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My dear people

The problem of Refugees and migrants and those fleeing their countries seeking safety and a better life due to war, violence and unrest and how they are being treated, keep opening before our eyes through the media. Whatever our views are we cannot deny and neither can we ignore the fact that each human life is precious and precious in the eyes of God.

On his way to Cuba to a question put to him, Pope Francis spoke of peace. He said, that, 'Today's world thirsts for peace. There are wars, immigrants who flee, this wave of immigration as a result of war, to escape from death and in search of life. Today I am happy as I was greeted at the door of St. Anna by one of the two families residing in the Vatican, in the parish of the same name. They are Syrian refugees. You can see the suffering in their faces. ... This word: peace. I thank you for all that you do in your work to build bridges: small bridges, but bridges nonetheless, that together all form the great bridge of peace'.

These words of Pope Francis reminded me of two songs— first, 'Love can build a bridge', sung by Cher, Chrissie Hynde and Neneh Cherry and second, 'Across the Bridge of Hope', sung by the Omagh Community Youth Choir. The text was written by a young boy who soon after, lost his life in a street shooting. So the poem became the voice of all children, victims in a world of war and violence and for the universal longing and hope for peace. ".....scatter the seeds of peace over our land, so we can travel, hand in hand, across the bridge of hope" (Shaun McLaughlin). What powerful words they are!

I think they are the words of all God's children, who are victims of war and violence today.

With these thoughts going through my mind I once again read one of my favourite Irish poets Seamus Heaney's 'The Cure at Troy'.

Human beings suffer,
They torture one another,
They get hurt and get hard.
No poem or play or song

Can fully right a wrong
Inflicted and endured.

History says, don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that further shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracle
And cures and healing wells.

Call miracle self-healing:
The utter, self-revealing
Double-take of feeling.
If there's fire on the mountain
Or lightning and storm
And a god speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing
The outcry and the birth-cry
Of new life at its term.
It means once in a lifetime
That justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.
(Seamus Heaney—*Opened Ground Poems 1966-1996*)

We pray, 'Lord make me an instrument of Peace.
But will I?'

God love you all.

Canon Edward Perera

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26th/27th September 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(YEAR B) Day of Prayer for Harvest

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9.00am Alfred Paul RIP (Antionette Krishna)
11.00am Joan Parker RIP Anniv. (Pat & Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** Jack William Ellis
Bertie Coll
6.00pm Doherty Family

**26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
28th September—3rd October 2015**

- Mon 28th Feria**
7.00am Roy Rogers (Pauline Rogers)
9.30am John Michael Burton RIP
Tues 29th SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
9.30am John Rothwell RIP and Family
(Manche Family)
Wed 30th Saint Jerome
9.30am Alphons Thambirajah
Thurs 1st Saint Therese of Child Jesus
9.30am John Walsh RIP (Mary Jo & Colin Walsh)
Fri 2nd The Holy Gaurdian Angels
9.30am Joseph Albert D'Silva
(Sofia & Valentina Medeiros)
Sat 3rd Feria
9.00am Paulose Veranat (Veranat Family)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 3rd/4th September 2015
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME (YEAR B) Rosary Sunday**

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9.00am Well being of Thomas (Roy Family)
11.00am Kathleen Connors
12.30pm **Baptisms:** Capocreco & Jemima Sen
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6.00pm Helena Romanczyk

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

Last Sunday's Collection £2195.-
Home Mission Collection £258.15p
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Today is Parish Annual Harvest Day

Thank you for your generous harvest gifts of non-perishable food. The food collected will be distributed to the centres the parish supports.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day—Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast day. The theme chosen by CAFOD is 'Give what you can this Harvest Fast Day to grow a bright future for the people living in the world's poorest countries'. As Chris Bain, the Director wrote, 'as we give thanks for the abundance God provides for us all, we also remember that our brothers and sisters in the world's poorest countries will not be able to feed themselves today and tomorrow'. CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes and prayer cards are available at the back of the church. Harvest Fast Day collection will be made next weekend after all the masses.

Next Sunday's Readings—

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

The world in all its teeming variety comes from God who is above all created things and yet sustains all in divine love.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

From the depth of the Trinity's love, God shares our humanity, even in suffering and death, so that we can be truly God's children.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

We often fail in love through weakness and sin, and so we have to make up ways of dealing with what goes wrong. But deep in creation lies God's plan for us to share, in our very bodies, in God's creative love.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. Remember also all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, we remember especially those within our own parish family: Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Joan Bulley, Jim Creighan, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hamerton, Roisin Loftus, Simon Munnery, Allen Phillips, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. Next meeting 30th Septberat 7.30pm. **Junior SVP** will meet at 6.30pm.

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

St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel
Every 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). No meeting until further notice in October

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room). **Library reopens** this weekend 26/27 September. Could you please bring back your books.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet the first and third Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the church hall as from September until further notice.

Knights of St Colomba every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.

Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass in the RDJ room.

SACRAMENTS and LITURGY

Baptisms in the Parish

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 parish hall. **Please speak to the priests first and then register for the sessions as early as possible. We now register for the December sessions and places are very limited.** 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. No dates for baptism can be arranged until both preparation sessions are completed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

All those who want to be in full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) go through the process of RCIA. We begin on Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm in the presbytery. It is also for those adults who have been baptised and not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

RCIA is also known as the journey of faith. All those who have inquired and shown the interest to be received into the Catholic Church are invited

to come on the 14th October.

First Holy Communion 2016

Next parents meeting is on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

Children's Liturgy Group (Sunday 9am Mass)

If your child is between 4 and 8 years (until First Holy Communion) please encourage him/her to come along. Its lots of fun! If your child is not already registered for the Children's Liturgy Group, a Registration Form can be obtained from one of the Children's Liturgy Group leaders or the Parish website (www.olionline.co.uk).

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You

My sincere thanks to all those who came along last Saturday, representing different groups in the parish for the meeting with Bishop Paul as he made his parish visitation. I know Bishop Paul had a good understanding of the parish and its activities having met you all. It was also a very good opportunity for the Bishop to meet with me and to discuss the matters. He will send his report in the near future.

OLI JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

If you are in school years 7 and 8 and OLI is your parish, then you are invited to come along to the Junior Youth Club which meets once a month in term time. Dates for the term are: Fridays: 9 October, 6 November, 4 December and we meet in the parish hall from 7.15-8.45pm.

Parents will need to complete a membership form and membership costs £5.00 for the term, or we have a limited number of guest spaces at £1.50 per session. Forms can be downloaded from the OLI website – www.olionline.co.uk – under Parish Groups. You can either hand completed forms into the Parish Presbytery (in an envelope marked Junior Youth Club) or bring them along to the first session.

It's a great time to catch up with friends and we have a table tennis table, table football, snooker, a karaoke machine, various table top games and a tuck shop.

Pilgrimage to Paris -There will be a briefing meeting for those going

on the Parish Pilgrimage to Paris on Friday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Fr Tom's Farewell Presentation

We invite Fr Tom Lynch back to Our Lady Immaculate on 13th November at 7.30pm to give thanks for his ministry and the presentation. Please send your donation/contribution towards the presentation to the presbytery in an envelope marked 'Fr Tom's Presentation'.

The National Pilgrimage Image of Our Lady of Fatima with the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco

will visit different parishes in the Archdiocese of Southwark in preparation for the centenary celebration of Our Lady's apparitions in May 2017 at St. George's Cathedral.

The Pilgrim Statue and the Relics will be received into our parish on Saturday 10th October

and will remain till the evening of Tuesday 13th October. A full programme of prayer events are planned including the consecration of the parish and the families to Mary our Mother.

Detailed programme will be published next weekend.

SVP Awareness Month

This is the last week of Awareness Month so we ask, Happy Families?

lies?



Some families simply cannot pay the bills, others are going to bed hungry or resorting to food banks for emergency help. Some individuals find themselves alone without a family member to turn to. Yes, here

in Tolworth.

Your SVP group here in Our Lady Immaculate befriends families and individuals in need and are inspired by Christ's message 'love thy neighbour as your self'.

If you would like a visit from a member of the OLI SVP or if you know someone who you think would like a visit then please pass the details to Fr Edward. If you want to find out more about your St Vincent de Paul group you are most welcome to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 30th September or join us at our coffee morning after the 9:00 Mass on the third Sunday of every month.

Youth SVP

Many thanks for the young people who came along for the introductory meeting on the 16th September. The group will meet again on the 30th September at 6.30pm in RDJ room.

Concert for LIFE

You are invited to join John Stratford, tenor, and Michael Bevan, pianist, for a concert in the parish hall after the evening Mass on Saturday October 3rd, 7.30—8.30pm. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Admission is free. There will be a collection for LIFE after the performance. Programmes are available after masses this weekend. We look forward to seeing you on the night. LIFE is a national charity helping women in crisis pregnancies to keep their babies.

House of Prayer

35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB

Poetry Workshop: The Stillness of Well Waters

Led by Helen Overell

Saturday, 10 October: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

This creative space provides a touchstone for ideas and gives an opportunity to put words on the page. The writing exercises are both individual and collaborative with opportunities for sharing.

Cost: £20. Please bring packed lunch.

Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail:

houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

Evenings of Faith: 'God and Our Environment'

All are welcome to the forthcoming series of 'Evenings of Faith' on the theme 'God and Our Environment'. The series takes place on selected Tuesdays at 7:30pm from 29th September 2015. The venue is the Back Room, Parish House, St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London, W2 5DJ (Tube: Bayswater). Talks are organised by the Faith Movement and full details and titles are at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith

Friends of the Holy Land

Hear how FHL is helping our fellow Christians in the Holy Land. Regional Gathering 2015 - Saturday 10th October 10.30am - 4.00pm at Our Lady & St Anne Parish Centre, South View Avenue, Reading, RG4 5AB

Everyone welcome, free with lunch provided. Please book as soon as possible by calling 01926 512980 or friendsoftheholyland@btconnect.com

31st National Annual Rosary Crusade of Reparation—Saturday 10th October 2015. Assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral. See notices for details.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

The annual "Two Cathedrals" Procession of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd, starting at 1.30pm at Westminster Cathedral, finishing with Benediction at St George's Cathedral, Southark. All are welcome. This event began as a thanksgiving for the State Visit of Pope Benedict XVI and has grown in size and popularity - everyone is invited to come and join in.

Centre for Catholic Formation Events

21 Tooting Bec Road, London, SW17 8BS

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Evangelisation Seminars

'Spreading the Good News in the Inner City'

Saturday 17 October at CCF, Tooting

'Spreading the Good News in Family Life'

Saturday 31 October at CCF, Tooting

Enhancement Makaton Workshop

A 3 day course on Fridays 9, 16 & 23 October
9.30am to 4.30pm. Cost: £145 at CCF, Tooting

Dementia and Disability At the heart of the Church

A day of study and reflection

Saturday 10th October 2—5.30pm

at St Joseph's, Bromley, 1 Plaistow Lane, BR1 2PR

Courses for New and Potential Catechists

Input and discussion on: Sacraments, RCIA, Liturgy, prayer, safeguarding advice and practical guidance on working with adults and children

Time: Thursdays 7 for 7.30pm—9pm

Cost: £5 per session or £15 for all sessions

Venues: CCF Tooting Bec on 1, 8, 15, 22 October

St John Fisher, Bexley, DA5 1Ap on 15, 22, 29 Oct & 5 Nov

SCHOOLS

Holy Cross School

Open Evening Monday 28th September 5.30pm—8.00pm.

Richard Challoner School

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 1st October at 7.00pm, and, Year 7 Open Evening on Thursday 8th October at 6.00pm

St. Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Sixth Form Open Evening Tuesday 6th October 2015, 6.00pm—8.00pm