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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we embark on the Lenten season once more, we are reminded of something that may or may not be obvious. This is the pull in each of us towards what is not good. The power of evil. It takes many shapes—it can be the lure of pleasure and selfish self indulgence. Indeed, much of the environment in which we live tends to overemphasize the importance of the ‘what is in it for me?’ kind of lore. Advertising tends to encourage us to eat, drink, and be merry almost like pagans because we do not know what lies ahead.

This is by no means to imply that attention to one’s self and one’s needs is unimportant or forbidden. No, healthy self-care is necessary and important. Rather, what is destructive is when such self attention is exaggerated even to the point of implying that I don’t need anyone else. I own nobody anything kind of trash. From birth to death, we are all highly dependent on each other.

So, in the Lenten season, the Church and our Archbishop in his recent letter asks us to take time out to refocus on where we are and where we are headed. It calls upon us to fast. This may not necessarily mean that we put on sackcloth and ashes but to it comes to something like ‘put the brake on’ giving into ourselves at times. For the Archbishop this is translated into giving more attention to our prayer. In this way, we will, hopefully, begin to get a better grip of who we are and what we want to do with our lives.

The church and its scriptural tradition urge us to leave behind some of our closed mindedness, our petty selfishness, and reach out in generosity and openness to others—basically to love in a way that is not purely selfish. However, as we all know too well, this can be harder to do than we think. There is a mean streak in all of us that dies a hard death but we have to confront it sometimes. As some of us know very clearly, it can be a long battle espe-

cially if we have fallen into habits and patterns of gambling, alcohol, or drugs of all sorts that in fact have begun to control us— to enslave us. In such situations, we can, as it were, become paralyzed— unable to move forward-- somewhat like the apostle Paul who told us that he often did the very things he hated rather than those he loved.

In many ways, Lent is a call to regain our freedom—to become the people we choose to be rather than people who have found themselves where they truly do not want to be. At the same time, this freedom is often hard to gain, regain, or sustain—and so we may need to pray as Jesus himself did in his moments of trial—pray that God would save us from our self-destruction. In such prayer, we often meet the Lord in a new way as we surrender ourselves into his mercy, allowing ourselves to be led by his Holy Spirit. Not surprisingly, this can be a major challenge—no longer following our own whims and instincts but recognizing a larger perspective which may at times appear threatening--a step into the unknown—it is where we pray: Lead kindly light.

So, Lent is surely a time to prune the wild branches that have grown in our lives—yes a time to repent symbolized by penance and purple! It is a time when we once more pray that the Lord will change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh—make us more truly sons and daughters of God.

It is as we indicated at Ash Wednesday—a time to: repent and proclaim the Good news.

Fr Brendan

My dear people

I am away at the moment for few weeks and during my absence Fr. Brendan will be looking after the parish. Fr. Brendan will be in the office from 10.00am to 12 noon everyday Monday to Friday for anything you need. Canon Edward Perera

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th February 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)**

Sat 6.30pm Intention of Manning Family
(Monica Tett)
Sun 9.00am Harriet Hutchinson (Rita Lee)
11.00am Alan Mundow (Liz Jones and family)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** No Baptisms
6.00pm People of the Parish

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT (Year C)
15th—20th February 2016**

Mon 15th **Feria**
9.30am Thanksgiving
Tues 16th **Feria**
9.30am George and Molly Ryde RIP
Wed 17th **Feria**
9.30am Funeral Mass for Ercole Mazza
Imelda Hutchinson (Rita Lee)
Thurs 18th **Feria**
9.30am Simon Rodrigues (Mrs F Rodrigues)
Fri 19th **Feria**
9.30am Jenny Milner
Sat 20th **Feria**
9.00am Holy Souls

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20th/21st February 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)**

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9.00am Francescantonio D'Agostino and
Giuseppa Gelormini (Franco D'Agostino)
11.00am Joe Dourado (Pricilla)
12.30pm **Baptisms:** Jack Simmons and
Annabel Weerheim
6.00pm Alexius Yap RIP (Catherine Yap)

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

Next Sunday's Readings—2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**Last Sunday's Collection and collection for Poor
Parishes Fund will be recorded next week.**

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is this Friday, 19 February.
CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and play. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Every pound you donate to CAFOD during Lent will be matched by the UK government.



Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ercole Mazza whose funeral is this Wednesday at 9.30am. The reception of the body into the church will take place before the 9.30am mass.

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, Anthony Durkin, Tony Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hammerton, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Allen Phillips, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in

RDJ Room. **Next meeting:** 17th February.

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 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 on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the RDJ room until further notice.

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

WEBSITE UPDATE: Write up and pictures from last weekend's Confirmation Retreat to Whitstable

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th February at 8pm in the RDJ Room. We will have a Discussion Evening. Please write down the subject that you would like discussed and hand it in at the meeting. Thank you. All the ladies in the Parish are very welcome to join us so do come and have a cup of tea. We meet the first and third Tuesday in every month except August.

Old Chapel Refurbishment Work

Great News! The refurbishment work on the Old Chapel is now almost finished! There are still some finishing touches to complete, including putting up a handrail outside the front entrance, interior light fittings and general interior finishing work. However, it is proposed that there will be a Grand Opening Event soon after Easter.

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. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the prepa-

rations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and collect the Baptism Registration Forms and 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2016

Next preparation session for the candidates is on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.00pm in the church hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Sessions are held on Monday at 6.30pm in the presbytery.

First Holy Communion

First Reconciliation: Saturday 27th February.

Next Meetings

Parents: Monday 1st March at 7.45pm

Children: Sat. 5th March at 10.30am.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2016

Thank you

Thank you to everybody who came to the quiz last Saturday. With your generosity we were able to raise £500 to this year's Lenten Project.

Valentine's Day Krispy Kreme Sale

On Valentine's Day (this Sunday), there will be a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale after 9am and 11am Masses. The delicious doughnuts will be sold for the amazingly low price - £1 each or 6 for £5. We will also be selling a small range of Valentine's Day balloons and tokens. All proceeds will go to the Parish Lenten Project.

Lenten Project Sponsored Walk

Over the weekend of 27/28 February, the Tolworth Trekkers are embarking on another epic 104 km walk. On Saturday 27 February, we plan to walk from OLI Church to the Thames and (following the south side of the river) walk the 52 km (32.5 miles!) to Greenwich. Then, on Sunday 28 February, we will retrace our steps, aiming to get back to Tolworth in time for Sunday Mass. More details of how to sponsor us will follow shortly.

Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@rbs.co.uk). If 104 km seems too far, then please think about joining us for part of the walk.

Union of Catholic Mothers Cake Sale

After masses on the weekend 27th & 28th February.

Table Top Sale

This will take place after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on **Sunday 13th March**. Items sold will include china and kitchen items, jewellery, good quality clothing, plants, toys, books and games and much more! Teas, coffees and cakes and biscuits will also be on sale.

We are looking for items to sell and use as raffle prizes (e.g. unwanted gifts, good bric-a-brac, jewellery, household items, toiletries and chocolates). Please contact Elspeth (Elsbeth.casey@rbs.com) to organise collection.

Lenten Project Grand Draw

This year, the Lenten Project is organising an exciting Grand Draw. Sponsored by Greenfield Estate Agents, we have the following amazing prizes:

iPad mini (value £200), John Lewis Vouchers (£100), M&S Vouchers (£75), 5 x £25 M&S Vouchers.

Tickets will be distributed for sale from the end of this month, so watch this space!

LENTEN GROUPS and REFLECTION

Daily Lent Reflections

I encourage everyone to receive from the Diocese the Daily Lent Reflections. Over the weeks of Lent the Archdiocese of Southwark's Stewardship Team, in collaboration with the diocesan Spirituality Commission, will send out these daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer.

Please visit <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>

Lenten Groups

We will be watching the DVD "The Gift—a fuller life in the Holy Spirit" - a new Catholic resource from CAFE. An inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. Ideal for the Year of Mercy.

Details of times, venues and hosts are on the Lenten display in the Narthex.

Lent Bible Group

Tuesday mornings during Lent the Bible Group will be watching and reflecting on the DVD "The Gift". Tuesday 16th February 10.15–11.15am Part 1: "Our Father's Love".

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March, 10.30am St Mark's Church, Surbiton.



YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS

Day of Recollection

Saturday 20th February starting at **10.30am**. The theme for the day is 'Mercy of God in the New Testament'.

This Day of Recollection is especially for all the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and the Catechists but the day is open to all parishioners. The day will be led by Bishop

Patrick Lynch ssc the Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Passion of Christ in Art

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.

Scripture Study Day with Fr Denis McBride cssr

The Mercy of God in the Old Testament. Saturday 9th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016

February

Tues 16th	10.15am	DVD The Gift "Our Father's Love"
Fri 19th		Lent Fast Day
Sat 20th	10.30am	Day of Recollection with Bishop Pat Lynch
Tues 23rd	7.00pm	Confirmation Candidates session
Sat 27th		First Reconciliation

27/28-Union of Catholic Mothers After masses Cake Sale
27/28-Lenten Project Sponsored Walk

Mon 29th 7.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

March

Tues 1st	7.30pm	First Communion Parents Mtg.
Sat 5th	10.30am	First Communion Children
Tue 8th	7.00pm	Confirmation Candidates Session
Sat 12th	7.45pm	Passion of Christ in Art
Sun 13th	9 & 11am	After Mass Table Top Sale
Tues 15th	7.00pm	Confirmation Candidates Session
	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tues 22nd	7.00pm	Confirmation Candidates Session

Thur 24th—Sun 27th Easter Triduum

DEANERY /DIOCESAN / LOCAL

Epsom and District Irish Association Dance

at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodons Avenue, Chessington, KT9 1BA on 26th February dancing from 8.30pm—11.30pm featuring Eugene Doonan. Local parking, a rafle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. Tele. number: 0208 397 2683

Guild of Our Lady and Saint Joseph

Mercy: The Way of the Father
St Joseph's Parish Hall, 1, Montem Rd, New Malden, KT3 3QW. Starting with Mass at 10am. For details of speakers see notice board. Cost £20 lunch included. To register: guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Year of Mercy is on 19th-26th August. This year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith. Bookings are now being accepted. Please speak to Fr Edward, Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages for booking forms. It would be good to have a group the parish in this Year of Mercy.

House of Prayer Events

35 Seymour Rd, East Molesey, KT8 0PB
020 8941 2313 houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk

Movements in the Soul Towards Union

Saturday 20th February 10am—4pm. A day of teaching, creative reading and silence with writings from the Spanish mystic, Francesco Osuna. Cost £20

Teresa of Avila and her Message for Today

Saturday 27th February 10am—4pm. In his talk Prof. Peter Tyler will draw on his own long-time interest in the life and writings of Teresa of Avila and the relevance of her message for us today.

Southwark Catholic Youth Service

Year of Mercy Events

contact info@scys.org.uk

1227 272900.

24 Hours for the Lord - 4th—5th March

Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The 24 hrs starts with Mass at 12.30pm. At 7.30pm evening prayer starts a night of music, art, film, prayer and reflection led by SCYS. Reconciliation available.

Born For This - 19th March - Aylesford Priory

A powerful and moving depiction of the Stations of the Cross presented by young people of the diocese.

Triduum Retreat - Service, Passion, Glory

at Aylesford Priory 24th-27th March 2016.
Thursday evening—Sunday morning. £55 per person (based on sharing). includes food and accommodation. Open to young people age 18+

I Believe - 24th April

Join Archbishop Peter Smith at St George's Cathedral for an afternoon of catechesis, testimony, prayer and music with other young Catholics and reflect on the faces of mercy in our lives. 3pm -5pm. Followed by refreshments in Amigo Hall. The event is for those Confirmed or to be Confirmed in the Year of Mercy. Contact jean@scys.org.uk or above number. **Under 18's need to be accompanied.**

Summer Youth Day at Aylesford Priory

26th June 2016. Open to school years 7-11. Please book in advance. £10 per person.

Centre for Catholic Formation Events

Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS Tele: 020 8672 7684
email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk

St George's Cathedral - 24 Hours for the Lord
4th-5th March. 24 hours will start with Mass at 12.30pm.

Confirmation and RCIA Catechists

New Confirmation Rite Meetings 7.30—9.00pm
Thursday 10th March, St Joseph's Parish Centre, Montem Rd, New Malden, KT3 3QW. No charge but please register.

Spreading the Good News in the Family with Family Life Team—Evangelization Seminar 5

For members of Parish Evangelization Teams, Parish Councils, Religious, Priests and Deacons. Saturday 12th March 2016 from 2.00-5.00pm. St William of York, 4 Brockley Park, Forest Hill, SE23 1PS.

VACANCIES

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School Head Teacher - Starting September 2016

Closing date: 26 February 2016—Noon
To request a candidate pack and form, arrange visit, or for confidential discussion please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Annie Goodman on T: 0780 656 3368 or email governors@oli.rbksch.org See the notice board for full details.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Seek Examination Invigilators for mid-May—June 2016
email: recruitment@stphils.org.uk or 020 8642 2025 ext 202 or visit www.stphils.org.uk