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# Parish News

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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### The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the name of this feast is Pentecost – “the Fiftieth(day)” in Greek.

So, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were gathered: “And when the feast of Pentecost had come...” For the disciples, this ‘feast of Pentecost’ was a Jewish festival celebrating the day Moses went up Mount Sinai.

In Judaism, this feast was celebrated as a pilgrimage. People would come to Jerusalem to celebrate and to pray in the temple. This is why we read that there were so many people around Jerusalem at that time. We hear in the reading that there were “Parthians, Medes, Elamites ...” and people from other unpronounceable places. They had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival.

After leaving Egypt, at the time of the feast of Passover, the Hebrews found themselves at the foot of Mount Sinai, and it was there, on the fiftieth day after Passover, after their liberation, that they were given the law by God, through Moses.

The first Christians reading the Acts of the Apostles would have known the meaning of the festival which was celebrated, and would have understood it in the light of the Gospel.

So, let’s look a little at the account of Moses meeting God on mount Sinai, and try to understand it in the light of the Gospel.

From Exodus 19: “On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightning, so that all the people in the camp trembled ... Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire.”

Three things spring out to me from this passage. Firstly, it was the “third day”. Of course Sunday is known as the third day “on the third day he rose again from the dead” (from the Creed). Secondly there is a loud noise like a storm. Thirdly, the Lord God descends on the mountain like fire.

And, as we read, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on Sunday, with the sound of a loud wind, and in for form of fire.

Now, this is an interesting comparison, but we already know that Catholic Christianity emerged out of Judaism, what difference does it make for us today?

The experience of the Hebrews from their liberation at Passover to their first covenant at Sinai, formed them into a people. They were no longer just slaves descend-

ed from Abraham, but they were a people, a nation, set apart, consecrated. Their experience of fire and sound at Sinai gave them an identity which feeds them, even to this day.

In the same way for us Christians. Our identity was formed at Easter and confirmed at Pentecost, with the coming of the Holy Spirit. We were formed anew as people freed from sin, consecrated, taken from all the nations to make one people belonging to God.

The more we enter into this mystery, beginning with the Last Supper, through the Cross and Resurrection, through the Ascension of the Lord, to the descent of the Holy Spirit. The more we enter into this mystery the more we will understand our identity as Christians, and our place in the world.

Join with me in praying for a renewal of the Holy Spirit: **Come Holy Spirit**, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, taught the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Fr. Tom Lynch

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th May 2015  
PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Kathleen Hogan (Peter Hogan)  
**Sun 9.00am** Arthur and Eleanor Moody  
(Margaret Bradford)  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Amara Johnson and  
Juan Miguel De La Cruse  
**6.00pm** Welfare and health of Day, Doyle,  
McFadden and Manche Family

**EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
25th— 30th May 2015**

**Mon 25th** **St Bede**  
**9.30am** Paul Ramanayake (Mrs Peiris)  
**Tues 26th** **Saint Philip Neri**  
**9.30am** Anatol Zac (Marie Turnpenny)  
**Wed 27th** **Saint Augustine of Canterbury**  
**9.30am** Josie Philips (John McCutcheon)  
**Thurs 28th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Holy Souls  
**Fri 29th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Intention of Mike and Joan Breen  
(Julie Smithies)  
**Sat 30th** **Feria**  
**9.00am** Mr Pat Wolfe

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30th/31st May 2015  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)  
Consecration of Our Lady Immaculate 1963**

**Sat 6.30pm** Thanksgiving (Ellen and Amith Philip)  
**Sun 9.00am** Tony Fazal RIP (Fazal Family)  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:**  
**6.00pm** Welfare of Fr Chris O'Brien  
(Rosemary Durkin)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK  
Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm**

**Last Sunday's Collection** £2068.36  
**World Communications** £ 220.00

**Cash counters**

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

**Introduction to Next Sunday's Readings:  
The Most Holy Trinity**

**Introduction**

We are a people named by the Most Holy Trinity. Baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we share in God's own life and mission.

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Moses challenges God's people to reflect on the greatest mystery of all: that God, who is beyond all understanding and all human reach, seeks to be close to men and women in their own place.

**Second Reading** Romans 8:14-17 As children of God, St Paul teaches, we are people intimately involved in the life of the Trinity.

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

As the Lord reveals the mystery of God's love more clearly, he sends his followers out to share in his mission. Through Jesus, and in the Spirit, we are never alone, but always held in God's power and love.

**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, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

**Baptisms in the Parish**

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. 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 of 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 and collect the forms to be completed by the parish priest of the God Parents. 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

**Justice & Peace Group** meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

**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:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10.15am to 11.15am (RDJ Room, before the sacristy)

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

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*We congratulate our young people (39 in total) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11am Mass this morning (Saturday 23rd May). Bishop Paul Hendricks was the main celebrant. We pray that strengthened by the Holy Spirit and filled with the Gifts of the Spirit they will be living witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the community and the world today.*

### GIFT AID BOXES

Boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes for the year from June are now available for collection from the RDJ Room. Please pop in and pick up your box. Thank You.

### Collection Request

Would parishioners please not put Euro coins into the general collection. It considerably lengthens the already arduous task of our volunteer counters. Thank You.

### OLI JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Dates for Youth club (for children in Years 7 and 8) for the rest of this term are: Friday 5 June, Friday 3 July - in the Parish Hall 7.15pm-8.45pm. Parents and carers are also invited to our Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on Friday 5 June (just before youth club meets). Please come along if you are interested in being involved in the youth club in future. We are very short of helpers and have to make a decision at that meeting whether we are able to continue to run the club the following year - if more people aren't able to help then we may have to close the club which would be very disappointing.

### LENTENT PROJECT

#### Update

Cup Cake sale	403.00
UCM Cake sale	512.60
Sponsored Walk & Ride	
Just Giving site 18/5	2,900.00
Envelopes	1,805.05
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
CAFE	40.00
South Indian Night (Syro Malabar Community)	2,220.00
OLI Primary School	733.36
The Big Breakfast	84.00
Noah's Ark Pre School	100.00
Boxes	2,937.47
Estimated Gift Aid	1,179.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,515.82</b>

### Bedding Plant Sale

"Thank you to everyone who supported the sale of bedding plants. A total of £153.25 was raised for the Lenten Project"

### SVP

#### 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL AGM

This will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Reports will be made by the Chair, Parish Priest, Finance Committee, Maintenance Committee, and Liturgy Committee. This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear what has been going on over the past 12 months, and also have an input into what is done / discussed over the coming 12 months

### Library 30-31 May

71 (seventy-one) children's books are still several months overdue.

Would you **PLEASE** return them next weekend to enable other children to read them.

### Change of day for Bible Study

We will meet on **1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10.15am to 11.15am**

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

### The Africa Day Social 2015

You are invited by Fr Arbo to the Africa Day Social organised by the charity You Touch Africa on 7th June at 12noon after the 10am Mass until 5pm at St John Fisher Church Gardens, 141 Kidbrooke Rd, SE3 0DZ. Please bring a plate and drink to share. Details on notice board.

**PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS:** We have just booked a pilgrimage to Paris for the weekend of 30th October - 1st November. Full details can be found on our parish website (there is a link half way down the centre section of the home page). We will visit The Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in the Rue de Bac, Chapel of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Sacré-Cœur, & Notre Dame. The price is £275 per person based on two people sharing, half board. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, or earlier if the trip is full. A £100 deposit is required to book a place along with your full name, address and phone number, and email if you have one (full process on the website) and left at the presbytery for my attention. Cheque payable to OLI. If you have a query please contact Andrew on 0208 399 3466

### **KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (30/31 May) – 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, un-damaged, 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)

### **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.

### **Day With Mary**

National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham

Sunday 31st May. See notice board for details

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

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

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

### **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.

### **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>

### **Evenings of Faith (hosted by the Faith Movement): 'Catholicism-hard questions'**

**Tuesdays at 7:30pm** at 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus).

**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*

**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 Anne D'Silva 07952 494120

### **St Philomena's Catholic High School, Carshalton Open Evening for September 2016 Entry**

Tuesday, 30th June 2015 from 3.30pm until 8.00pm.

### **VACANCY - Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office Co-ordinator**

The JPIC office, based at Cathedral House in Westminster Bridge Road, is looking for a new co-ordinator to be responsible for all the administration associated with the promotion of JPIC issues. This is a part-time job, for around 21.5 hours per week. Salary £27,000pa to £30,000pa, depending on experience, pro rata for part-time hours. If you would like to apply, please email your CV to [sarah.wood@finance-rcsouthwark.org](mailto:sarah.wood@finance-rcsouthwark.org) by the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Full details are on the diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)