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# Parish News

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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Last Sunday, we reached the end of the Year of Luke (Year C in the three-yearly cycle of readings). As always, we honoured Christ the King, the Saviour who came to live amongst us, sharing in our humanity that we might come to share in his divinity. He shared fully in our humanity by dying for us, so that we might have 'life to the full', in the company of his Father in Heaven. This was an Act of Love, without any limits.

This Sunday we enter the Year of Matthew (Year A in the cycle) and begin with the season of Advent. The world around us often refers to this period as the 'run up to Christmas', but we must see it as much, much more than that. The Season of Advent will focus our attention on the idea of the coming of God to us. In the end, Advent will lead us into the celebration of the historical event of the coming of God to us at Christmas.

The Gospel readings from Matthew will draw our attention to John the Baptist, whose mission was to prepare the way for Jesus, our Saviour, and how that led him to be imprisoned. John was at pains to tell his listeners that he was not the Saviour, only the one who was preparing the way.

However, on this first Sunday our attention is drawn to the final coming of God at the end of time. Indeed, the Gospel is quite frightening, with references to Noah and the Flood, with people going about their everyday activities, they who 'suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away'. Jesus goes on

to say that 'it will be like this when the Son of Man comes'. Gloomy stuff, indeed! Just recently, in Cornwall, many unfortunate people there know only too well how lives can be transformed from one day to the next by the onset of floods.



So, it must seem odd that the Church's year should start with a Gospel reading about the end of time. The images set before us are not meant to terrify us, but to remind us that we must not settle for being in our comfort zones but to stay awake, so that we may be ready when the Son of Man comes. Advent is a time of preparation, a time when we remember who it is who is coming. The challenge for us Christians is to do this remembering in the midst of our daily activities— at work, in our families, striving to keep our heads above water in a difficult and changing world. This is the Flood we have to contend with in our times. We cannot, and should not, neglect our everyday responsibilities, but let us take responsibility for remembering who it is who is coming, and why we are celebrating that. One of the opening prayers from Mass this Sunday will guide us.

*Let us pray— that we may take Christ's coming seriously.*

*All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good, that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming, and call us to his side in the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through Christ, your Son. Amen.*

Al Callan

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

*Collection today for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral*

Daily Masses 29th November to 4th December 2010

- Mon Feria  
7am Ken Stacey RIP & Nellie Walmsley RIP (Mary Stacey)  
9.30am Betty Heelan RIP (Mary & Brian Farrelly)  
Tues St Andrew, apostle, patron of Scotland  
7am Kathleen Anne Farrell (Martin Farrell)  
9.30am All Deceased Priests of OLI Parish & Kingston Deanery  
Wed Feria  
7am Joan Prout RIP (Mark Family)  
9.30am Bridget Garbutt RIP (Pauline & Roger)  
Thur Feria  
7am Miles Joseph, Michael & Bridget Nolan RIP (Family)  
9.30am R.A. Wilson RIP (Joan McCutcheon)  
Fri St Francis Xavier, priest  
7am Florence Mabel Stroud RIP & Relatives (FM)  
9.30am Welfare of Roger Morton (Rosemary Durkin)  
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Sat Feria  
9am Holy Souls (Anonymous Donor)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th December 2010

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

- Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish  
Sun 9am Edward Howe RIP (Sheila Howe)  
11am Honora Miles RIP (Pat Parker & Family)  
12.30pm Baptisms: Nerisha Trinity Fernando, Daisy  
Frances Peel & Joel Mensah  
6pm John Frederick & Margaret Theresa Gowers RIP (FM)



We welcome into the Church **Andre Gouveia, Naomi Jasmine Hilton-Brown & Eoin Raymond Fox**, who were baptised last weekend.

Last week's Offertory collection £ 1,981

Catholic Youth Service £ 350

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: 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.

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah, who will bring justice, peace and the knowledge of God.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

Paul reflects on the sacred scriptures, and reminds us that they foretold that Christ would come to unite the Jews and Gentiles.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

As the divine Messiah is just about to begin his public ministry, John recalls the people to genuine repentance.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Georgios 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; Roger Morton, Patrick Leightley, 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 Burrridge, 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 Carrión, Pauline McGuire, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai, Philip Rajanayagam and Gerard Murphy.

COMFORT SERVICE

This will be held **TODAY**, 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.

### PRIEST VALIDATION FORM SIGNING FOR PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2011

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms next week on **Monday 29th 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**.

### 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 **Tuesday 30th November** from 7pm to 8pm. 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.

### A PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

by Fr Jilson Mathew V.C. (Angelicum University, Rome)

From 3pm to 8pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church on Monday 20th December 2010. Spiritual talks, Confession and Adoration. All parishioners of OLI are invited. Believe and you will see the Glory of God!

*Note: Confessions will be heard in English, Hindi and Malayalam.*

### GRAPEVINE PARISH MAGAZINE

Please note that copies of the Grapevine will be distributed after all Masses next weekend. These are free of charge, but any contribution will be gratefully received!

Children- look out for the 'Children's Corner' insert in the magazine.



### 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.

### Appeal for St Lucia after Hurricane Tomas

We are appealing for the following items after the devastating effects of Hurricane Tomas. Please donate:-

Water containers, canned food, especially evaporated milk, dry foods, batteries, flasks, small transistor radios, lanterns or flash lights, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizers, blankets, bed sheets, sleeping bags, nappies (for both babies and adults), infant food and formula and toiletries.

The High Commission for St Lucia in association with the St Lucian community have also set up a charity called The National Committee for St Lucia Hurricane Relief, Charity No. 281188 to coordinate our response.

Please leave donations in the large box provided at the back of the church, or at the Presbytery.

### CAROL SERVICE

CAROL SERVICE (please note revised start time):

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 7.30pm** with refreshments afterwards. A raffle will be held in aid of KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness). **Please put this date in your diary.**

The UCM will hold their Advent Party on Tuesday 7th December in the Old Chapel at 8pm. (Husbands welcome.)

Please bring finger food. (Prizes for the raffle would be appreciated, if possible.)

### WEBSITE UPDATES

➤ Holy Land Part 2 - Bethlehem (Gallery)

### HOUSE TO LET

House to rent: 3 Bedroom house is available to rent for 2 years. The cost of the rent is £1,050 per month. The house contains 2 double bedrooms and one single bedroom with 2 bathrooms/wc. An insulated loft on the second floor can be used for extra storage space or an additional bedroom/children play room. It is situated 10min walk from Tolworth Train station, 7min by car/20 min walk from OLI. Call 0208 397 4901 to organise a viewing