



Parish News

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HEADTEACHER: Mr Tim Sheehan

I had a very Eucharistic time last weekend. On Saturday and Sunday we celebrated the parish First Holy Communion – a big congratulations to all our children. The Masses were very prayerful, and I feel this reflected the children's preparation.

On Sunday evening I spoke at an ecumenical gathering, where the topic for discussion was "Where we disagree – Holy Communion".

It was an interesting evening, four ministers from different communities spoke about their understanding of Holy Communion, then there was general discussion, followed by questions.

As you know, of course, the Catholic Church has very specific and thought through doctrine, spirituality and practice concerning Holy Communion. At Mass, through the working of the Holy Spirit and the actions and words of the priest, the bread and wine change substantially into the body and blood of Jesus (although the external appearances, taste and smell don't change). This is technically called 'Transubstantiation'.

On the altar, Jesus in the Eucharist offers himself to the Father for us. This is what he did on the cross, and in fact, what happened on the cross happens on the altar at every Mass. This is why the Mass is a sacrifice. When a Catholic receives Holy Communion, we are participating in the sacrifice of the cross. As St. Paul says (1 Cor. 11:26) "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

This is quite different to what other communities believe happen at their services. For some the service is a memorial meal, or others it is an image, a symbol of what Jesus did for us.

There were a variety of questions, some were concerned with where our doctrines can be found in the Bible. Of course, at that moment my mind went blank, so I'd like to thank Chris Ennis for reminding me, that Jesus says "I am the living bread which has come

down from heaven – for my body is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6: 41 onwards).

A lot of questions were concerned with why people from other communities may not receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.

For example, at the Methodist Church anyone, whether baptised as a Christian or not a person may receive Holy Communion, whereas at a Catholic Mass, only practicing Catholics may receive Holy Communion.

Of course Holy Communion is not a prize for the perfect (if it were, only Our Lady could receive), nor is it a right or a demand we can make.

Holy Communion does not appear out of nowhere, Holy Communion come from the sacrifice of the Mass, from the hands of the Catholic priest, within the confines of the physical Catholic Church.

All this shows that Holy Communion is not just "me and Jesus", a private spiritual experience. Holy Communion is a public expression that I believe in what happens at Mass, I believe in the Catholic priesthood, and the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. Which is why non-Catholics are asked to come and receive a blessing, as a more honest action within the Mass.

I would encourage you all to think about attending other Churches Together in Surbiton events. The search for truth and growth in holiness requires us to dialogue and converse with lots of different people. If this is done in truthfulness, charity, mutual respect and kindness, then we are all made better people by the encounter.

Fr. Tom Lynch

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 21st/22nd 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 (Ubold Family)
12.30pm	Baptisms:
6.00pm	Alexius Yap RIP (Catherine Yap)
12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
15th— 20th June 2015	
Mon 22nd SS John Fisher and Thomas More	
7.00am	Tom Simon (Simon Family)
9.30am	Delia Kelly RIP
Tues 23rd Feria	
9.30am	Maria Perera RIP (Mrs Pieris)
12.30pm	Funeral Mass for Mrs Bebe Laurent
Wed 24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist	
7.00am	Teresa Bromely - Special Intention (Sheridan Family)
9.30am	Michael and Ortanza Aletrari RIP (J. Tanousis)
Thurs 25th Feria	
7.00am	Maureen Davis - Special Intention (Sheridan Family)
9.30am	Daphnee Wilkinson RIP (U.C.M.)
Fri 26th Feria	
9.30am	Gladys Jacobs (Eileen Kaye)
Sat 27th Feria	
9.00am	Birthday (Amith Joy Philip)
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th 2015	
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (YEAR B)	
Sat 6.30pm	Mr and Mrs Hogan (Peter Hogan)
Sun 9.00am	People of the Parish
11.00am	Thanksgiving (Esme)
12.30pm	Baptisms: Christina Spiegel Lynch and Oscar Adamczyk
6.00pm	Bice and Wally Vella RIP (Manche Family)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK
Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm

Last Sunday's Collection £2579. 15
Catholic Trust for England and Wales £296. 00

Today— 2nd Collection is for Peter's Pence.
These offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

Introduction to Next Sunday's Readings:
Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
The gates of the underworld can never hold out against the Church built on the faith of the apostles Peter and Paul. As we celebrate their feast today, we ask the Lord to sustain us in our struggle.
First Reading Acts 12:1-11
Herod puts Peter in prison, but the Lord sends his angel to save Peter and set him free.
Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18
Paul trusts in the Lord to save him and bring him safely to his heavenly kingdom.
Gospel Matthew 16:13-19
The Lord will build his Church on the rock of Peter's faith, a Church unstoppable in its mission to build God's kingdom.

Died Recently -Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Bebe Laurent whose funeral takes place on Tuesday 23rd June at 12.30pm.
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, Christina Beyer, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hammerton, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Simon Munnery, Canon John Naughton, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Mary Taylor, 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)

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (27/28 June) – 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 continue to 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)

Parish Library

Parish Library will be opened at the weekend of 28/29 June after all Masses.

Coffee Morning

Today (Sunday) after the 9.00am Mass Coffee/Tea is our monthly coffee/tea morning. Please come and join us.

Fr Chris O'Brien

Fr. Chris wishes to inform the parishioners that he will be away until 24th June

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

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.

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.

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 TO PARIS:

As mentioned last week we still have three more places available on our Pilgrimage to Paris on the weekend of 30th October – 1st November. It would be good to have a full coach, if you are still thinking about it please contact Andrew Richardson on 0208 399 3466. Full details on parish website

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 pilgrimages, please speak to Canon Edward Perera, the Southwark Pilgrimage Director.

Richard Challoner Summer Fun Day 2015

Sunday 5th July from 12 noon to 4pm with the theme of the Rugby World Cup. Fun day activities, with music, refreshments and games for all the family.

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

Watch Sea Sunday video.

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Nathaniel@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Direct line: 020 7901 1937

We have moved. Our new address is; Apostleship of the Sea, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX

OLI Parish Picnic - Richard Challoner Sports Ground on 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

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

Job opportunities at CAFOD

Community Participation Co-ordinators— 1x permanent full time post and 1 x permanent part time (14 hours per week) working with volunteers in parish and school communities helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas in partnership with CAFOD. Closing date 10th July 2015. <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work->

The Friars, Aylesford

Pilgrimage & Day of Celebration for People with Differing Needs Sunday 5th July, 12.00 noon

5th Annual Pilgrimage of Faith 'n' Fun Saturday July 11 between 11am and 4.30pm.

For grandparents and their families No booking is necessary - bring a picnic. See poster on the church notice-board for more details

or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com
or telephone 020 8651 2477. All are welcome.

Day of Renewal

St George's Cathedral
Saturday 26th September 2015
9.45am—4.45pm
Keynote Speaker: Fr Stephen Wymer
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Eucharistic Healing Service
Testimony and Mass.

'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

Days With Mary July 2015

11th July at Our Lady & St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19
18th July at St Austin & St Gregory, Victoria Rd, Margate.

See notice board for details

Courses and Events organised by Centre for Catholic Formation

21 Tooting Bec Road, London, SW17 8BS
Tel: 020 8672 7684 Email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk
Website: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk
Bookshop: bookshop@ccftootingbec.org.uk

Spreading the Good News through Social Justice Saturday 4th July 2015 (10am-1pm)

with Fr Arbo Lekule and Terry Brown at St Francis de Sales, Stockwell, SW4 6SP

Forthcoming Events in 2015

Evangelisation Seminars

'Spreading the Good News in the Inner City'

Saturday 17 October

'Spreading the Good News in Family Life'

Saturday 31 October

CCRS Introductory Evening 7.30-8.00pm

CCF, Tooting Bec 15/9/15
Angelus Centre, Erith 17/9/15

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).

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*