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My Dear People

First of all I want to greet you all again, and wish you all with the words, 'Peace be with you'. Peace is the greeting and the gift of the Risen Lord. As we read and listen to the Scripture readings during Easter season, we notice that the greeting of the Risen Lord is always Peace. But however, the reaction of the disciples is doubt. Jesus invites them to touch him and yet despite this invitation the reaction of the disciples is doubt.

One of the beautiful and passionate Easter readings is the Emmaus Story. We heard this reading during the week, and, will hear the last part of the story next Sunday. But what is fascinating is that the eyes of the disciples were prevented from recognising the Risen Lord. Jesus was dead only three days!!! And yet they were prevented from recognising the Risen Lord. What was it that prevented the disciples in recognising the Risen Lord?

This reminded me of that wonderful book 'An Evil Cradling' by Brian Keenan. In one of the chapters he talks about the ritual in his cell. *".....Another day.....the shuffling acolyte and I take in our daily ritual, that long short walk to the toilet. That same walk back.....I don't look anymore at the food, knowing its monotony will not change.....The door closes, the padlock rattling, and its over again for another day. With calm, disinterested deliberation I pull from my head the filthy towel that blinds me,.....to sit again, and wait, forever waiting. I look at this food I know to be the same as it always has been.*

But wait. My eyes are almost burned by what I see. There's a bowl in front of me that wasn't there before. A brown button bowl and in it some apricots, some small oranges, a banana. The fruits, the colours, mesmerize me..... Before me is a feast of colour. I feel myself begin to dance, slowly. Such wonder, such absolute wonder in such a insignificant fruit.....What I have waited and longed for has without my knowing come to me, and taken all of me."

And again the classic film 'The Wizard of Oz' begins in the dusty plains of Kansas in black and white emphasising the world without colour where Dorothy lives. But when she lands in Oz the world changes with colour and the film ends with Dorothy returning home and her world in Kansas is also colourful.

In both these examples their eyes were opened to recognise something different, the new possibilities.

What is it that prevents us from recognising the new world of Easter and the Risen Lord that greets us with peace? What we need to recognise the Resurrected Lord is, to leave behind us the many empty tombs in our lives. Very often though we walk the road to Emmaus as Easter people, we have not trained ourselves to leave behind our old worlds, and as a result of that, they tend to burn holes in us. And then we hear the Lord speaking to us as we gather for the Eucharist, "doubt no longer but believe."

This is our challenge today. We are to meet the Risen Lord on our Emmaus journey and recognise him. The Risen Lord is there to be met. We need to train our eyes to recognise Him. Not only to recognise the Risen Lord but also accept his invitation and to receive the gift of peace and to be witnesses to the Resurrection in the world today in sharing that peace and forgiveness with each other we meet and greet each day.

God love you all

Canon Edward Perera

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 People of the Parish

11.00am Elizabeth Baller RIP (Bill Rabbitts)

12.30pm Baptisms: Elisha D'Costa

6.00pm Needy Souls (Mrs Peiris)

EASTER WEEK

13th April 2015— 18th April 2015

Mon 13th Feria

7.00am Holy Souls

9.30am Vincent Ramanayake (Mrs Peiris)

Tues 14th Feria

9.30am Health and wellbeing of Eddie and Sheila Walsh

Wed 15th Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Thurs 16th Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Fri 17th Feria

9.30am Fr Edmund Redding RIP

Sat 18th Feria

9.00am Holy Souls

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th April 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Sat 6.30pm Veronica Heaton RIP (Family)

Sun 9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Catherine Brennan (Jan Croker)

12.30pm Baptisms: Ava Foskett and
Ethan Thayalatheven

6.00pm Len Nutthall RIP (H & G TRutwein))

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Last Sunday's Collection **£4364**

Collection for Holy Places **£525**

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

Cash counters

This week: Eileen Kay and Elizabeth Christmas

Next week: Alan and Maria-Helene Cook

NEXT SUNDAY—2nd Collection for the Missions

This year St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) will be making the appeal.

Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Introduction

Today's readings show that the outpouring of God's mercy flows from the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

The words of the prophets have been fulfilled: despite the ignorance of the people and their leaders, the Lord's saving work has been accomplished.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus is the advocate who interceded for us sinners through his sacrifice; and now by our obedience God's love "comes to perfection" in us.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

On Easter Sunday Jesus appears to his friends, showing them his wounded hands and feet and explaining that as the Messiah he had to die and rise again.

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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards and goods are now on display in the repository

Gift Aid Members— The Diocesan Collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral was transferred from 30/11/2014 to 19/04/2015. Envelopes had already been printed and put in your boxes. Some members submitted these in November and those payments have been kept until now. We ask those of you who kept your envelope to submit it when the collection for St George's which because of the Mission Appeal will be taken on 25th/26th April 2015. The Diocesan Collection for Ecclesiastical Education will be taken on 3rd/4th May 2015.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous Easter Offerings, cards and gifts you gave us. It is very kind of you.

We want to thank all who helped with the Easter Services in so many different ways. Each one of you played a special role in making our Easter celebrations special. May God bless and reward you for your generosity and kindness.

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.

The Big Breakfast which is run by the Justice & Peace Group is at 10.00am on 26th April.

The Tolworth Tornados will be completing their sponsored cycle ride from Canterbury to Tolworth on the 26th April. Please support them as they cycle 70+ miles in support of the 4 charities adopted for this year's Lenten Project. This is the return journey of the wonderfully successful sponsored walk to Canterbury, by the Tolworth Trekkers, led by Fr Tom. You can support them on-line using our Just Giving site <https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject> or on the sponsorship forms previously provided. Please pop sponsorship envelopes through the Presbytery letterbox.

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.

Lenten Box Collection and Count

If you took a Lenten Box for your loose change at the beginning of Lent please can you return it? Collections will be made at the beginning of all Masses for the next 3 weeks. If you are a UK tax payer please consider completing the Gift Aid declaration on the box. That will enable us to claim 25% tax back on your donation and it will be treated in the strictest of confidence. The count will be in the Old Chapel for the next 2 Sundays at 4.00pm.

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.

'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

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

Saturday 25th 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.

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>

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."

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGES

Please see Notice Board for details of the Diocesan and other pilgrimages to Lourdes.

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 21st–28th August. This year is a special year for us in the Archdiocese of Southwark, as Southwark was raised to an "Archdiocese and Metropolitan See" fifty years ago. For details of the pilgrimage, please speak to Canon Edward Perera, the Southwark Pilgrimage Director.

Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker

4th May (bank holiday Monday) in St George's Cathedral - Principal celebrant Archbishop Peter Smith. Come and join workers, migrants and civil leaders in a joyous morning of reflection and celebration in support of all migrant workers. Please arrive by 10.30am. There will be a buffet lunch afterwards sponsored by The Tablet as part of their 175th anniversary celebrations

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.

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.

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>

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

April 25th: Marriage MoT Enrichment Day

All married couples are invited to this day from 9.45am to 4.30pm at Holy Cross School, New Malden. Donation: £25 per couple. Booking 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 celebrating 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.

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