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My dear people

I write these few words on Friday morning. It is the morning after the night before. The long awaited day of election is now over. Months of campaigning, electioneering, attacking and questioning the each other's manifestos are now over. The people of the country have spoken. The famous football commentary of 1966, the football world cup final at Wembley Stadium come to my mind—"They think it's all over.....and it is now.

The winners and losers will be having their own post mortems as to how and why of things and as some predict there will be resignations and leadership contests in the near future. Our prayer and hope is the new government will be faithful to their promises and work for the common good of all people

General election is now behind us. We are slowly coming to the end of the Easter season in the churches calendar. The gospel for this weekend continues from last Sunday. Jesus speaks of the love the Father has for him and the same love he bestows on his disciples. The disciples are no longer considered servants but friends. They are to know what Jesus has learnt from the Father. Jesus chooses his disciples and we are chosen and commissioned to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

As we know Pope Francis has called a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on the 8th of December. The prayer for the Jubilee Year is speaks about speaks about God's merciful for his people and how we are to live as loving Christians today. The motto that accompanies the prayer is an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us to forgive and give love and forgiveness without measure.

Therefore this week I thought of sharing with you that beautiful prayer, so that we can prepare for the year of Mercy. I am praying and reflecting on how to celebrate the Jubilee year with special events in the parish. However I am delighted to announce that I have already invited internationally renowned speaker and author David Wells to our parish and he has accepted the invitation. Some of you have heard him speak and

also have read his book, 'The Reluctant Disciple'. More details of the date, time etc. will be announced as soon as I have finalised the details. He will lead the day on 'The Love and Mercy of God in the light of the Joy of the Gospel'.

So here is Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees the Him.
Show us you face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you only knew the gift of God!"
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy;
let the church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness,
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error;
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

God love you.
Canon Edward Perera

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9th/10th May 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**

Sat 6.30pm Michael Hills (Nina Hills)
Sun 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Kathleen Persaud (Frank McGivern)
12.30pm Baptisms:
6.00pm Yvette Caution RIP (H. and G. Trutwein)

**SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER
11th— 16th May 2015**

Mon 11th Feria
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Nicholas Reginald RIP (Anne Sebastian)

Tues 12th Feria
9.30am K.A. Kuriakose RIP (Jomman Family)

Wed 13th Feria
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Carina Manning)

Thurs 14th Saint Matthias
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Joe Nason (Mandy Nason)

Fri 15th Feria
9.30am Zelia Belo RIP (Kitty Fox)

Sat 16th Saint Simon Stock
9.00am Intention of Liz and Family

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16th/17th May 2015
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B)**

Sat 6.30pm Tom Kelleher and Family
Sun 9.00am Albert, Josephine and Ellen Brown
(Margaret Bradford)
11.00am People of the Parish
12.30pm Baptisms: No Baptisms this week

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9.30am to 10.00am & 5.30pm to 6.00pm**

Last Sunday's Collection £1961. 66
Ecclesiastical Education £ 406. 00
Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish.

Cash counters
This week: Pam Ford and Vivian Phillips
Next week: Elizabeth and Ray Lewry

SECOND COLLECTIONS
NEXT SUNDAY 16th/17th May - Diocesan collection for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**Introduction to Next Sunday's Readings:
The Ascension of the Lord**

We come together by invitation. Jesus, risen and ascended, asks us to hear his word and be inspired by it, to receive the sacrament of his body and blood and be nourished by it.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven and returns to his Father.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ is enthroned in heaven with universal authority, and this can fill us with hope.

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissions his apostles to continue his mission on earth.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died 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 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, Ken Hammerton, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Simon Munnery, Canon John Naughton, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan 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.

Regular events in the parish

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room

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

Bible study: first Thursday of the month: 10.30am.

Coffee at 10.00 (RDJ Room, before the sacristy)

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room)

WEBSITE UPDATE: A new gallery item entitled "Anyone recognise this church?" The Catholic church in Romford which bears more than a fleeting resemblance to our own - have a look and see what you think.

“ ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are needed for the Confirmation Mass on Saturday 23 May at 11.00 am. We need a good group of Servers for this Mass as it is a very important occasion for our parish. If you can help please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. You will need to be there by 10.00 am as there is a lot of preparation involved and jobs will be allocated on the day. Thank You in advance for your help. Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies.”

New Serving Rota

The new serving rota is now available to be collected in the RDJ room. Please be good enough to collect your rota this weekend.

SVP

The next SVP Meeting is on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the RDJ room

Can the SVP help anyone you know?

If you know a local person who is in need and could benefit from a visit by a member of the parish's newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society group then please pass their details to Fr. Edward. Please ensure that you have their agreement to do so beforehand.

Who qualifies for a visit? Anyone in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinion.

OLI JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Dates for Youth club (for children in Years 7 and 8)
Friday 5 June, Friday 3 July - in the Parish Hall
7.15pm-8.45pm

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend at the Sunday 6.00pm Mass we welcome all our Confirmation candidates for their Celebration of Acceptance. They have been journeying over the last few months to open their hearts and minds to be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us remember them in our prayers.

LENTEN PROJECT

Bedding Plants

For those who have ordered bedding plants, they will be ready for collection on Wednesday 13th from the school playground between 7 and 8pm.

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

APPEAL FROM LIFE :

Double buggies are needed at our local LIFE Hounslow Care Centre. If you can help please contact Therese on 020 8390 1080 for collection. LIFE is a charity which helps mothers with crisis pregnancies by offering counselling and practical help.

‘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

All Saints Church, Market Place Kingston - Topical Lunch, Thursday 21 May. ‘High rise at Kingston’s Old Post Office – Yes or No?’ Introduced by Malcolm Wood, project director, and architect Dominic Chapman. Your opportunity to discuss and comment on this important and controversial proposal. Sandwiches from ASK’s new *East End Cafe* from 12:00am – or bring your own. Discussion starts at 1:00pm; finishes 1:45pm.

**Theology in the Liturgy of Life,
Led by Dr Anthony Towey**

Saturday 23 May: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm - House of Prayer,
35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB
Exploring Divine Wisdom through Exegesis, Experience
and Eucharist. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.
*Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail:
houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.*

**Spreading the Good News as an Encounter with
Jesus Christ.**

An Evangelization Seminar, led by John Huntriss
(Clifton diocese Scripture Advisor), on **Saturday 16th
May, 10:00am - 1:00pm** at the Centre for Catholic
Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS.

The CCF is by Tooting Bec tube station; there is also
ample car parking. There is no charge, but please book
at the CCF (020 8672 7684 or of-
fice@ccftootingbec.org.uk).

Annual Day for Catechists

Saturday 27th June from 11am at St George's Cathedral.
I encourage all catechists to attend this day. Please let
me know by the 30th May if you intend to go.

**Pilgrimage & Day of Celebration
for People with Differing Needs**

Sunday 5th July, 12.00 noon at The Friars, Aylesford

Spirit in the City Festival 10– 13th June 2015

supported by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, is the largest
Catholic Festival in London and aims to bring Catholics
together and to reach out to the general public.

1 festival ~ 4 days ~ 4 churches ~ LIVE music ~ talks ~
workshops ~ THEATRE: Three Witnesses play ~ Masses
~ procession ~ surprises.

Three Witnesses Play. A remarkable narrative of
The Gospel of Luke in the 21st century on Wednesday
10th June at 19.30.

Institute of St Anselm's 30th Anniversary

Celebration Friday 29th May at St Anne's Church Clif-
tonville, CT9 3AF beginning with Mass at 11am.
Main celebrant Archbishop Peter Smith. RSVP by 30th
April via publicity@anselm.org.uk

Day With Mary

National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham
Sunday 31st May. See notice board for details

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 Archdio-
cese 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.

**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

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 ex-
traordinary meeting of bishops held in Rome in October
2014. Please visit [http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/
reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015)

A pamphlet entitled 'The Call, the Journey and the Mis-
sion - 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 ques-
tions 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](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/An-Invitation-to-Reflect-on-the)

**Evenings of Faith (hosted by the Faith Move-
ment): 'Catholicism-hard questions'**

Tuesdays at 7:30pm at 24 Golden Square, Lon-
don W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus).

19th May Why a male priesthood? *Fr. Roger Nesbitt*
2nd June Clerical celibacy; should priests be married?
Fr. Stephen Brown

16th June The Four Last Things; truth or fiction?
Fr. Philip Miller

30th June Holy Communion; who can receive and
why? *Fr. Tim Finigan*

7th July Is St John Paul relevant to the Family Synod's
discernment? *Joanna Bogle*

Common Objections to Catholicism

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

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"

No charge; please register at the CCF

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

Celebrate Twickenham is happening on Saturday
20th and Sunday 21st June 2015 at St Mary's University,
Twickenham.

The conference is a non-residential faith-filled event for
all and the weekend programme includes 3 main talks,
Praise and Worship, Theatre, Mass, Adoration, Prayer
Ministry and a time for chatting over a cuppa. So that
parents can really benefit from the weekend, there is a
full programme for all from the age of 4 plus a warm
welcoming crèche. To find out more please contact
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