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My dear People

This weekend our parish celebrates First Holy Communion. We join our young people in thanking God for this wonderful gift of the Eucharist, and we pray that strengthened by the gift of the Eucharist they will continue follow the good Lord. We congratulate them and their parents and thank their prayer sponsors and their catechists.

Thank you to all who came for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. The annual report of the Chairman is attached to the newsletter this week. It was an important occasion in the life of the parish to recognise and acknowledge the generosity, sacrifices, willingness and the support of the parish community in so many ways. My sincere thanks to each one of you for all you do. May the good God bless and reward you for your generosity in every way—not just financially but with your time, talent, giftedness and the cultural richness you bring and share.

Time, Talent and Treasure are the spiritual basics of a Stewardship Parish. They are gifts from God. God has entrusted them to us so that we may use them to further God's Kingdom, and I pray that we be good and faithful stewards of these gifts given to us.

In the Apostolic Letter, *'At the Beginning of The New Millennium'*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote, 'let us look to the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence.' Just as Jesus invited Peter to "put out into the deep" for a catch, and when they trusted Christ's words and cast the nets they caught a great number of fish (Lk.4-6), let us trust Him always. To look forward to the future with confidence is to place all our trust in God.

We are called and entrusted to be good stewards. As the document of the United States Conference of Catholics Bishops, 'Stewardship—A disciple's Response', reminds us, "Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now—at this moment, in these circumstances. There can be no delay."

This is the challenge we face each day. The following prayer will help us in our reflections to be a good steward of God's blessings.

*Generous and loving God,
You give us all good gifts,
more than we can ask or imagine!
Teach us to embrace your way of caring and sharing.
Show us that to be one with you
is to be one with each other,
especially the poor and vulnerable.
Help us to be good stewards of all we are and have and
will be.
Give us wisdom to perceive your call,
so that our stewardship may be witnesses
to your love for all.
we ask this in the name of the One
who shows us your way
and who is our way, truth and life,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Thank you once again for all you do and your prayers .

God love you.

Canon Edward Perera

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th 2015
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
Sat 6.30pm Ronald Bastiampillai Family-
 Thanksgiving
 (Mr Bastiampillai)
Sun 9.00am Sybil Livesey RIP (Elsbeth Casey)
11.00am **First Holy Communion**
 People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptisms:** Maximo Yasnikouski and
 Darren Robinson
6.00pm Holy Souls

11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
15th— 20th June 2015

Mon 15th Feria
7.00am Bridget Fillmore
 (Carol Mark and Michelle Perry)
9.30am Evelyn Durkin (Rosemary Durkin)
5.30pm **Syro Malabar Mass**
Tues 16th Feria
9.30am Eamonn Walsh (Sheila and Eddie Walsh)
Wed 17th Feria
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Rosamma Thomas RIP
 (Rosamma and Family)
Thurs 18th Feria
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Charles Rau (P. Poulter)
Fri 19th Feria
9.30am Roy Rogers RIP (Pauline Rogers)
2.00pm Funeral Mass—Lena Byrne
Sat 20th Saint Alban
9.00am Thanksgiving (Stella and Ubald)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/28th 2015
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
Sat 6.30pm Edgar and Clementine D'Armenia
 (Vivian Phillips' mother and father)
Sun 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Clara and Sebastian (Ubald Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms:**
6.00pm Alexius Yap RIP (Catherine Yap)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK
Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Last Sunday's Collection **£2052. 30**

Today— 2nd Collection for Catholic Trust for England and Wales. This trust supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops with revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

Introduction to Next Sunday's Readings:
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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We are often overwhelmed by what life throws at us. Scripture teaches us that in the midst of our troubles Jesus Christ is our one sure hope.

First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11

The creation is a mystery that shows the power of the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Through his death Christ has established a new creation.

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Jesus sleeps while a storm threatens to overcome the boat he and his disciples are in. The disciples wake Jesus and he calms the storm, then he asks them why they were so afraid and did not have faith.

Recently Dead -Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Durkin, wife of Anthony, and Sumita (Lena) Byrne who died recently. Lena Byrne's Funeral is on Friday 19th June at 2.00pm.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time and 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. **Next meeting 24th June at 7.30pm**

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)

Churches Together Event Today Sunday 14th June at St Mark's, Surbiton, at 6pm.

This follows on from last year's successful event: Where Christians Disagree. One of the subjects identified last year as a difficulty was different understandings of communion.

At this event, we'll have four very short speeches from different perspectives on communion: one Roman Catholic, one Anglican, one Methodist and one Free church, and then there will be discussion groups in which people are invited to share what they think happens at communion.

The idea is improved understanding between us, even if we disagree on it: and who knows, we may get new agreement we hadn't expected.

Please do invite any and everyone from your churches to come.

Invitation from Fr Tony

I am celebrating the 40th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on Friday 19th June at 7pm. Please do remember me in your prayers and I would be delighted to see anyone who wishes to join me for Mass and refreshments afterwards.

*This takes place at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 59 Burgate, CT1 2HJ.
Fr Anthony*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our Next meeting is on Tuesday 16th June in the Old Chapel @ 8pm.
Our Diocesan President and committee will present 30th & 40th certificates to Ann, Noreen, Kate & Monica.

70th Anniversary Mass

On Tuesday 21st July @ 7.30pm we will have our 70th Anniversary Mass followed by a reception in the Old Chapel. Our Tolworth Foundation was started in 1945. We invite all our past members to keep this date free to join us this evening.

Bible Study—Tuesday 16th

DVD Quick Journey through the Bible: "The Divided Kingdoms"

Tuesday 10.15am RDJ Room. All are welcome

Society of St Vincent de Paul

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.

Quiz Evening

The Fircroft Trust are holding a Quiz evening on July the 18th at the Broadway Bar in Tolworth as a fundraising event.

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.

Save the Date - OLI Parish Picnic - Richard Challoner Sports Ground Saturday 4th July 1-4pm

All Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Parish Picnic organised by the PTA. Bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing day amongst parishioners. There are multiple attractions for all the family. See poster in the porch for details.

Volunteers are sought from the youth of the parish to help with games and activities for the children.

Tickets are £2.50 per adult and children are free. Purchase in advance only from the Presbytery, School Office or email John Sweeney

Apostleship of the Sea—Supporting Seafarers Worldwide - Sea Sunday is on July 12.

Watch this [Sea Sunday video](#).

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St Christopher's

is a charity which has been caring for children for over 140 years. We are trying to recruit foster carers in your area to give a good home to disadvantaged children. Its not always easy and it can be quite challenging, but if you think you can provide a loving and stable environment for a vulnerable child and have a spare bedroom, please phone 0800 234 6282. Have a look at St Christopher's website! www.stchris.org.uk

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. 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
We have four more places available.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage & Day of Celebration for People with Differing Needs

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

5th Annual Pilgrimage of Faith 'n' Fun

For grandparents and their families. It takes place at Aylesford Priory near Maidstone, Kent, on **Saturday July 11** between 11am and 4.30pm. No booking is necessary: just turn up - don't forget to bring a picnic. See the poster on the church noticeboard for more details or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com or telephone 020 8651 2477. All are welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

We congratulate the following children who make their
First Holy Communion this weekend.

Abigail Kearnes	Lauren Barras
Aimee Parker	Layla O'Brien
Alev Yurdakul	Leo Ndoi
Alice Viegas	Liliana Fellowes
Althea Talampas	Lixini Fernando
Amandia Andreadis Rocha	Lourde Jabboory
Amelie Pinder	Marcus Ashby
Antonio Venizelos-Rodriguez	Mariella Lloyd
Botond Horvath	Mary Wells
Caitlin Botha	Mateusz Kondracki
Caitlin Casey	Max Avery
Caitlin Lowe	Max Middleton
Charlotte Conway	Orla Hayes
Claudia Spence	Oscar Ockenden
Dominic & Morgan Byrne	Paige Borg-Darcy
Earl Joshua Mantillas	Polly Maclean
Elena Penagos	Rhiannon Samuel
Ella Ormiston	Riley Dormer
Emily Green	Rose Abulafia
Finn Newton	Rose Dempsey
Frederick Simmons	Ruairi Newton
Harmony Miller	Rubin Vakulya
Harry Bordessa	Rylan Martin-Crewe
Henora Kouadio	Samuel Bennett
Huw Dumbleton	Samuel Wells
Isabel Pinder	Sarai Rex
Isabella O'Connor	Shalini Thayaparan
Isla Ormiston	Simon Casella Jones
Jemima Zain-Prosser	Sophie Conway
Joseph Fox	Sophie Ennis
Joseph Scott	Stephanie Dela Cruz
Joshua Crossinggum	Szymon Kowaliw
Joshua Kattoura	Tristan Thorpe
Kirstie Rodrigues	Zara Alayli
Lara Bakrania	

CHAIRMANS REPORT – PARISH COUNCIL AGM – 9th June 2015

This report provides a summary of some of the work of the Parish Council over the past few months since the last AGM back in September last year. It will also look at some of the other events which have taken place which have provided a witness of Christ's work both within the Parish and the wider communities of Tolworth, Surbiton, and beyond.

The work of the Council is in part organizing things which don't fit within the remit of any other parish organization, and in part a consultative body for the Parish Priest to gain the opinion of a group of people which represent the wider community. I would like to thank the Council for their work throughout this past year and for their commitment to all that The Council has been involved with.

You cannot help but have noticed that the narthex is much tidier that it has been for a long time, and the notice boards much more organised and accessible than they have ever been. In due course, we plan to re-decorate this area of the church building and try to make it lighter.

Through liaising with RBK Council, they have very kindly painted a "Keep Clear" sign in the road making it much safer when turning right into the entrance driveway to the premises. The Council has also been lobbying RBK to try to reverse the plans of some of the local roads being turned into permit holders only. If this were to go ahead, the church car park could easily end up being the overflow to the local streets which would have an adverse effect on parishioners accessing the buildings. Safety would also be a grave concern.

Back in December, we were very pleased to welcome Bishop Paul to the parish to help us celebrate our patronal feast. Not only our patronal feast, but the 80th anniversary of the formation of the parish. In line with repeated requests for us to organise more socials within the parish, after a beautiful Mass, we held a social in the hall to celebrate this amazing milestone. It was a great shame however, that attendance on the night was rather poor, so if we are going to go to the trouble of organizing socials in the future, we would encourage people to get behind them and support them.

Just after Easter, we held our annual parish meal, and although down in attendance from previous years, the 70 or so people who did attend had an amazing night, and we will definitely be repeating this annual event next year.

The sub-committee of The Council tasked with raising funds for the Old Chapel has worked extremely hard alongside that of the maintenance committee and we are grateful to all of them, and all those who have donated money for this cause. As you know, we reached our target which is fantastic and that has allowed Richard to put the job out to tender and we hope that building work will start next month. I am sure Richard will mention more about this in his report, but we are all grateful to him and the Maintenance committee for all their work on the fabric of the buildings throughout the year.

Our Stewardship Committee has continued to work well behind the scenes. Our Taize service in Unity Week was a huge success. Coffee after Mass continues to develop, although it must be said that more support from people in using this facility would not go amiss. We have held two meetings looking at the ministry of welcome and look forward to developing this vital ministry in the months ahead. The Parish Library is an amazing resource which we can all dip into, and I am sure they would welcome any number of new members!

The new SVP group has started to meet, and once the administration associated with setting this up is complete, along with CRB checks and so on, they will be in a position to start their valuable work in and around the parish.

In the last 5 years we have run two hugely successful pilgrimages to The Holy Land, and one to Rome and Assisi. We will continue this tradition later this year by travelling to Paris as is currently being advertised, and we hope to tour the sacred sites of Italy in the summer of 2017.

The spiritual and prayer life of the parish is, and must remain centre to our existence as a Catholic. The liturgies this year have been carried out with much thought, grace and reverence by all involved. We currently have some 1200 people attending Mass at the weekend, and weekday Masses continue to be very well supported, as is holy hour on Fridays.

The Sacramental Programs have been run well, and our thanks must go to all of the catechists involved. The First Holy Communion Programme this year had a record number of young people preparing to receive our Lord for the first time, there were 37 in the Confirmation course, and as always, it was a privilege for all present

at the Easter Vigil, to witness the climax to the journey of all those who had been part of the RCIA program for the last few months.

Our young people are a very important part of parish life, so let us thank all those who work with our young people. The Children's Liturgy goes from strength to strength and we are grateful to all those who run this group. Unfortunately, due to lack of support from young people and their parents, it was very sad that our Young People's Group, known as Odyssey, had to close its doors back in November after 8 years. This has left a hole going forwards for post confirmation age young people which is far from satisfactory, but it is where we are. However, we have arranged to take most of this year's confirmation group back to Whitstable, the Diocesan Youth Centre, for an Advent Retreat this November. The leaders of the Junior Youth Club for those in school years 7 and 8 must be congratulated for all they do. They, however, are not immune to the issues of recruitment either, and we really wish them every success in finding sufficient adults to help run this group as we do not want them to go the same way as Odyssey.

Our primary school is not only an important asset to the parish as a whole, it is an integral part of the triad which is so vital to the passing on of the faith to future generations: that of Church, Family and School. We wish the school, teachers, parents and children every success in all their ventures over the coming year.

Let us remember some of the many organisations in the parish who work tirelessly week in and week out for the good of our community: from those involved with the liturgies of the Church, the cleaners, flower arrangers, catechists, prayer groups, musicians, servers, welcomers, UCM, KSC, J&P, those working with the youth of the parish, the school, finance committees, maintenance committee, and everyone who helps in any way, large or small. OLI is a large organisation, so we are grateful to everyone for their contribution. We must also pay tribute to all those who have been instrumental in raising money this year in the Lenten Project and for all those who ran, and supported, the various events.

In the Roman Catholic Church, a parish is described as "*a stable community of the faithful within a Particular Church, whose pastoral care has been entrusted to a parish priest under the authority of the diocesan bishop.*" Of course, the parish priest is not expected to run the parish entirely on his own, but with the help and support of volunteers who take on many roles within the parish in order to make it tick. Whether a role takes many hours to fulfil, or a relatively short amount of time, it makes no difference: all are vital to the wellbeing, continuation, and indeed development of the parish as a stable community of, and for, the faithful. The good people who choose to give of their time do so voluntarily, and fit their work within the parish around employment, family life, children and so on: they work selflessly for the good of others, and we owe them all a massive vote of thanks for all that they do.

It is of course disappointing, therefore, that on occasions, some people within the parish, a minority of course, criticise others and cause upset by what they say and also by their actions. This is naturally quite hurtful to those on the receiving end when all they are doing is their best for others. It is not just our volunteers who sometimes receive this abuse, but also the clergy. We all have a responsibility to think before we criticise or attack others: we are a community, and should behave as such, and remember that those who are working for the good of the community are doing their best and sacrificing their own valuable time for the benefit of others.

Having talked about some of the various groups in the parish, and some of what is going on for the good of the parish community, and further afield, I cannot finish without mentioning the ordained ministers who work tirelessly for the good of the parish. Deacon Al does so much for the parishioners of the parish from visiting the sick and housebound, to preparing those for baptism and so on, and I know he is a great support to the clergy. We thank Al and Trudie for all that they do for us.

Fr Chris continues to hear confessions on Saturdays and we are grateful to him for that.

Fr Tom has now been a priest for nearly two years now and I am sure everyone would join me in saying what a privilege it has been to get to know him and share in the first years of his priestly ministry, and thank him for all that he does for us.

Fr Ed has been with us for almost a year now and has done a valiant job in what has been, at times, quite trying circumstances, whilst also trying to settle into his new home. I am sure I can speak on behalf of everyone here today in saying that we are truly grateful that he is with us in our parish, and we will continue to offer him our support throughout the next year as we continue to work together in building an even stronger community here in Tolworth for all of the faithful who make up this wonderful, vibrant, and diverse parish of ours.

Given by Andrew Richardson, Chairman of the Parish Council, at the AGM on 9th June 2015