale was a resounding success and raised an amazing £1,062 for the Lenten Project. Many thanks to all those who helped with the sale and to all the parishioners who came along and supported the event.

#### **60 MILE SPONSORED WALK**

This weekend, Fr Tom is leading the intrepid Tolworth Trekkers on a **60 mile (!) walk** from St George's Cathedral, Southwark to Canterbury. Fr Tom and the group of 7 parishioners will walk an incredible 30 miles per day, aiming to reach St Thomas of Canterbury Church in time for Fr Tom to say Mass with Fr Anthony on Sunday evening.

We are hoping to raise lots and lots of money for the Parish Lenten Project, so please please sponsor us!!!

**We desperately need your support!** Please either leave your sponsorship money at the Presbytery, or use our Justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject>.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity - It will make all those blisters worthwhile!!!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Parish Dinner Friday 24th April**

Thank you to all the many people who have expressed an interest in the annual (although belated) Parish Dinner. This is always a popular event, and is a great opportunity to socialise with other members of the parish at Sorrento's Restaurant.

We're now taking bookings. If you'd like to book a table, or a seat, please post your name and your contact details, and £15.30, in an envelope marked "Parish Meal" through the presbytery door. The cost includes a full three course meal, but does not include the price of drinks.

### **SYNOD OF THE FAMILY**

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, Pope Francis has asked us all to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the extraordinary meeting of bishops held in Rome in October 2014. Please visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015>

A pamphlet entitled 'The Call, the Journey and the Mission - An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to Reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life' offers background information, Scripture passages and quotes from Pope Francis and presents a series of questions to stimulate discussion and response on the key issues.

Those questions are as follows:

- . What are your joys and hopes of marriage and family life today?
  - . What are your struggles and fears of marriage and family life today?
  - . How can we better understand marriage as a vocation?
  - . How does your marriage enrich you?
  - . How does your family life enrich those around you?
  - . In what way, through the abiding presence of God, is your family "salt of the earth and light to the world," and a place of and for handing on our faith?
- You have the opportunity now to offer your views and feedback on these questions by visiting the website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/An-Invitation-to-Reflect-on-the>

### **KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (28/29 March) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is milk (long life or powder), fruit juice (long life or squash), vegetarian meals (tins of macaroni cheese, vegetable curry, vegetable chilli, ratatouille etc), noodles (packets or pot noodles) and steamed puddings.

### **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*

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**2 pm Sunday 12th April 2015**

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kingston Rd New Malden  
2pm Opening prayer

2:05 Stations of the Cross followed by devotion of the

Divine Mercy image 3pm: Divine Mercy

3:05 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:10 Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:50 Benediction. 4:00 Finish

The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 3pm until 4pm.

St Joseph's Catholic Church holds a Divine Mercy devotion hour at 3pm every First Sunday of the month (except in August and November).

### **EVENTS / COURSES RUN BY CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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#### **Church and State**

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

#### **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

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS**

#### **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](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com) or phone 020 8651 2477

**Marriage Preparation Courses** - See notice board

### **PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES 2015**

#### **Arch Diocese of Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

**(with 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](mailto: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 Canon Edward Perera on 020 8399 9550

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#### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Come and join Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark Kevin Macdonald leading the Annual Pilgrimage of the Sick of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes together with Fr Tom Lynch and others from OLI.

Doctors, nurses, and general helpers especially welcome

Pilgrims requiring medical assistance and their carers stay in the Accueil Notre Dame opposite the Grotto, under 24 hr care

Cost of flight + accommodation: those staying in Accueil £686.50 (financial help available)

those in hotels from £722.50

registered helpers £572.50 or less (contact the Society)

Contact Society of Our Lady of Lourdes 020 8848 9833 or Allan Cook 020 8399 4368.

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#### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT**

**at Hosanna House 12 – 19 June 2015**

The cost of this trip works out at £590 per head for 7 days (12th to 19th) or £470 per head for 5 days, (14th-19th). The cost includes air fares, accommodation and meals. This programme includes a special retreat (between 15th and 19th) conducted by Fr. Perry Gildea, (Doctor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, and is a former lecturer and chaplain of university and of HCPT).

**28th August to 4th September 2015**

An opportunity to join our group of doctor, priest, nurses, carers and helpers and people with special needs.

Come and share the experience of Lourdes with us.

Please contact Emil Kumar (or Carol Ellis) on 0208 398 9222 or email

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