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Parish Newsletter

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17th/18th December 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

- Sat 6.30pm** McDonagh Family
Sun 9.00am Thulasi Patheerathan
11.00am Edward & Gerard - Thanksgiving (Anne Sheridan)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm People of the Parish

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

19th– 24th December 2016

- Mon 19th** **Feria**
9.30am Hutchinson Family (Rita Lee)
Tues 20th **Feria**
9.30am Welfare of Anthony Durkin (Rosemary Durkin)
Wed 21st **Feria**
9.30am Alexius Yap (Catherine Yap)
Thurs 22nd **Feria**
9.30am Geraldine McDermott
Fri 23rd **Feria**
9.30am James & Susan Walsh RIP (Jacintha Dunseath)
Sat 24th **CHRISTMAS EVE**
9.00am Margaret Hague (G. Hague)
6.00pm **Vigil Mass**
Freda Cantwell & John Walsh (Jacintha Dunseath)
11.30pm **Carols followed by Midnight Mass**
Bill and Margaret Hooper
Sun 25th **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
8.00am Stuart Dunseath (Jacintha Dunseath)
9.15am People of the Parish
11.00am Joseph Hackett

NO EVENING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm

NEW YEAR WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 31st December

6.30pm Mass. 10.00pm Holy 1/2 Hour. 10.30pm Mass

Sunday 1st January

8.00am Mass. 9.00am Mass. 11.00am Mass.

No Evening Mass

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. We 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, especially those within our own parish community:

Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Mary Burrows, Jim Creighan, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Jenny Elbourough, Robert Estall, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Fr David Hutton, John Keane, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Genny Santhirasagarum, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. **Next meeting: Thursday 22nd December.** To contact SVP please ring **07427922420**. **Junior SVP** meets 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 fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.

Library: last weekend of the month - after Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9am Masses.

Union of Catholic Mothers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8pm.

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

Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass.

Afternoon for Adults meets 2-4pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month, in RDJ room.

The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity meet in the Pastoral Centre on 3rd Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Last Sunday's Collection: £ 1473.25
Thank you for your continued generosity.

SACRAMENTS and LITURGY

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the two Baptism Preparation Sessions held on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month (except in of August) between

10.00am – 11.00am in the parish hall.
Please speak to the priests first and register as early as possible.

RCIA - continues 19th December at 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '17

Next meeting for First Holy Communion parents is on Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the parish hall.
Next Preparation for Children is on Saturday 14th January at 10.30am.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You

Many thanks to all that donated to the Toy Sunday Appeal. Your generosity was simply overwhelming, and your gifts and kindness will brighten the smiles of many local children this Christmas. Thank You for bringing the spirit of Christmas to the hearts and homes of families in Kingston and for showing how much you care. It is very much appreciated.
George Hoskins and Heather Mathew.

C.A.F.E. Group Closure

It is with considerable regret that the C.A.F.E. Group are announcing their closure. For more than 25 years the group have done as much as possible to provide a welcome to new parishioners as well as ones already living in the parish. We have also tried to help anyone in need of our assistance in practical ways, such as shopping, cooking, laundering, cleaning and baby-sitting. A great many social events have taken place in the Old Chapel during our meetings. Outings have also been arranged by us. For quite some time, however, we have been suffering from a lack of support with numbers attending dropping from about 40 to 4. We now feel we are no longer fulfilling any purpose within the parish community.

Our last meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st December and all remaining funds will donated to a charity called Sightsavers.

Thank you. Bernadette Brooks

Parish Library

There will be no Library next weekend as it is Christmas. Next opening 28-29 January.

New Rotas

New rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are now on our parish website.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th December at 8pm in the Old Chapel. We will have our Advent Celebration for our members and husbands and friends. Please can you bring finger food. Thank you

Denis McBride

We are delighted to say that Fr Denis McBride will be with us again on Saturday 11th March 2017. He will lead the day on the Passion Narratives. This will also be our Annual Day of Recollection for the Eucharistic Ministers. As Eucharistic Ministers you are expected to attend a Day of Recollection each year, please keep this day free to attend. This day is also open to all parishioners.

Novenas to Saint Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony each Tuesday after morning mass and at 6.30pm. **(next Tuesday 20th December there will be no Novena Prayers in the evening)**
Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

“Help Needed for all Christmas Masses — Volunteers are needed for all our Christmas Masses i.e. 6.00 pm Christmas Eve, Midnight, 8.00 am, 9.15 am and 11.00 am on Christmas Day. We need Altar Servers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can and thank you in advance for your assistance.
Jacques Lambert Parish Master of Ceremonies.”

The St Vincent de Paul Society have launched their Christmas Time Appeal.

Although they always need and welcome financial donations, they're also asking parishioners to give a little of their time to help others by joining our parish SVP group. As you plan your Christmas celebrations, spare a



thought for those who dread the festival season. For many it's a time of profound loneliness and solitude, while for others it means not being able to afford the family presents or delicious food that the rest of us take for granted. But giving a little of your

time or money (or both) to help those in need could transform someone's bleak Christmas. It might be the best gift you've ever given.

To find out more please contact a member of your parish SVP group.

9am Music Group

Would you like to join our music group for the 9am mass?

We are always looking for new members. Singers / instrumentalists - all welcome! Please email Radka:

radka1.weedon@btopenworld.com

♪ ♪ Singing is good for you! ♪ ♪

Come and sing with our choir at the 11am Sunday Masses. More details from Rosemary (07557057083) or Mary (020 8399 8013)

We are also looking for a competent pianist who would be interested in learning to play the organ.

Southwark Directories 2017

These are now available from the repository. Cost: £3 standard issue.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”
(Henri Nouwen)

The Lenten Project AGM was held on Sunday 27th November 2016. At this meeting the charities, which the Parish will be supporting for Lent 2017, were chosen. There was a discussion regarding all projects nominated and information circulated. As always, it is difficult to choose between such worthwhile causes. A vote was taken and the 4 Charities with the most votes were:

Syrian Refugees in Jordan – This Charity was set up in 1989 by an Irish priest, Fr Kevin Doheny. The project is run by the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation and the Comboni Sisters. They run two hospitals in Amman and Karak, known as the Italian Hospitals. The Sisters provide essential medical care to the refugees.

Clergy Support Fund – The number of priests in the Diocese retired from active ministry has risen over recent years and is expected to be 93 such priests by 2018. In the past many of these priests were looked after in Convents by Nuns but with their demise the Diocese is having to draw on central reserves to continue to support its aims to provide each of these priests with adequate heated accommodation and some pocket money. The Campaign is one way for us to give thanks for their ministry over many years and that when they fall sick, funds are available to care for them.

M-Care Charity South Africa - Mpumalanga Catholic Aids Response was set up in 2005 by Fr Gerald Gostling mainly to care for the children and others suffering from AIDS. They were cared for when sick, helped to die in peace and were buried. Any orphans left behind with no home, were taken in. As the mortality rate from AIDS has now improved, due to education and medication, the Charity now takes in other vulnerable children.

St Joseph's Boys Hostel – Following the War in Sri Lanka the numbers of young people unable to pay for their education rose substantially. The Rector of St Henry's College set up an Association to help make up the shortfall in the costs to the students. 25 boys have been turned away this year as they could not afford the fees. Currently the hostel has 104 boys who cannot afford the fees.

If you would like to organise or participate in an event during lent 2017 please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.

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YOUTH 2000—Greater/Things
New Year Retreat for 16-35 year olds from 29th December—1st January. Nye— London. A time to renew your faith and make friends with other like-minded Catholics. Details from: 01328 821153 Info@Youth2000.org or www.Youth2000.org
Please see notice board.

CYMFED Flame
Flame National Youth Event for school year 10+ taking place on 11th March 2017 at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Music from Matt Redman. Please see poster for details. Bookings at: cymfed.or.uk/flame2017

Marriage Preparation Facilitators, Head of Centre and a Publicity Officer needed!
Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales. We are looking for **Marriage Preparation Facilitators**, a **Head of Centre** and a **Publicity Officer** to volunteer with us at our South West London centre, and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for more information

New year's resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD

Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches? Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Are you a budding writer who could contribute to our blog and e-news? Please get in touch with us on southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901 to find out more and book a place on one of our Understanding CAFOD information sessions: 11 January in Bromley, 28 January in Stratford and 4 February in Waterloo.

Proposed Changes to Admissions Arrangements – Consultation Period

The governors at Our Lady Immaculate are intending to remove from the admissions policy 2018, the clause in criterion 2 relating to siblings resident in other parishes.

The draft admissions arrangements can be found on the school website (<http://www.oli.kingston.sch>) or hard copies are available from the school office along with a response form if required. It is intended to remove from the policy the section highlighted in yellow on both the

Draft Admissions Policy 2018 and the accompanying Draft Supplementary Information Form 2018. The consultation period lasts from Monday 28th November 2016 to Monday 9th January 2017 and responses must be received by then. Please respond via email to: admin@oli.rbk.sch.org or post to: Annie Goodman, Clerk to the Governing Body, Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, 399 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surrey KT6 7DG.

Our Lady Immaculate Primary School Admissions 2017:

If your child is born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 he/she is due to start school in September 2017.

The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2017. Further information can be found on the Local Authority's website. www.kingston.gov.uk Our school also require a Supplementary form to be completed. This is available on our website. www.oli.kingston.sch.uk Please contact the school for information if required. Tel: 0208 3999854

