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Parish News

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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You have most probably seen the ultrasound scan of Jesus in the womb – complete with the suggestion of a halo – which is the new poster image for the Churches Christmas campaign by ChurchAds.net this year. The words on the poster are "He's on his way." -a good reminder that Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

But who is this Jesus whose birth we are celebrating? In the gospel of Matthew this weekend, we hear the angel telling Joseph "You must name him Jesus because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." He reminds Joseph that that this is to fulfil the words of the prophet, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him EMMANUEL a name which means God-is-with-us." So Jesus is God with us, but in what way is he God?

Throughout the history of the church there have been disputes about the nature of Jesus. Some have said he was a good man, the holiest prophet who was an instrument of Gods salvation, but he was not God. Others say that Jesus was God who came disguised as a man whom lived in the shell of a human body, but he was not really human. What we teach and believe and recite together in the creed every Sunday is Jesus is the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, who became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit and was made man. Redemption would have no meaning or significance if God did not become fully a human be-

ing. We believe that Jesus is like us in all things except sin. If he was not a real human being then the human race was not redeemed. Michael Himes in his book "The Mystery of Faith" an introduction to Catholicism, points to St Paul's great hymn in his letter to the Phillipines which

says Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not regard his equality with God something to be exploited but emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. Here Paul claims not just that we are like Christ but that Christ has chosen to be one of us rather than



remaining in the form of God. "This is, without question, the most extraordinary compliment ever paid to being human. The incarnation is about the revelation of who we are." The incarnation tells us what it is to be a human being. Genesis relates that man was made in God's image and likeness, God wanted to be like us; "this is the ultimate statement of the goodness of being human the rightness of humanity. The immense dignity of the human person is at the heart of the Christian tradition because it flows directly from the doctrine of the incarnation."

So as we prepare for Christmas we are preparing to celebrate the wonderful dignity of the human race. This child shows us what it means to be fully human and fully alive.

Fr Arbo, Fr Tahir, Deacon Al and his wife Trudie and myself wish you every blessing for the Christmas Season.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18th/19th December 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

- Sat 6.30pm John Cruse RIP (Cruse Family)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Private Intention (Angie Carrion)
12.30pm Baptisms: Evelyn Rose Loots
6pm For the McDonagh Family (M Lydon)

Daily Masses 20th December to 25th December 2010

- Mon Feria
7am David Doyle RIP (Elizabeth & Ann)
9.30am Margaret Smythe RIP (Joan Pym)
3pm-8pm A Preparation for Christmas (Details on page 3)
- Tues Feria
7am Intentions of Kathleen Anne Farrell (Martin Farrell)
9.30am David Doyle RIP (Margaret Radford)
- Wed Feria
7am Nancy & Noel Ryan RIP (Monica Tett)
9.30am Special Intention of Ferdinand & Benedicta Tinubu (Benedict Oladimeji)
- Thur Feria
7am Robert O'Keefe RIP (Kate Brennan & Margaret O'Connor)
9.30am Private Intention (Angie Carrion)
- Fri Christmas Eve
9.30am Tony Pereira RIP (Lynette & Leon Confait)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
- Fri 6pm Vigil of Christmas (Family Mass)
Marian De Cruz RIP (Rodrigues Family)
11.30pm Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass
People of the Parish
- Sat CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
8am Eamonn Walsh RIP (Eddie & Sheila Walsh)
9.15am Welfare of Eileen Mullin and her 7 Children
11am Deceased members of the Lydon Family
- NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
- Sun THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
9am Michael Foley RIP (Mary Foley)
11am People of the Parish
6pm John O'Shaunessy (Fagan Family)

READINGS:

This Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz, threatened king of Judah, seeking security in human alliances, is given the promise of peace in a child.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Paul spells out in clear and certain language the essence of the Gospel – Jesus, risen from the dead, is both God and man.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

The story of Mary and Joseph is told, and of the child born to them.

Next Week: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Midnight Mass:

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah foretells the birth of a child, who will bring light into our darkness and change the whole order of creation.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

We continue to wait in hope for the appearing in glory of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

The news of the birth of a saviour is a cause for great joy, to be shared by the whole people.

Mass During the day

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

There is much to rejoice about: messengers are spreading the good news of salvation.

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6

The prophets of old have paved the way, but now God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel John 1:1-18

The great prologue of St John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation: the Word was made flesh.

The Holy Family

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

God promises us that loving respect for family relationships brings its own blessings.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

All relationships, especially those within the family, should be enriched by our relationship with God and God's word.

Gospel Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

Jesus, Mary and Joseph become refugees to escape a threat to the safety of the family.



We welcome into the Church William Arthur Peter Gallagher Raikes, Lola Kathleen Kelliher McMurray & Cara Veronica Fox, who were baptised last week-end.

Last week's Offertory collection £ 2,029

MEO Charity £ 771

We thank you for your continued generosity
(Cash counters next week: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)

Please note- no confessions on Christmas Day

New Year's Day- confessions 5.30pm-6pm

(No confessions before 10am Mass)

PLEASE TAKE A CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPE FOR YOUR GIFT TO THE CLERGY, TO BE COLLECTED AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. THANK YOU

We pray for all the faithful departed who have recently died. We pray especially for **Baby Freya Bodycombe, David Doyle, Georgeos Daminos Andreadis**, father of Eugenia, **Baby Alexandra Elizabeth Caney and Bridget Mulvihill**, We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

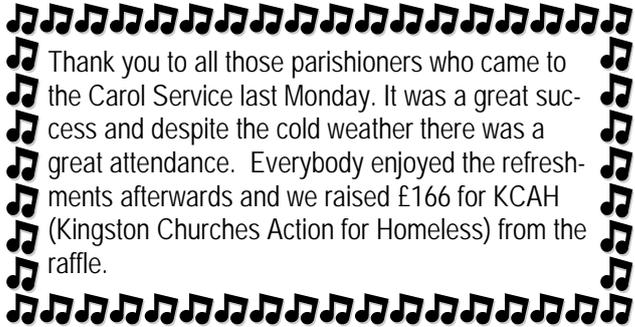
We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Suzanna Peddle, Jo Jennings, Mary Smith, Roger Morton, Mary McDonnagh, Patrick Leightley, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Desolina Cavazzi, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen 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 Burridge, 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.

PRIEST VALIDATION FORM SIGNING FOR PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2011
Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms next week on **Tuesday 21st December from 4pm to 5pm** 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 DINNER
28th January 2011 at The Sorrento Restaurant
Our annual Parish Dinner will be taking place this year at The Sorrento Restaurant, Ewell Road on Friday 28 January 2011, 7.30pm for 8pm. Join us for a three course meal for £15 per head. Includes service charge. Drinks and coffee extra.
Numbers are limited, and tickets are selling fast, so please ensure you get a place by contacting Elaine at the Presbytery on 020 8399 9550 or email info@olionline.co.uk
Please arrange your own groups in advance if you would like to sit on the same table. Thank you.

Remembering Our Loved Ones
This year we would like to invite the people of the parish who are bereaved or have a family member who is ill to bring a star (made or brought) to Mass with them at Christmas to hang on the Christmas trees either side of the crib in the Lady Chapel. The star could have the name of your loved one on it, so they would be remembered in a special way at this family time.



Thank you to all those parishioners who came to the Carol Service last Monday. It was a great success and despite the cold weather there was a great attendance. Everybody enjoyed the refreshments afterwards and we raised £166 for KCAH (Kingston Churches Action for Homeless) from the raffle.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES & SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2011
These are now available to buy from the Repository at £3 and £5 respectively.

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, Confessions 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.

Appeal for St Lucia after Hurricane Tomas
A very big 'THANK YOU' to all those parishioners who donated so many items to help the people of St Lucia after the devastating effects of Hurricane Tomas.

CAFE
Please note that Wednesday morning CAFE begins again on 5th January 2011.

Admission arrangements for the academic year 2012/13
PUBLIC NOTICE

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES
LOCAL AUTHORITY

In accordance with The Education and Skills Act 2008 notice is hereby given by the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, that:

admission arrangements for the academic year 2012/2013 for all community secondary and primary schools in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames are currently being consulted upon;

copies of consultation documents and the response form are available on the Council's website www.kingston.gov.uk/education/schools/school_admissions, from School Admissions, Learning and Children's Services, Guildhall 2, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU and at the relevant school;

responses to the consultation must be received by the deadline of 12 noon on 2 February 2011 by post or email to School Admissions (address below);

details of consultations for voluntary-aided and foundation schools can be obtained from the relevant school.

For more details please contact School Admissions

Learning and Children's Services, Guildhall 2,
Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU. Tel: 020 8547 5004
Email: school.admissions@rbk.kingston.gov.uk
www.kingston.gov.uk

For Our Lady Immaculate School please contact the office - 0208 399 9854, or website - www.oli.kingston.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS ROTAS

We URGENTLY need volunteers for all of the five Christmas Masses. We need Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors and Welcomers. If you can help please enter your name on the sheet for the Christmas Mass of your choice. The sheets can be found in the RDJ Room. It is important that we have a full compliment for every Mass, so please can you sign up as soon as possible. Thank you.

HANDYMAN

If you require any small jobs done, please contact Allwyn on 07903556267. Good hourly rate.

Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo, Fr Tahir, Deacon Al and Trudie wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas, and thank you all for your good wishes, cards and gifts.



Coffee and Mince Pies

in the Old Chapel after 9am mass this Sunday. All are welcome. There will be face painting and storytime for young children. Please come and join in!

Thank You!

OLI PTA would like to extend their sincere thanks to all in the parish, who kindly donated goods for the Christmas bazaar. It was a great success and we really appreciate the support we got both through donations and help on the day. In particular, thanks to the UCM ladies who knitted some beautiful toys, donated gifts and helped out on the day too.



ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU

To all those who donated children's gifts and toys for 'Toy Sunday' last weekend. All of your presents will be distributed to disadvantaged children this Christmas.
Thank you.

APPEAL TO PARISHIONERS

Could you spare 1 1/2 to 2 hours every 6 weeks or so? The new church cleaning rota is due in the New Year. We need more volunteers, as some of the regulars who have been doing it for many years, feel unable to continue. Two people work together at a time convenient to themselves, providing that the church is not in use, during the allocated week.

Please consider whether you can help in such a vital role within the parish- it makes such a difference to all who come to our church.

If you are able to help in any way, please give your name and contact details to Fr Anthony or Fr Arbo, or pop a note through the Presbytery door.