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Alleluia!

Since the joyful palm waving of last weekend, we have walked with Jesus through his Last Supper, his betrayal, his passion and death. And now, we are able to celebrate his glorious Resurrection.

The darkness of Good Friday gives way to the glorious light of Easter morning.

We are like those women who hurried to the tomb to anoint the Lord, but found the stone rolled away. We are like the apostles Peter and John who run to the tomb and find it empty.

And so we must be like both the women and the apostles, and go and announce "He is risen!"

He is risen from the tomb. The tomb, with its finality, with its fear, with its large stone blocking the way, is empty.

People do not rise from the dead, death is the one change we cannot avoid and cannot return from. So it is marvellous, miraculous that Jesus who died so cruelly, so publically and so finally, should rise from the dead.

This is why Mary Magdalene and the other women came away from the tomb full of awe and joy, and Peter is astonished.

We know that other people were raised from the dead, the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17), as well as the famous raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44), but these are not the same as the Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' Resurrection is different, Jesus appears to his disciples, he is different yet the same. His closest friends fail to recognise him immediately, but eventually they do. Jesus can walk through walls like a ghost, but can eat and drink like a man. He still bears his wounds, but his is full of life.

When the disciples come to know of the empty tomb they have faith in Jesus.

While he was with them the faith of the disciples was weak, or imperfect, they misunderstood, they failed to commit.

But, we read "Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in: **he saw and he believed**" He saw the empty tomb, and he believed. He believed everything Jesus had said and done. Because the man who says he will suffer death and rise again, and does rise again, is worthy of belief in all things. And this is what our faith is based on, my brothers and sisters. This is where our faith originates from. Echoing loudly from the empty tomb, reverberating in the hewn stone, is the cry "He is risen, Alleluia".

The disciples go forth from the empty tomb with faith, they go into Jerusalem and preach the risen Jesus, then they go into all the cities of the world preaching the Resurrection. Their successors continue throughout history to proclaim him who was slain and rose again on the third day.

And all the way down to us, here, in the suburbs of London in 2015, we believe and we proclaim that Jesus is risen. He was dead, but now he is alive, as he said he would be, and so he is worthy of our faith and our love.

So, brothers and sisters, be full of awe and joy. We did not see the tomb ourselves, but we believe those who did. We have not mistaken Jesus for a gardener, but we recognise him in the scriptures and in the Eucharist. Be full of faith, because the Author of Life, through whom all things are made, was dead, but is now risen. To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Tom Lynch



**We wish you all a very happy and a Holy Easter.
May the Blessings of the Risen Lord be with
you all always.
God Bless you all**

Canon Edward Perera, Fr. Tom Lynch, Deacon Al
& Trudy Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th April 2015
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
THE LORD (YEAR B)

Sat 4th 8.00pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil People of the Parish
Sun 5th 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 6.00pm	Easter Sunday Keith Haran (R. Durkin) A.S. Bastiampillai (Mr Bastiampillai) Baptisms: Louis Stanley Archer Health and Welfare of Jimmie and Pauline Doyle (Manche Family)

EASTER WEEK

6th April 2015— 11th April 2015

Mon 6th 9.30am	within the Octave of Easter Adrian Bajda RIP (Manche Family)
Tues 7th 9.30am	within the Octave of Easter Intention of Vera and David Haran (Rosemary Durkin)
Wed 8th 7.00am 9.30am	within the Octave of Easter Thanksgiving (Lynette Confait) Well-being of Timothy O'Sullivan (Rosemary Durkin)
Thurs 9th 9.30am	within the Octave of Easter Elizabeth, Charley, Surie, Margaret and Charley Lee
Fri 10th 7.00am 9.30am	within the Octave of Easter Holy Souls Sheila Brockman (Josie Espiritu)
Sat 11th 9.00am	within the Octave of Easter Elsie May (Rosemary Durkin)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11th/12th April 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat 6.30pm	Patricia Clarkson (Rosemary Durkin)
Sun 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 6.00pm	People of the Parish Elizaber Baller RIP (Bill Rabbitts) Baptisms: Elisha D'Costa Needy Souls (Mrs Peiris)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30am to 10.00am & 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Last Sunday's Collection **£1879.24**
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 Lewry
Next week: Eileen Kay and Elizabeth Christmas

Next Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Easter
Introduction

Throughout this Easter season we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Let us be inspired by his first followers, who became enthusiastic witnesses and formed loving Christian communities

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The first believers in the resurrection were an inspired and enthusiastic community, dedicated to serving one another and sharing their property.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Belief in Jesus and love for one another are inseparable.

Gospel John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples, and all, including Thomas, become firm believers in the risen Christ.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversary falls at this time.
We pray also for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

We remember and pray for the sick, the house-bound and all who care for them, we remember especially those within our own parish family:
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

LENTEN PROJECT

Parish Lenten Project 2015 Grand Raffle Draw

This year the Parish Lenten Project will be doing a Grand Raffle Draw in aid of the 4 charities adopted by the Parish. As in previous years we are therefore seeking donations from parishioners and /or businesses they work for. If you are able to donate something suitable for a Grand raffle draw please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Update of monies raised to date

Cup Cake sale	403. 00
UCM Cake sale	512. 60
Sponsored Walk & Ride	
Just Giving site 25/3	1940. 00
Envelopes	80.00
Quiz night	235. 00
OLI Primary School PTA	200. 00
Individual donations	20. 00
Table Top Sales	1062. 39
KSC/UCM Jumble Sale	646. 00
Boxes	29. 55
Estimated Gift Aid	331. 97

Total **£5,460. 51**

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.

Bedding Plant Sale

There will be a sale of bedding plants again this year for the Lenten Project and that order forms will be available after Easter.

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.

Repository

First Holy Communion goods will be on sale in early May.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

On Tuesday 7th April in the Old Chapel at 8pm we will be having a Book Review. Please bring a book that you would like to share with us. All ladies in the parish are welcome to come to any of our meetings

'Proclaim '15:

BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include: the provision of free parish small group materials; the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales; an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11 July 2015 with free prayer materials provided; the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 event in autumn 2015; the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers. Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available over the coming months.

Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15

Facebook: [facebook.com/cbcew](https://www.facebook.com/cbcew)

Twitter: @catholicew #proclaim15

Email: proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk

Diocesan contact: Dr Mark Nash (at the Centre for Catholic Formation) 020 8672 7684
mnash@ccftootingbec.org.uk

Common Objections to Catholicism

A series of talks addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith, and how to answer them

Venue: the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HR. *Time:* 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Programme:

Thursday 16th April Rt Rev'd Paul Hendricks (Auxiliary Bishop) "Doesn't science disprove religion?"

Thursday 23rd April

Mrs Joanna Bogle (writer & blogger)

"The Catholic Church is anti-women and anti-gay"

Thursday 30th April

Mr Sebastian Morello (CCF Advisor)

"Faith and reason are irreconcilable"

Thursday 7th May Dr Mark Nash (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is unbiblical"

Thursday 14th May Fr Ignatius Edet (Merton parish)

"An all-male priesthood is sexist and an anachronism"

Thursday 21st May Ms Marie Mann (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is stuck in the past"

These talks will be of interest to

- ü RCIA catechists
- ü all those on RCIA courses
- ü members of Parish Evangelization Teams
- ü all who wish to pass on the faith to others

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.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Youth Day - 20th June 2015

Aylesford Priory, Kent. 10am—7pm. £10pp. Yr7—Y11
To book contact: jean@scys.org.uk or 01227 272900

World Youth Day 2016

Join Pope Francis and young people from across the globe in Krakow, Poland

Open to all aged 18—30. Start fundraising now!

Lourdes Pilgrimage with Catholic Association
See notice board for details of all the above.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 12th April 2015

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

3pm at St Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston

Please see notice board for details.

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

Hustlings

"Churches together in Kingston and Surbiton have organised an Election Hustlings to take place on Friday 17th April at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Surbiton. The Liberal Democrat, Labour, Conservative, UKIP and Green Parties prospective parliamentary candidates will attend. All are welcome to put any questions that they may have."

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 or phone 020 8651 2477

Marriage Preparation Courses - See notice board

Annual Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

for couples celebration 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ anniversaries. Saturday 20th June 2015 St George's Cathedral. Please sign list at the back of the church before 30th April for a personal invitation from the Archbishop. Booking essential.

Knights of St Columba

When did we see you thirsty? (Matthew 25:31-46)

During Lent let us think of the people thirsting for God's word. What can we do to help them? The Knights of St Columba were formed on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, with the most important being Charity. This is at the heart of all our actions. The Lord regarded acts of mercy and charity as being most important.

Therefore we invite more Catholic men to become more involved in the Lay Apostolate and Evangelising. If interested. Please contact: Knights of St Columba, 75 Hillington Road South, Glasgow G52 2AE Tel: 0141 883 5700 <http://www.ksc.org.uk>

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
by Monday 13th April

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>

Mass for New Catholics

Saturday 9th May 11:00am at 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, 12.00 noon at The Friars, Aylesford

Head Teacher Vacancy

"**Marist Catholic Primary**, a vibrant two form entry school in West Byfleet, Surrey is seeking to appoint a **Headteacher** for September 2015. Closing date : 15th April. Further details and Application pack can be obtained via www.marist.surrey.sch.uk/recruitment/".