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# Parish News



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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY

As we look at the readings this weekend, there are a number of items that may cross our minds. There is the fact that we are all weak and sin. This is central to our religious lives. We have found ourselves in a sinful state and none of us need to be reminded of how difficult it can be sometimes to move out of this swamp. There is a huge undertow towards evil which we can never be too complacent about. There is an evil power at work which can easily draw us in and ultimately destroy us.

At the same time, each of us can at times behave like David. We can as it were take the moral high ground and condemn others when they fall. I recall this very much when one of our Bishops fell from grace—how fast people including fellow bishops were ready to condemn him. Yet, that same man had done excellent work but this was not remembered and so he faced an angry mob so to speak. I am very much part of this quick to condemn but in the process forget my own weakness. As the years have gone by, I am very much taken by the words of St. Augustine of Hippo: There go I but for the grace of God.

Speaking of the grace of God—what is this mysterious kind of talk? I am sure when we take a moment to reflect we can all identify it. It is for instance when we can be severely tempted but in some strange way we resist. Others among us may have found ourselves on a slippery slope whether of addiction to alcohol, drugs, gambling or whatever, and painfully realized that we were somewhat paralyzed. We really did not want to be in this place but we do not have the will, know how or power to move on. We hear many stories of such people including again St. Augustine who for years was addicted to a life of debauchery. We can add many others to the list including St. Ignatius of Loyola who founded the Jesuits. Some of our greatest models like these men and women have known what it was to be at the bottom—in the mire of selfishness and sin. Often, we say that, because of the prayers of others, they found the grace to move to a better place. Indeed, it is surely valuable to pray for those we know to be in such space. The scriptures never weary of reminding us of the need we have to pray. Sometimes,

we feel situations or people are beyond redemption but it seems to me that this is a tactic of Satan—using his power to discourage us from doing what is good.

This year, Pope Francis has spoken about and continues to speak of God's mercy towards us—this is a reality which we need to reflect upon. So often, I come across people who feel that what they have done is beyond God's forgiveness. Again, this does not seem true. If we look at the scriptures, we are ever reminded of the mercy of God.

As a priest now in the autumn of my life, I have learned to be very cautious at the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. One sees here people struggling to do what they feel is right but they are at confession precisely because they have failed or at least they feel that they have failed.

Again and again I keep reminding myself that I am in that confessional not to judge anyone but to remind them of God's great love and mercy. Here, I have felt on occasion that God's grace has enabled me to be silent when I wanted to give advice which would probably be unhelpful. More positively, I have occasionally found the right words though they seemed to come out of the blue. God's grace and mercy can become real for us if we simply take a moment in prayer or in quiet by ourselves. Where we often need God's grace of course is when someone has done us serious wrong and feel we should forgive them. There is someone in my own life who for over thirty years I cannot come to forgive because of the hurt that was done. All I can do and often all many of us can do when bad things have come from others is to ask God for the grace that some time we may be able to forgive. In some cases, forgiveness is truly hard but we are asked at least to try. Don't forget this capacity to forgive is a grace.

Fr Brendan

**11th/12th June 2016**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Maurice Felton  
**Sun 9.00am** Holy Souls  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Maddie D'Ercole  
**6.00pm** Holy Souls

**ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

**13th - 18th June 2016**

**Mon 13th 9.30am** **Saint Anthony of Padua**  
Baird Family Private Intention  
(Kathy Goggin)  
**7.00pm** **Mass Feast of Saint Anthony**  
Priest's Intention

**Tues 14th 9.30am** **Feria**  
Dorothea Pinnock (Mary Jo & Colin Gray)  
Peter Rodrigues (Mrs F Rodrigues)

**Wed 15th 9.30am** **Feria**  
Richard Power (Mary and Eddie Ryan)

**Thurs 16th 9.30am** **Feria**  
Holy Souls

**Fri 17th 9.30am** **Feria**  
Holy Souls

**Sat 18th 9.00am** **Feria**  
Eamon Walsh (Eddie Walsh)  
**11.00am** **First Holy Communion**  
**2.00pm** **First Holy Communion**

**18th/19th June 2016**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Day of Prayer for Human Life**

**Sat 6.30pm** Holy Souls  
**Sun 9.00am** People of the Parish  
**11.00am** **First Holy Communion**  
John Brookman RIP (Josie Espiritu)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** No baptisms this weekend  
**6.00pm** Holy Souls

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading:** Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1  
**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:26-29  
**Gospel** Luke 9:18-24

**Last 2 Week's Collections: £1802.13 and £1675.51**  
**Today there is a Second Collection for Catholic Trust for England** This collection helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

**Next Sunday is the Day of Prayer for Human Life** and the proceeds of the **Day for Life collection** provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and to 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.

**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, Jim Creighan, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Jenny Elborough, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Jan Lightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Monica Tett, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

**REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**SVP** meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. **Next meeting:** 22nd June  
**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

**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.

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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**June**

Sat 18th / Sun 19th	First Holy Communion Weekend
Mon 20th 7.30pm	First Communion Parents Meeting
Tues 21st 7.30pm	Parish Council AGM
Wed 22nd 7.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sat 25th 10.30am	First Communion Get-together

**July**

Sat 2nd	Parish Picnic
Tues 5th 8.00pm	Liturgy Meeting
Tue 12th 8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 17th	SVP Coffee Morning after 9am Mass

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## SACRAMENTS and LITURGY in the Parish

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### First Holy Communion



Next weekend 81 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Please note** that at the 11am Mass next Sunday the first ten benches on each side will be reserved for the First Holy Communion children and their families.

#### Next Meetings

Parents: Mon 20th June at 7.45pm

First Communion Get-together:

Saturday 25th June at 10.30am.

### 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 preparations, 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 and the God Parents. No dates for baptism can be arranged until both preparation sessions are completed.

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## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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### Parish Council

The PARISH COUNCIL AGM will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. Reports will be made by The Chair, Parish Priest, Finance Committee, Maintenance Committee and Liturgy Committee. This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear what has been going on over the past 12 months, and also have an input into what is done / discussed over the coming 12 months.

### The Parish Library

The parish library apologises that, on Sunday 26th May, the 11am and 6pm Masses were not covered due to a family emergency. We would be grateful if anyone would be able to help to ensure adequate cover on future such occasions. Please contact Marie-helene: milene\_cook@fastmail.co.uk



## ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK Clergy Support Fund Campaign

11-12 June 2016

### Clergy Support Fund Campaign at Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth

Just before half term we heard about the **Clergy Support Fund Campaign** which will support our sick and retired priests in our Diocese of Southwark. Archbishop Peter Smith would like every Catholic in the Diocese to have an opportunity to hear about the needs of sick and retired priests and how you can lend your support to this fundraising campaign to raise £4.5m over the next four years.

If you have already completed a Contact Card you will receive a personal invitation to a presentation together with details of the times of the presentations. These will take place in September in our parish hall. We have had a very good response so far with 80 families and individuals interested.

If you were not able to complete a Contact Card please fill one out – they are available as you leave today. Please give your cards to Fr Ed or Fr Brendan.

Only one card need be completed per family, as other family members can attend. Please either hand in your completed card with the offertory collection or place it in the box provided in the church porch.

Thank You,

Our Lady Immaculate Parish Team

### As her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 90th Birthday The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have given us this prayer to recite at each Mass this weekend

#### Prayer for the Queen

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.  
R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray,  
that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen,  
who, by your providence has received the  
governance of this realm,  
may continue to grow in every virtue,  
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,  
she may be preserved from all that is harmful  
and evil  
and, being blessed with your favour  
may, with her consort and the royal family,  
come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is the way, the truth and  
the life  
and who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

### **The Passage**

“Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 15th July, from 6.00pm—8.30pm. Tickets at £35 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper, prize raffle, and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent’s Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL Tel: 020 75921856 Email: tickets@passage.org.uk See also www.passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.”

### **Martyrs’ Walk - Sunday 26th June 2016**

Meet 1.30pm at St Sepulchre’s Churchyard (opposite the Old Bailey) to walk the Tyburn Way ending at Tyburn Convent for Confession, Benediction and reception.

### **Summer Youth Day at Aylesford Priory**

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

### **Because Your Marriage Is Worth It**

Spend a day celebrating your marriage and giving it an MoT, on June 25th at St William of York church hall, Forest Hill, London SE23 from 9.45am till 4.30pm. Booking essential: email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com) or phone 020 8651 2477.

### **People with Disability at the Heart of the Church**

‘Celebrating who I am, unique and beautifully designed’ Sunday 3rd July 2016 12 noon—4pm at The Friars, Aylesford ME20 7BX. Contact: CCF 020 8672 7684

### **Brightlights of Mercy**

Brightlights is a Catholic Young Adults Festival open to 16-30 year olds, on 17th—19th June 2016 with speakers, musi-

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### **Pilgrimages /Retreats**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Year of Mercy - 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 great to have a group from the parish in this Year of Mercy.

### **National Pilgrimage to Fatima 2016**

7th-14th July. £639 includes flights, half board, taxes and coach tours. See poster for details.

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### **House of Prayer Events**

35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB  
Contact: 020 8941 2313 or [houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk)  
Cost of each: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

### **Movements in the Soul Towards Union**

Led by Julianne McLean, Sr Melanie Kingston and Judy Barber. Saturday, 18th June: 10.30am-4.00pm  
A day of teaching, creative reading and silence with writings from the Spanish mystic, St Teresa of Avila.

### **Moving into the Disposition of the ‘Principle and Foundation’**

Opening ourselves up to freedom and joy  
Led by Sr Kate Stogdon. Saturday, 25th June: 10am—4pm. This day takes its inspiration from a key text in the ‘Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola’: the Principle and Foundation. Participants will be invited to reflect on the gift of creative movement and how it helps to nurture the life of the spirit—through input, sharing and personal reflection.

### **Poetry Workshop: Light Within**

Led by Helen Overell on Saturday, 2nd July: 10am—4pm  
The creative space provides a touchstone for ideas and an opportunity to put words down on the page both individual and collaborative with opportunities for sharing with the group. The emphasis is on constructive feedback together with encouragement and support so as to allow the beginnings of poems to emerge.

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### **Vacancies**

#### **The Diocesan Education Commission requires a full-time Buildings Officer**

for July 2016 (earlier start can be negotiated)  
Full and varied workload with and be responsible for 173 schools in the Archdiocese of Southwark  
Salary £28,000-£35,000 depending on experience.  
For informal discussion contact Mike Baldwin on 01689 883332. Application pack contact Donna Gray on 01689 883341 or [donna.gray@educationcommission.org.uk](mailto:donna.gray@educationcommission.org.uk)  
See notice board for full details.

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