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My Dear People

As mentioned last week, we today hear the second part of the Emmaus story. Like last Sunday's reading the Risen Lord greets the disciples with the words, 'Peace be with you.' In today's gospel reading we hear the final words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. These words remind us of the proclamation of the early church—firstly, that through the life, death and the resurrection of Christ God remains faithful to his covenantal promises, and, secondly, that the disciples are to preach repentance, for the forgiveness of sins to all nations. Thus the church continues her work of evangelisation.

In the Emmaus story the conversation between the disciples and the Risen Lord, whom the disciples thought was a stranger and imagined the only person who did not know what has taken place, is very interesting. One of them relate that their experience and expectations of Jesus and also that how those expectations have been shattered. Their hopes are now in the past and in fact their hopes have been buried. The disciples are now in a hopeless situation.

We all have hopes and expectations—hopes and expectations in all life situations. But at the same time we also hear very often the expression in so many life situations, 'Oh how we had great hopes for'. Shattered hopes bring about sadness and emptiness.

Our expectations are very much connected with our experiences too. That too was the experience of the disciples. But at the end the shattered experiences and hopes of the disciples were rekindled.

At the end of the day, with the breaking of bread and at the recalling of the scriptures, their response to their hopeless situation was 'did not our hearts burn within us!'. This new experience gave them a new sense of purpose and hope, and they return back to Jerusalem to share their new experience with their friends.

This story is for me our life story too. The experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is our life journey too.

We all live in hope and with all kinds of expectations. But sometimes these hopes are tested and shattered and we bury these hopes. However as the Emmaus story showed us in the hearing of the Word and the breaking of the bread we are given a new vision and a new hope. The challenge for us is return back just as the disciples did.

This weekend we welcome Fr. John Garry (Kiltegan Fathers— St. Patrick's Missionary Society) as he makes the Annual Mission appeal. The Society was founded in 1932 to support the missionary work of proclaiming the Good News in Nigeria. Today in the hearing of the First Reading from the Acts of it is wonderful and very appropriate to welcome Fr. John to make the Mission Appeal.

God love you all

Canon Edward Perera

**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 and G Trutwein)

EASTER WEEK

20th – 25th April 2015

- Mon 20th** **Feria**
9.30am Nora Scoones (Rosemary Durkin)
Tues 21st **Saint Anselm**
9.30am Alexius Yap RIP (Catherine Yap)
Wed 22nd **Feria**
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Nina Paeoella RIP (Anne Meeks)
Thurs 23rd **Saint George**
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am James and Ann Furlong RIP
(Chris Furlong)
Fri 24th **Feria**
9.30am Edward Digman RIP (Maureen Stephens)
Sat 25th **Saint Mark**
9.00am Rachel Sundar RIP (Louise Lewis)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th April 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**

- Sat 6.30pm** Bridget Carter RIP (Sieanne Sanders)
Sun 9.00am Ottavio D'Agostino RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
11.00am Mary Smith RIP (Liz Bailey)
12.30pm **Baptisms:**
6.00pm People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Last Sunday's Collection **£2095.78**

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

Cash counters

This week: Alan and Maria-Helene Cook

Next week: Tessa McLeod and Lynette Confait

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS SUNDAY—2nd Collection for the Missions

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

NEXT SUNDAY 25th/26th April - Cathedral

Maintenance—St George's Cathedral. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral. If you have a Gift Aid envelope please submit it with your donation.

SUNDAY 3rd/4th May - Diocesan collection for

Next Sunday's Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

The Lord reveals his identity as the good shepherd, laying down his life for the sheep. We are the sheep being cared for and loved by the Lord.

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we can be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

The Father has lavished his love upon us, by letting us be called God's children.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Eileen Ewens who died last week and all 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 housebound 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

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

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st April in the Old Chapel at 8pm.

We will celebrate St George's Day early by having an evening of English Folk Songs and English Poetry. Please bring a selection of folk songs and poetry for us all to enjoy. All ladies in the parish are very welcome to come to any of our meetings.

Parish Dinner Friday 24th April

Thank you for booking for the Parish Dinner on Friday 24th April. Look forward to seeing you all.

LENTEN PROJECT

Parish Lenten Project 2015 Grand Raffle Draw

As in previous years we are seeking donations from parishioners and/or businesses they work for. If you are able to donate something suitable for the Grand raffle draw please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk

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

The Tolworth Tornadoes 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 order forms will be available after Easter.

Lenten Box Collection and Count

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.

Update

Cup Cake sale	403.00
UCM Cake sale	512.60
Sponsored Walk & Ride	
Just Giving site 8/4	2,345.00
Envelopes	689.40
Quiz night	235.00
OLI Primary School PTA	200.00
Individual donations	205.00
Table Top Sales	1,062.39
KSC/UCM Jumble Sale	645.55
Maunday Thursday	252.60
Boxes	75.79
Estimated Gift Aid	499.09
Total	£7,125

Library open next weekend 25th/26th April.

Please could all our members check for overdue books and particularly overdue childrens' DVDs. We look forward to seeing you in the RDJ room after Mass. We warmly welcome everyone in our parish to join our library and enjoy this wonderful opportunity to grow in faith.

'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

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (25/26 April) – 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.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver and Ania Godbold (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

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>

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis pronounced a Holy Year, with the focus on mercy.

“The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God’s action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. So he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man’s Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.

The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!”

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 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

No charge; please register at the CCF

(office@ccftootingbec.org.uk or 020 8672 7684)

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

Your Marriage - You wouldn't expect a car to keep running smoothly without an annual service/MoT. So why should your marriage be any different? It too needs care and attention. On Saturday April 25 you can obtain just that at a Marriage MoT marriage-enrichment day. Open to all married couples, it is being held at Holy Cross School, New Malden, Surrey, from 9.45am-4.30pm. Booking is essential: phone 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com for more details

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

SATURDAY APRIL 25th – From prayer to action and back again. Justice & Peace Spring Assembly - New Barn, Aylesford Priory from 10.30 until 4.00. Group facilitators from CAFOD, JRS, London Citizens and Columbans. **Free - all welcome**

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

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 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

Sunday 7th June—Pedal Against Poverty.

Annual Pedal Against Poverty sponsored bike ride through the beautiful Lee Valley.