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OUR LADY IMMACULATE
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Parish News

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Last Sunday, we learnt of Jesus telling his disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. He used the example of a judge who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. However, this self-important person was confronted by a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time the judge refused, but, eventually, because he could no longer withstand her 'pestering' him, he decided he must give the widow her just rights, "or she will persist in coming and worry me to death".

Two characters, from the extreme ends of society, are used by Jesus to encourage his followers to persevere in praying, not to give up, even if their prayers did not seem to be answered.

In the Gospel for the Thirtieth Sunday, we have another parable, this time about being humble in our relations with others, and there are again two characters from the extreme ends of society— a Pharisee and a tax-collector.

Though the Pharisees generally are frequently chastised by Jesus for their inflexible and self-righteous religious observance, they lived honest lives, were faithful husbands and fathers, obeyed the Law of Moses to the letter and beyond. Tax-

collectors in those days were despised by their fellow Jewish men and women, and even the Roman powers, for whom they were collecting the taxes. (Next Sunday, we will hear the story of Zacchaeus, also a tax collector. It seems to me that, in Jesus' times as in our times, taxation was a fact of life!)



Both the Pharisee and the tax-collector were in the temple praying. We know, (almost by heart, probably) the Pharisee's prayer. "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind and particularly that I am not like this tax-collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get". Notice, six times the word 'I' is used: the Pharisee was so full of himself, he had little or no room for God. In fact, he was praying to himself.

In contrast, the tax-collector (at the back of the temple) prayed the model prayer. He said simply, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." He humbled himself before God, and placed himself totally in God's hands. He prayed a prayer that God, compassionate, loving and caring, could not fail to answer.

We have much to learn from the tax-collector— and the widow— about prayer. Be humble. Be persistent. Be trusting.

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th October 2010

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World Mission Day

- Sat 6.30pm Peter and Joseph Campbell RIP (Maria Campbell)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Maria Simmonds' Intentions
12.30pm **Baptisms: Elena Amy Hart & Sienna Sally-Anne Parsonage**
6pm Edward Tyler RIP (Evelyn Tyler)

Retiring collection for MISSIO

Daily Masses 25th October to 30th October 2010

- Mon Feria
9.30am Mary & Richard Kelly RIP (Mary Gray)
- Tues SS Chad & Cedd, bishops
7am Christine Edwards Private Intention
9.30am Eleazer Magritane RIP (Mr & Mrs Baptista)
- Wed Feria
9.30am Edward Bonfield RIP (Jeanette Bonfield)
11.30am **Funeral Service: Ann Joyce RIP**
- Thur SS Simon & Jude, apostles
7am John Joe Lawlor RIP (Tom Duane)
9.30am Jean Gale RIP (Joan Pym)
- Fri Feria
7am Margaret Myers RIP (Dennis Myers)
9.30am Peggy Neville RIP
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat Feria
9am Marie O'Donnell RIP (Bill & Marion)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 30th/31st October 2010

ALL SAINTS (C)

- Sat 6.30pm Deceased Family & Friends of Peggy O'Connor
Sun 9am In Thanksgiving Rachel Rodrigues, 7th Birthday (Family)
11am Gaetanina, Gaetanino & Margaret RIP (Maria Simmonds)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Miguel Rian Cummings & Nathan Temiloluwa Oladimeji**
6pm People of the Parish



We welcome into the Church **Erik Hunter Lobb & Adrian Rithik Benjamin** who were Baptised last weekend.

Last week's Offertory collection £ 1,907

We thank you for your continued generosity

(Cash counters next week Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)**

Saturdays 9.30am-10am and 5.30pm-6pm

READINGS:

This Week: 30th Sunday in OT

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

God has no favourites.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

The Lord will protect and defend me in my struggles to do the right thing.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee's pride was his undoing, whereas the humility of the tax collector brought him closer to God.

Next Week: All Saints

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

John sees the vision of God bringing victory on a huge scale and to people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

We live in hope of a future yet to be revealed, but already we are the children of God.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes provide us with a charter for Christian living. They are both a challenge and a consolation .

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Ann Joyce, Emma Coutinho, Peggy Howick, Francois Manac'h**, younger brother of Bérengère Barrau, **Sidney Lutz** (father of Emma Bryan), **Nicholas Penn, Monica Grant** and **Bill Stevens**. We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Desolina Cavazzi, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, Bernard Mead, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Stephen Fleming, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Ann McNicol, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Peggy Howick, Tom Tyler, Baby Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Fr Peter Sprague, Mary Linstead, Evan Day, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Kay Bridgland, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Bridie Fillmore, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Pauline McGuire, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai, Philip Rajanayagam and Gerard Murphy.

Blessing of the Graves

This year's Deanery service will take place on **Sunday 7 November at 2pm in Surbiton Cemetery** and at **3pm in Kingston Cemetery**.

WEBSITE UPDATES THIS WEEK

- Photographs of and write up of Cofton Park (papal Visit)
- Holy Land Blog on the home page

CAROL SERVICE

After the huge success of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Service last year, we will be holding a similar event this year on Monday 13th December at 8pm with refreshments afterwards. **Please put this date in your diary.**

Primary School Admissions 2011:

If your child will be five between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 he/she is due to start school in September 2011.

Please contact the school for information.

The closing date for applications is the 15th

January 2011. Further information can be found on the Local Authority's website.

www.kingston.gov.uk

PRIEST VALIDATION FORM SIGNING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2011

Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms next week on at the Presbytery on Wednesday 27 October and Thursday 28 October from 6pm to 7pm..

Please note, forms for Primary Schools will be signed by priests after the October half term. Times and dates to appear in next weekend's newsletter.

OLI School Christmas Bazaar

As the 20th November approaches rapidly, we are still looking for as much help and support as possible.

Thanks to all those who have offered help so far.

We still need donations for the 'Traditional Christmas Market' stall along the following lines:

Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, knitted toys
Advent wreaths, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings

Christmas sweets/biscuits/gingerbread (preferably in cellophane gift wrap), Christmas candles, table decorations.

Anything traditional from other cultures would also be most welcome.

Prizes for the raffle/Wheel of Fortune

We are also interested in people offering 'helping hand' pledged prizes

Eg: **1 hours worth of..** ironing, cleaning, lawn cutting, present wrapping, cooking etc

One off Services.. eg painting and decorating, putting up Christmas lights etc

Could you offer to make a Christmas cake, table decoration or Advent wreath for a lucky winner?

If you are willing to have an estate agent board advertising the Bazaar outside your house, in the run up to the event please let us know. We receive payment for each board. This goes towards our total.

We also look forward to seeing you on the 20th!

Sarah Owen

(sarahowenuk@yahoo.co.uk) I am happy to collect any donations from you. Mobile number: 07792504456

ONE VOICE– A Christmas Celebration for all in aid of Street Child Africa

Saturday 11th December 2010 at 7pm at Guildford Cathedral.

For tickets please contact Guildford cathedral box office On 01483 547870 or

www.guildfordcathedral.org/worship/boxoffice Adults £10, family ticket £36 (2 adults & 2 children).

HOLY LAND BLOG

This week, Monday 25th October, 30 pilgrims are setting off from the parish for the Holy Land. We will keep you in our prayers as we visit the various Holy Sites. However, if you want to follow our progress and see what we are doing, day by day, we will maintain a daily (or twice daily) blog of our movements and exploits (subject to internet access, which should be fine). The link to see the blog, is now on the home page of our website, and we will be updating it from Monday 25th, so please do follow our journey and feel part of the experience.



The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead—including ghosts, goblins and witches—returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider—traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Even or "holy evening." Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day.

AGM & Proposing Charities to Support for Lent 2011

The Parish Lenten Project (PLP) will be holding the PLP AGM on Sunday 14th November 2010 after the 18.00 Mass and everyone is welcome to attend.

This year the second half of the AGM meeting will be open to everyone from the parish to propose charities for us to support in 2011. Ideally, we like to support charities that have a connection or association with people in the OLI parish or school. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and propose a charity or organisation.

We're always looking for new committee members and event organisers so please come along if you want to get involved in the 2011 Lenten project. If you would like further information about the meeting then please call Justine Manche



Our Lady Immaculate Church
Parish Lenten Project

on 07710 349871.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th November.

Marriage and Marriage Annulment

Many people have experienced the pain of a marriage breakdown and divorce. For Catholics this can be particularly difficult, as the Church holds to Jesus' teaching that marriage lasts 'til death do us part'. Therefore, Catholics who have divorced and remarried often think that the Church can do nothing for them. However, it has a process of marriage annulment, through which it may find that a marriage was not valid, as the Church understands it, from the beginning. The parties would then be free to marry. There are leaflets at the back of the church explaining more. If you are in this situation, or if you know someone who is, please take one. You are always welcome to speak to Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo about this, or to call one of the numbers on the leaflet for more advice and guidance.

World Mission Sunday 2010

In his message for World Mission Sunday Pope Benedict writes, 'The people of our time, even perhaps unbeknown to them, ask believers not only to speak of Jesus, but to make Jesus seen, to make the face of the Redeemer shine out in every corner of the earth... They must perceive that Christians bring Christ's word because he is the truth, because they have found in him the meaning and the truth for their own lives.'

Despite economic difficulty Pope Benedict urges us to commit ourselves to giving concrete help and support of the young Churches on this World Mission Sunday

AUTUMN RETREATS AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

There are some leaflets at the back of the church detailing various retreats taking place at The House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey KT8 0PB

TOWARDS ADVENT

Westminster Cathedral Hall Saturday 6th November

Come and browse among the bookstalls and displays showing the work of Britain's many catholic organisations. Opportunities for Christmas shopping: books, cards, gifts, Nativity sets, Advent calendars, stocking fillers and plenty more. Meet friends, and meet new ones, be inspired in your faith, network with Catholic groups. Doors open 10am.

See poster at the back of the church for more information.



Great news and well done to so, so many people here at OLI parish for supporting and using a wide range of Fair Trade produce.

We are now a **Fair Trade parish** joining scores of other parishes up and down the country. At a time when Catholic agencies are promoting *Live Simply*, the Church asks us to take stock of what we are doing and to reflect on our own position in terms of the development of people. By choosing Fairtrade products, we play our part in enabling farmers and workers to bring about change today in their own lives and communities, as well as sending out a signal for justice in wider international trade. Becoming a Fairtrade Parish shows that we, as the Catholic community of Tolworth, are making a statement that we really mean it when we say that we want to live more justly, in a fairer world. It also demonstrates our solidarity with the poor and disadvantaged rural producers in the developing world and helps show other local communities that we have a practical commitment to helping those in need.

The popular Fair Trade breakfast will be held again-TODAY, Sunday 24th October after 9am Mass. Please come along if you can for some great refreshment and lots of good conversation. All welcome.

WELCOMERS NEEDED

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery for parishioners who can help out at all Masses as welcomers. We desperately need more help, so if you feel you are able to help in any way, please give your name to either Fr Arbo or Fr Anthony, and attend the meeting on 3rd November. Thank you.

Room to Let

Well presented bedroom with shower en suite and all commodities available. Will suit young professional or mature student. Please contact 020 8786 2171 for more information.