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My dear People

We human beings are always on a mission of discovery—in fields of science, technology, arts or natural world. We thank God for this wonderful gift of knowledge given to us. The world of Science and Space was very much in news this week.

Last Monday NASA's spacecraft New Horizons, launched in January 2006, having travelled nearly three billion miles through space passed the planet Pluto. Sharpest images of the planet Pluto were transmitted to the earth from the New Horizons probe. The ashes of Clyde Tombaugh, the man who discovered Pluto, were on board the spacecraft. When Clyde Tombaugh made the discovery of the ninth planet way back in February 1930, it was seen as just a spec of light in the solar system. From the pictures sent to the earth, at the base of the 'heart', is a surface unscarred by craters and full of mountains 11,000 feet high and made of ice. What a wonderful discovery!, and I am sure we will come to know more about it as the scientists look into and study the images in detail.

Just as human beings journey to discover so many things and places, in our spiritual journey there is another place we very seldom journey to, and, to make the greatest discovery. It is the journey to the very core of our hearts. Jesus has shown us that the real holy place is the human heart and this is the place worth discovering, for it is there we will find God. It is said that when we journey to the very core of our hearts we will experience the presence of God— the God who is loving, compassionate and merciful. Imagine if we all make that journey and discover the presence of God, the living God! What a discovery it would be, and, how different our lives would be! Henry Nouwen, one of my the great spiritual masters said, "...there is a space within us where God dwells and where we are invited to

dwell with God. Once we come to know that inner, holy place, a place more beautiful and precious than any place we can travel to, we want to be there and spiritually fed' (Here and Now: Living in the present, section5). This is my prayer and hope and wish.

The schools will break this week—some have already—for the summer holidays and many of you will be going away for a well earned rest. At the same time there will be many others who will stay at home for that well earned rest. Whether you go away or stay at home I wish you all a restful time and enjoy the break. But, and here comes the But!, but please do not forget God, Sunday Mass and Prayer. Do please make every effort to attend Mass on Sundays during your holidays where ever you may be. Remember God does not take a holiday from us, and, imagine if God took a holiday from us what will our lives be! Was there a scene about it in the film 'Bruce Almighty'?

Thank you for all your support and help, and especially your prayers over the year. I am almost coming to the end of my first year here in Tolworth and the summer holidays be a time for me to do a spiritual stock-taking so that we can work together, pray together so that we become good stewards of God's gifts and blessings.

God love you all.

Canon Edward Perera

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th July 2015
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B)**

Sat 6.30pm Mr & Mrs A Reed Elkington
(Rosie Elborough)
Sun 9.00am Eddie and Mary Ryan and Family
(Rosemary Durkin)
11.00am Ron Frost (Rose and Dave)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms this week
6.00pm People of the Parish

**16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
20th July— 25th July 2015**

Mon 20th Feria
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Kathleen Connoly (Michael McDonagh)
Tues 21st Feria
9.30am Alexius Yap RIP (Catherine Yap)
7.00pm Anniversary Mass for UCM
Wed 22nd Saint Mary Magdalene
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Holy Souls
Thurs 23rd Saint Bridget
7.00am Holy Souls
9.30am Holy Souls
Fri 24th Feria
9.30am Holy Souls
Sat 25th Saint James
9.00am Holy Souls

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th/26th July 2015
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B) Day of Prayer for Human Life**

Sat 6.30pm Thomas Loh RIP (Catherine Yap)
Sun 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Ann Deasy (Cummins Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms this week
6.00pm Wellbeing of Joan Frost

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

Last Sunday's Collection £2008. 47
Apostleship of the Sea £391. 00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**NEXT SUNDAY is Day of Prayer for Human Life
and there is a 2nd Collection.**

This is the Day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. The proceeds from the Day of Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare ethics), and so assist other life related activities supported by the church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

See next page for important information regarding the forthcoming Assisted Suicide/Dying Bill.

**Next Sunday's Readings— 17th Sunday
Introduction**

On a hillside by the Sea of Galilee a small boy offers five barley loaves and two fish. With these Jesus feeds the multitude of people gathered there. It is a sign both of the Eucharist and of the kingdom of heaven.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

By multiplying the loaves, Elisha shows that he is a prophet like Moses, through whom God fed the people in the desert.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul stresses that the gifts that unite us in Christ are to be activated in love for one another.

Gospel John 6:1-15

In his account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes John alludes symbolically to the Eucharist

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, 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 22nd July 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)

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

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.

Assisted Suicide or so called Assisted Dying Bill (sponsored by Rob Marris MP)

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

Also found at the back of the church are notes on frequently asked questions about the law and ethics of assisting suicide in the light of Catholic teaching, and a draft letter to the M.P.

Funeral

The funeral of Helen Boyd will be on Friday 24th July at Our Lady Immaculate.

Children's Liturgy Group (Sunday 9am Mass)

Many thanks to all parents and children for your support for the Children's Liturgy Group this school year. After this weekend (Sunday 9 am Mass), we are on summer holiday until Sunday 6th September. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back then.

**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 **parish hall**. Our Tolworth Foundation was started in 1945. We invite all past members to keep this date free to join us this evening. Could members please bring finger food to the Parish hall before Mass. Please remember to bring our UCM Prayer to Mass.

Repository

The repository will be closed now until September. Any enquiries please contact Pat Buchanan on 8399 2300.

First Holy Communion 2016

Many parents have asked about First Holy Communion preparation for 2016. There will be a meeting of all parents of First Holy Communicants of 2016 on Monday 7th September at 8pm in the Parish hall. Details of the programme and the registration forms will be available on that evening. All parents are of the First Holy Communicants are invited for this meeting.

Paintings of Caravaggio

We are delighted to welcome Fr Geoffrey Wheaton who will give us a talk with slides of Caravaggio paintings on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Fr Geoffrey is an expert on Caravaggio paintings and it is a privilege to have him with us. Please keep the evening free and invite your friends.

OLI OLD CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT

The long awaited renovation work on our beautiful, historic Old Chapel is scheduled to commence in the week beginning 20th July. Many thanks again to all of you who donated to our £70,000 appeal. Without your amazing generosity, the work could not have proceeded.

The refurbishment work is estimated to take at least 6 months and therefore, it will not be possible for any Parish Groups to use the Old Chapel until early 2016. Could all those Parish Groups, who currently have items stored in the Old Chapel, please remove them before the week beginning 20th July? While the refurbishment work is being undertaken, hoardings will be put up around the building site; however parents should ensure that their children are kept well away from the hoardings. Parking will be restricted, more about that next week. We are all looking forward to having our Old Chapel updated and repaired, so that it can once again become a wonderful social venue for all parishioners to enjoy.

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.

Bible Study

Bible study on Tuesday 21st July 10.15am in RDJ Room

Parish Library on Weekend 25/26 July.

THE WAY FORWARD

You are invited to an open meeting to explore the future of Justice & Peace in the Diocese, taking place from 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 July in Amigo Hall, alongside St George's Cathedral. The Steering Group of our Commission for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation wants to hear about the ways in which people find out about the Church's social teaching and take action against injustice. How can these initiatives best be supported and shared with others? We hope that this event helps us to renew priorities and consider new ways of working. ALL ARE WELCOME!

"EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2015 (Sharing the Catholic Faith in the Modern World). 31 July – 2 August 2015. Registration is open for the eighth Evangelium weekend residential conference at the Oratory School, near Reading, on the theme of explaining the Catholic faith in the modern world. The conference is intended especially for young Catholics age 18 – 35. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, and the event is also sponsored by the Catholic Truth Society. For further information, see www.evangelium.co.uk; or contact evangeliumproject@gmail.com; or call 01834 812643."

'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
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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>

St Mary's University, Twickenham MA Theology

This popular MA is taught on weekday evenings, either full or part-time, and has been successfully completed by students from a wide range of backgrounds (including those with no previous formal qualifications in theology) Pathways available in: Systematic Theology, Christian Spirituality, and Chaplaincy and Ministry. Course fees for students beginning September 2015 are £4,500; part-time students can spread the cost over 2 or 3 years. Visit website www.stmarys.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses-london/ma-in-theology or email: stephen.bullivant@stmarys.ac.uk or phone 020 8240 4185

"DEMENTIA SUPPORT DROP-IN SESSIONS. If you are caring for someone with dementia or affected by this condition in any way, why not join us to chat and share experiences. These will be held on 16 July, 13 August and 10 September at 11.00, in Cafe York, St William of York Catholic Church, 4 Brockley Park, London SE23 1PS. Tea and coffee will be served"

Days With Mary July 2015

25th July at St Joseph's, Roehampton Lane, SW15
8th August at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth
See notice board for details

FOODBANK – CAN YOU HELP?

As you know, we collect for Kingston Foodbank once a month (on the last weekend of the month). A small team has been doing this over the last few years, but we need some extra helpers to join the team if you feel this is something you would like to do. The Foodbank really does make a difference to so many people who find themselves in need in our borough and it's a great way of us being able to be part of such a valuable lifeline. All it entails is arriving 15 minutes early for one of the masses on our collection weekend, collecting up the food donated and taking it to the Big Yellow Store along the slip road of the A3 near Hook.

If you would like to help please drop a note into the Presbytery giving your name, phone number and email address (please write all of these clearly) and one of the team will contact you.

Many thanks. Helen Emmett, Ania Godbold, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver
OLI Foodbank Coordinators

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (25/26 July) – 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

Forthcoming Events organised by Centre for Catholic Formation

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Tel: 020 8672 7684 Email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk
Website: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk
Bookshop: bookshop@ccftootingbec.org.uk

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

Day of Renewal

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