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My dear People

If I get the opportunity I like to watch the gardening programme on a Friday evening presented by Monty Don. Last Friday's programme showed the beautiful colours of leaves in the garden. As we travel around, the immersing vibrant autumn colours we see are stunning. The wonder of God's creation!! Well, if I can change the words of an old television programme, 'Through the Keyhole' *'David, who could live in a house like this?'* to 'who could create a world like this?' only God is the honest answer.

As we enjoy these wonderful, vibrant colours of autumn, and as the clocks go back this weekend, and the half term begins, the month of October is almost over, and, we begin the Autumn's Sacred Triduum.

When we think about the Sacred Triduum, our minds are automatically directed towards the Easter Season, the paschal Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The Paschal Triduum is the core and centre of all our liturgical celebrations. It is God's wonderful plan and answer for our salvation by the passion, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the same time there is another sacred Triduum in our liturgical year which we will celebrate next weekend, though we rarely call it so, namely, Hallowed eve, All Saints and All Souls.

The night before all saints is now commonly known as Halloween. It was the Holy Eve or Hallowed Eve. Unfortunately Hallowed Eve, the Holy Eve, has been hijacked by the commercial and pagan tradition. Among the Celts 31st October was a sacred day. The Eve of all Hallows is a public proclamation that Jesus Christ has hallowed, all human life. The scariest thing of 'halloween' may not be that we hide away from 'trick or treat'

and scary costumes, but perhaps our failure to recognise, embrace and live the reign of God as the saints did and whose lives we remember on 1st November.

All Saints is your feast and my feast. Let us wish and greet each other a very happy feast day. Bishop Fulton Sheen speaking about All Saints Day, said, that there is only one sadness in this world, and that is not becoming saints. We are all called to be saints. On this day with grateful thanks we recognise all those holy people, what they did and what they continue to do for us now as we seek their intercession. On this day we gaze at our big TV screen the sky, in the words of John in the Book of Revelation— "I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue"(Rv.7/9)

In November we see the vegetation dying. As Monty Don showed how to cut and prune some trees and shrubs so they will blossom in the Spring, on All Souls Day we remember that 'for those who believe in the Resurrection, death is not the end. For the faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended.' We pray that those who have gone before us, who shared their lives with us will now share in the eternal life of God.

Happy autumn triduum to you all.

God love you all.

Canon Edward Perera

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 24th/25th October 2015
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Sat 6.30pm Peter and Joseph Campbell RIP
(Maria Campbell)
Sun 9.00am Special Intention (Alastair)
11.00am Cyril Bradley
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm People of the Parish

**30th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
26th October – 31st November 2015**

Mon 26th Feria
9.30am Julie Hackett
Tues 27th Feria
9.30am Mary Callaghan
Wed 28th Saints Simon and Jude
9.30am Don and Rosemary Hancock and Family
(Anne and Charlie Halligan)
Thurs 29th Feria
9.30am Edward Tyler
11.00am **Funeral Mass for John Doyle**
Fri 30th Feria
9.30am Holy Souls
Sat 31st Feria
9.00am Cesare and Lina Cavazzi (Maria O'Connor)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 31st Oct/1st November 2015
ALL SAINTS (B)**

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9.00am Alexander Bakusov (Viegas Family)
11.00am Josephine Bull (Choir)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm Vivian Johnson (Heather Trutwein)

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

Readings for next Sunday - All Saints

First Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

Psalm: 23:1-6. R/v6

Second Reading: John 3:1-3

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Last Sunday's Collection £1781.97
Today is World Mission Day £308.40
Thank you for your continued generosity.

CAFOD has sent a letter of thanks for your Harvest Fast Day Collection. Your gift means that communities in Niger can learn how to grow crops despite living in the most difficult conditions and malnourished mothers and babies are able to have medicines and food.

Fr Tom's Farewell and Presentation is on
13th November at 7.30pm. Please send your donation/
contribution towards the presentation to the presbytery
in an envelope marked 'Fr Tom's Presentation'.

DEATH

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Doyle who died last week and whose funeral is next Thursday, 29th October, at 11am. May he rest in the peace and love of the Lord.

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, Jim Creighan, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hammerton, Jan Lightly, 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 28th October at 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).

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room). **The Library will be open after masses this weekend 24th/25th October.**

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.

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 com-

pleted 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. 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.

It is also for those adults who have been baptised and not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next session is on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm in the presbytery.

First Holy Communion 2016

Next parents meeting is on Monday 16th November at 7.45pm in the parish hall. The children next meet on Saturday 21st November at 10.30am.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 44 years. The aim of the project is give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fund raising for projects in the developing world.

The Lenten Project AGM will be on Sunday 29th November at 7.00pm in The Church Hall. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2016. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A CHARITY:

1. Charity or organisation needs to be based in the developing world
 2. Direct help – we looking for small charities/ organisations rather than large established charities - no intermediate organisations or government agencies
 3. Christian based
 4. Confidence in the recipient – we need to know that the money will be going directly to the charity
 5. Value for money – small and professionally run charity/organisation in the third world
 6. Organisations that have small overheads – we want to make sure that our money will make a real difference
 7. Only one charity will be supported per country per year
- Only four charities will be supported per year

If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2016 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: <http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/>

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

Once you have completed the form please either email it to info@olionline.co.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Autumn 2015

OCTOBER

Wed 28th 6.30pm RCIA

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd 6.30pm RCIA

Fri 6th 7.15pm OLI Junior Youth Club

Sat 7th 10.00am SVP Training / Induction Day

Tues 10th 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed 11th 8.00pm Liturgy Meeting

Fri 13th 7.30pm Fr Tom's Farewell / Presentation

Mon 16th 7.45pm First Communion Parents Mtg

Sat 21st 10.30am First Communion Preparation

Mon 23rd 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sun 29th 7.00pm Lenten Project AGM

DECEMBER

Tues 1st 8.00pm Liturgy Meeting

Mon 7th 8.00pm Stewardship Meeting

Sat 12th 10.30-3pm Day with David Wells—Mercy and Compassion of God.

Sat/ Sun 12th/ 13th First Communion Children's Enrolment at all Masses this weekend

Sat 19th 5.00pm Carol Service

Mon 21st 7.30pm Penitential Service

PARISH EVENTS for JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY 8 December 2015–20 November 2016

The first event is on Saturday 12th December, (10.30am - 3.30pm). A day of reflection on the theme, **'The Mercy of God in the light of Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)**. Our guest speaker is David Wells, writer and international speaker. This day is open to all. Please keep the day free. A detailed programme of the day will be available soon.

Day of Recollection

The second event will be the Day of Recollection especially for all the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and the Catechists. The day will be led by Bishop Patrick Lynch ssc the Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark on Saturday 20th February starting at 10.30am. The theme for the day is 'Mercy of God in the New Testament'. The day will end with a Penitential Service led by Bishop Pat Lynch.

Passion of Christ in Art

After a wonderful evening on the

paintings of Caravaggio Fr Geoffrey Wheaton will be back with us to lead a reflection on the Passion of Christ in Art on Saturday 12th March at 7.45pm in the parish hall.

DEANERY /DIOCESAN AND OTHER EVENTS

A Day With Mary

St Anselm's Church, Balham High Road, SW17 on Saturday 7th November 2015. See notice board for details.

Refugee Action Kingston - CAN YOU SPARE?

Clothes (all ages), baby equipment, children's books, non-electrical household items and toys for refugee and asylum-seeking families in the borough of Kingston. Donations can be dropped to Piper Hall, Piper Road, Kingston, KT1 3EX on Monday 26th October between 9.30am and 10.30am. We kindly ask that donations are clean, safe and in good condition. Contact: 020 8547 0115

A Night Under the Stars - 'Fairest Isle' Organised in aid of The Passage

Tuesday 27th October 2015. 7.30pm at the Royal Festival Hall. Concert tickets range from £12–£60. Pre-Concert Reception: £30. Post-Concert Gala £70. Booking: 020 7592 1856 or www.anightunderthestars.co.uk

MOT your Marriage

An invitation to MOT and celebrate your marriage on Saturday 7th November at St Teresa's Church Hall, Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8TX from 9.45am–4.30pm. £25 per couple (suggested donation). Booking essential. Bring packed lunch. Contact Rev Ray & Elizabeth Partridge 01303 873835 mflkent@gmail.com or pick up a flyer/registration form from the back of church.

World Youth Day—23rd July—1st August 2016

Join Pope Francis and young people from across the globe in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day. Open to all aged 18-30. The Southwark Catholic Youth Service are organising the diocesan pilgrimage led by Archbishop Peter. Book early (by 11th December). Start fundraising now! Contact: info@scys.org.uk or call 01227 722900 for more information. Booking form www.scys.org.uk/wyd

Samuel Groups - Apply now to take part

Samuel Groups are discernment groups for young adults (18-30s) who are open to listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice in their lives. This year groups will meet in Central, North, West and South West London. After a launch afternoon in Kensington on the afternoon of Sunday 8th November, participants will meet in local groups from Advent to Pentecost. For more information or to request an application form visit ukvocation.org/Samuel or email Samuel@ukvocation.org or phone 07503241127

Annual Faith and Spirituality Lecture From Cross to Crescent The Future of Religion in the UK

Ben Ryan from think-tank THEOS will examine the current trends shaping the religious. 6.00-7-15pm Wednesday 18th November 2015. Light refreshments at 5.30pm. Penrhyn Road, Campus, Kingston University: John Galsworthy Building Rm JG0001. This is a public event and all are welcome.

Can you help prisoners & their families?

You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) work in several prisons across London and rely heavily on volunteers to help those in need. **Saturday 14th November 10.00am – 2.30pm**

Westminster Cathedral Hall

For more information contact: prisonweek2015@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 020 3031 6953

Centre for Catholic Formation Events

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

Evangelisation Seminar

"Spreading the Good News in Family Life"
Saturday 31 October at CCF, Tooting

VACANCIES

Education Commission of the Diocese has the following vacancies—Religious Education & Spirituality Administrator & Standards Administrator. See Notice Board for details

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is seeking a Corporate Fundraising Officer to join its team in London. AoS is the Catholic Church's charity that provides welfare and faith support to seafarers around the world. The financial support of shipping companies is vital in allowing this to continue. For more information see www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/About-Us/Recruitment/Fundraising-Officer