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Parish News

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Last Thursday, 18th November, the Christmas lights in Kingston were switched on. There will be no lights in Tolworth and Surbiton this year thus the Council will save ££6,800. So the shopping season of "getting ready for Christmas" has begun. Today we celebrate in the Church the last Sunday of the liturgical year, The Feast of Christ the King, and next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our new year. How can we make the best use of this time of Advent when it is so easy to be filled with anxiety about all that needs to be done what can we do to celebrate the season of Advent?

This year each parish of the diocese has been given a reproduction of William Holman Hunts "Light of the World" and a candle to commemorate the Pope's visit to the UK. We will place the picture and the candle on the right side of the altar rails where the peace candle and prayer usually reside for the Advent season. The painting, The Light of the World (1853-54) is an allegorical painting by William Holman Hunt representing the figure of Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door, illustrating Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." The door in the painting has no handle, and can therefore be opened only from the inside. This can be seen to represent Jesus knocking on the door of our heart.



He will not force his way in but waits until we open the door and invite him in. Perhaps we can remind ourselves of some of the things that the Pope said while with us. Think on them and pray about them. For example, remember the words he spoke to the young people outside Westminster Cathedral on the Saturday. This is the message I want to share with you today. I ask you to look into your hearts, each day, to find the source of all true love. Jesus is always there. Quietly waiting for us to be still with him and to hear his voice. Deep within your heart, he is calling you to spend time with him in prayer, but this kind of prayer, real prayer, requires discipline. It requires time for moments of silence every day. Often it means waiting for the Lord to speak.

Even amidst the business and stress of our daily lives we need to make space for silence, because it is in silence that we find God. And in silence that we discover our true self. And in discovering our true self we discover the particular vocation which God has given us for the building up of his Church and the redemption of our world. Heart speaks unto heart. With these words from my heart, dear young friends, this are words from my heart. "I assure you of my prayers for you." Let us give ourselves time to pray and be silent and allow Christ to enter into our heart this Advent. Give ourselves the opportunity to speak Heart to Heart.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20th/21st November 2010

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (C)

- Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Josephine Aderbayo
11am Brendan O'Doherty RIP
12.30pm Baptisms: Andre Gouveia, Naomi Jasmine
Hilton-Brown & Eoin Raymond Fox
6pm John O'Shaughnessy RIP (Paul Fagan & Anor)

Retiring Collection for Catholic Youth Services

Daily Masses 22nd-27th November 2010

- Mon St Cecilia, virgin & martyr
7am Josephine Byer's Intention
9.30am Frances Finlay RIP (Eddie & Mary Ryan)
- Tues St Clement I, pope & martyr
7am Alice Tumilty RIP (FM)
9.30am Welfare of Fr David Hutton (Mavis & Tony Fisher)
- Wed SS Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs
7am Madeline, suffering from MS (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Vincent, Paul & Maria Ramanayake RIP (Mrs Peiris)
- Thur Feria
7am In Thanksgiving (Tessa MacLeod)
9.30am Luciano Citeroni RIP (Alice Feely)
- Fri Feria
7am Geoff Coyte RIP (Mark Family)
9.30am Eric Clarke RIP (Eileen & Family)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat Feria
9am Special Intention (Joan Pym)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27th/28th November 2010

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

- Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 9am Elsie Fowler RIP (Rosemary Howe)
11am Colin Staveley RIP (Sue Staveley)
12.30pm Baptisms: Alyce Rose Gaskell,
Sophie Proctor & Emily Green
3pm COMFORT SERVICE
6pm Special Intention for Ferdinand & Benedicta
Tinuba



We welcome into the Church Maya Sarah-Louise Harrison & Olivia Rose Silcock, who were baptised last weekend.

Last week's Offertory collection £ 2,140
Archbishop's Administration Fund £ 316
We thank you for your continued generosity
(Cash counters next week: Susan & Stephen Fleming)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)

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

READINGS:

This Week: Christ the King

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The northern tribes, following the example of the tribes in the south, anoint David as their king.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

Christ has brought us into God's kingdom by the shedding of his blood.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

Jesus promises a place in the kingdom to the "good thief".

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

In Isaiah's vision the nations of the world have an aim and a destiny, towards peace with each other and peace with God. They will eventually beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

This is a call to be ready and to live decently, for salvation is near.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus warns us to stay awake and prepare because we never know when we will be called to meet him.

We pray for all the faithful departed who have recently died. We pray especially for Georgeos Daminos Andreadis, father of Eugenia, Baby Alexandra Elizabeth Caney, Bridget Mulvihill, Ann Joyce, Emma Coutinho, Peggy Howick and Francois Manac'h, (younger brother of Bérengère Barrau). 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 Bur-linson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, 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.



WEBSITE UPDATES

➤ Holy Land Pilgrimage - Pt 1 - Galilee

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Please note that building work will be starting on our new memorial chapel Monday 8th November. The left hand aisle will be unusable for a few days. We are converting the 2 unused confessionals into a memorial chapel for deceased parishioners

AYLESFORD CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On 27th November 2010, there will be a Christmas Fayre at Aylesford Priory beginning at 10am. As part of this Cabrini Children's Society will be working alongside the Priory and the Southwark Catholic Youth Service to produce a Nativity Pageant starting at 1.30pm in the Main Shrine - an engaging celebration of the Nativity Story from different perspectives. For more information contact Ann Hoggan on 020 8668 2181, email ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk or Caroline Bennett on 07866 695183, email caroline.bennett@cabrini.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there



St Catherine of Siena Christmas Party

The parishioners of St Catherine of Siena Church, Chessington, warmly invite you to join them at their Christmas Party on Friday 10 December at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall in Leatherhead Road- dancing to the popular Paul Cassidy Band. The buffet meal will include wine, soft drinks and water. Tickets £15.00 per head available from Maureen Clune Tel: 0208 397 2321



St Andrew's & St Mark's Churches, Surbiton

Invite all who do not wish to be alone on Christmas Day to a free Christmas Lunch Party with traditional food, presents and entertainment at the YMCA, Victoria Road, Surbiton. 25th December 2010 from 12 to 3.30pm. Fun, food and fellowship.

Contact Sarah Stokes on 020 8399 2527 or the Church office on 020 8390 9129.

PRIEST VALIDATION FORM SIGNING FOR PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2011

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms next week on **Wednesday 24th November from 3pm to 4.30pm** at the Presbytery. *Please note, there will be other dates for form signing each week, so please check the newsletter or website for details.*

The closing date for primary school applications is the **15th January 2011.**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please note that the new office opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8.30am to 3pm.

The Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesdays.** The priests will still be able to see people on pre-arranged appointments on Wednesdays.

NOVEMBER LISTS are available at the back of the church. Please take a sheet and put the names of your deceased family and friends on it and place it in the box provided. They will then be remembered at each Mass during the month of November.

COMFORT SERVICE

This will be held on Sunday 28th November 2010 at 3pm in the church. This service is for all those who have been bereaved and a thanksgiving for the lives of their loved ones.

CONFIRMATION 2011

If you are at least in year 9 and would like to consider receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2011, then please visit our parish website, go to the Sacraments "tab", click on Confirmation, and read all about the Sacrament and how it is administered in OLI. Having done that, please print off the application form and complete it. These forms will then need to be countersigned by either Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo. This week the priests will be available to sign these forms on **Thursday 25 November from 6 to 7.30pm** and **Saturday 27 November from 4 to 5.30pm.** Look out for future dates in the next few newsletters. The closing date is Sunday 19th December - this date will not be extended, so please ensure you act before then. If you do not have a computer, application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office.

Welcome to Children Preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion

At 9am Mass today the children will be receiving their medals as a sign that they are committed to getting ready to encounter Jesus in the sacrament of reconciliation and in Holy Communion. Each Sunday when they come to Mass they will wear their medal and so parishioners will be able to identify who they are and be able to pray for them and encourage them.

Saturday 4th December: Are you in your 20s or 30s? Come and have a fun night out with the SW London 20/30s, a social group which attracts Catholics from many surrounding parishes. They will be meeting at 7.30pm for a drink in The Hand & Racquet, 25-27 Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19 7NE (a two minute walk from Wimbledon Station). For more info please contact Tim Wells: 07849 693 400 / Clare McGloin: 07818 455 011

THE BIG SILENCE an advent retreat led by two Poor Clare sisters for young adults aged 18-38 who are searching for meaning in life. Following the success of the recent series of this name we invite you to experience silence as a gateway to the soul. **Fri 3rd to Sun 5th December 2010** at Abbotswick House of Prayer. For further details visit the events page of www.free2become.org or call 01277 373959

Vigil for all Nascent Human Life

The Holy Father is to preside at a vigil service on the evening of the 27th November. As stated in a letter from Cardinal Llovera, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Cardinal Antonelli, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, the Holy Father "... desires that all Diocesan Bishops (and their equivalent) of every particular church preside in analogous celebrations involving the faithful in their respective parishes, religious communities, associations and movements."

There will be a time of exposition in St George's Cathedral for this intention from 5pm to 5.45pm on the evening of 27th November.

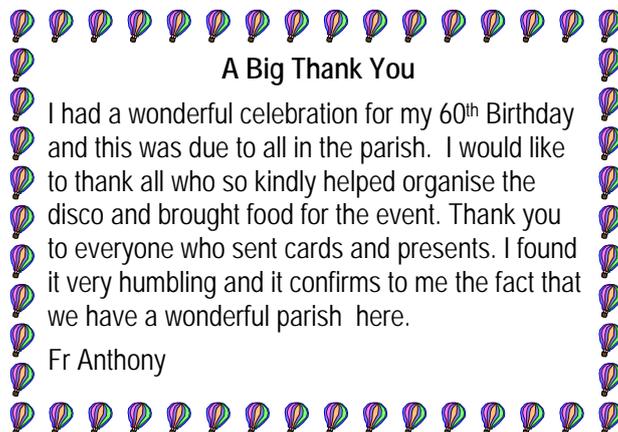
Prisoners Week 21st -27th November

A week of prayer and action for prisoners, their children and families, prison workers, ex-offenders, and victims of crime. The Gospel Reading for the Sunday in Prisons Week takes us to the Cross where we see entwined the horror of a broken world being overcome by the wonder of the love of God. In a place where isolation and division seemed dominant, we hear the words of Jesus to the penitent thief "You will be with me in Paradise", words that brought hope to an isolated and broken person. The challenge of the theme of "Be with me" is to pray and work for all affected by prisons, and for all who seek to bring this hope, that all may respond to the call of God and know the blessing of being with Him.

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23.42-43

The Prisons Week Prayer

Lord you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.



A Big Thank You

I had a wonderful celebration for my 60th Birthday and this was due to all in the parish. I would like to thank all who so kindly helped organise the disco and brought food for the event. Thank you to everyone who sent cards and presents. I found it very humbling and it confirms to me the fact that we have a wonderful parish here.

Fr Anthony

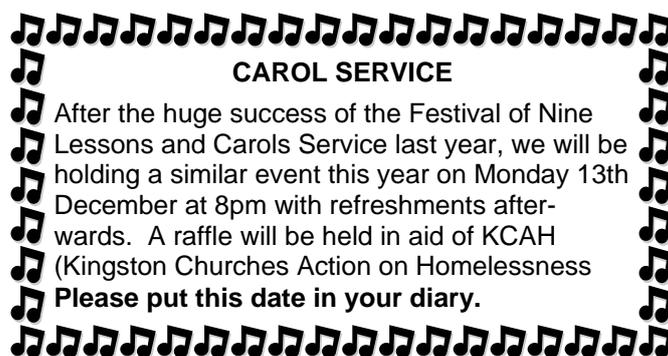
The Divine Mercy

The message of the Divine Mercy devotion is that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. This message was promoted by Sister Faustina Kowalska and is very popular today. There are some materials at the back of the church about this devotion and Divine Mercy apostolate promoted by the Marian Fathers. For more information see www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

Advent Resources

Free to parishioners is "Walk with Me. A journey of Prayer for Advent and Christmas". It gives a quote from Scripture for each day and the reflection.

Also available is My Day by Day cost £1.00. It is handy for the pocket or handbag and gives the reading from the beginning of Advent (Sunday 28th November) till New Years Eve.



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. A raffle will be held in aid of KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness) **Please put this date in your diary.**



HOUSE TO LET

Edwardian terraced house, unfurnished, 10 minutes walk from Surbiton Station. 2 Bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, study, upstairs bathroom, downstairs toilet, kitchen, enclosed back garden. £1,000 pcm plus bills. References required. Available from December 2010. Please call 07831 597866