

# Parish News



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# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Many among us may have been quizzed on the Penny Catechism in order be confirmed. If you were unable to recite the written definition of each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, your Confirmation might have been delayed. Where is the Penny Catechism today?

Last weekend I joined 26 of our Confirmation candidates on their retreat at St Vincent Centre Whitstable. Among many of the exhilarating and spiritual exercises undertaken by our

young people, was the learning of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. No recitations. They had to write their own definitions of each gift. Most of them defined the gifts of the Holy Spirit artistically. I hope you will find these excerpts from their "catechism" inspiring.

Understanding is defined by one person through a simple drawing of a glowing bulb on a poster. Another one has poetic

insights with deep spiritual meaning; "the shadow proves the sunshine"; "when I look at the stars I feel like myself'; "don't be tense now, don't be anxious or uneasy. Don't be stressed now.... I'll be right beside you ...nobody will break you!" Understanding "is just a part I portray..."

Right Judgement has drawings of an apple and a well wrapped up decorated toffee/sweet with the word "or" in between. Underneath it there are words "decision making". Another one a man is holding a bag full of money, while on the other side of the poster there is a little office with words "Oxfam" on top with a label saying "To give or not to give".

On Wisdom there are drawings of an owl with huge eyes and Harry Potter-like glasses on the one side, while on the other there is a

smiling bishop with words "as wise as owl or like me (bishop)". Another youngster decided to draw a book with word "wisdom" on it. Another poster has a beautiful green background with a pink owl sitting on an olive branch. At the bottom a caption reads "a wise old owl".

Courage is represented by a lion with a big red heart above it, while another poster has only one word in the middle; "GOD".

> Knowledge is symbolized by mathematical equations all over the poster.

Reverence is represented by a big heart and a hand shake with words "I love reverence..." Another poster continues in the same line of reasoning: "Respect everything that exists. existed and will exist "

One of the candidates drew an awe-striking landscape of a

range of mountains with a flat ground of gentle green at the foreground. The sky is adorned by numerous stars with some moonlight shinning in the dark from one corner of the drawing. In the middle, there is a beautiful flower covered with the words "Awe + Wonder"

The readings from Isaiah and the Gospel this Sunday are both reassuring and they call for greater trust in God's providence. Let us pray for our Confirmation candidates that they may deepen their trust in God and remain resolute in their preparations for the Confirmation.

Fr Arbo Lekule

# SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26th/27th February 2011

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9am Vincent John Burrows RIP (FM)

11am In Thanksgiving: 40th Wedding Anniversary of

Bernadette & John Brooks

12.30pm Baptisms: Jenson John Heward-Mills

6pm In Thanksgiving: 40th Wedding Anniversary of Kevin &

Kris O'Connor

Retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service

Daily Masses 28th February to 5th March 2011

Mon Feria

7am Albert Edwards RIP (Christine Edwards)

10am Funeral Mass: Bernard Meade RIP

Tues St David, bishop & patron of Wales

7am Holy Souls

9.30am Joaquim De Mello RIP (Des & Ramilla)

Wed Feria

7am Holy Souls

9.30am Private Intention (Joan McCutcheon)

Thur Feria

7am Holy Souls

9.30am Bridie Fillmore RIP (Alan Mundow)

Fri St Casimir

7am Holy Souls

9.30am Ray Palmer (Brian & Mary Farrelly)

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat Feria

9am Ken Stacey RIP & Nellie Walmsley RIP (Mary Stacey)

10.30am, 11.30am & 3pm-First Reconciliation Services

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th March 2011

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 6.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9am Welfare of Bridie Johnson (Karen Fox)

11am Phillipaiah Mariampillai RIP (Philip Jeganathan)

12.30pm Baptisms: Sheyan Noah Srikantha

6pm Keith Hunt RIP (Ann Francis)

Retiring collection for the Cabrini Children's Society

Last week's Offertory collection

(for the upkeep of the church) £1929

Columban Missionaries £1070

We thank you for your continued generosity

Cash counters this week: Susan & Stephen Fleming

Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook

We welcome into the Church Annie May Grace Burden-Nason & Giovanni Notineh Mbala-Dafe who were baptised last weekend.

#### **READINGS:**

This Week: 8th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 49:14-15

Isaiah gives a beautiful image of a mother's enduring love for her child. Yet even this is but a reflection of the Lord's love for his people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Factions had caused problems within the Christian community in Corinth. Paul reminds the people that the mission of preaching the Gospel has been given on trust by God.

Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus tells us not to worry about food, clothing or other material things. Our heavenly Father feeds the birds and adorns the flowers. All that we need will be given to us.

Next Week: 9th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32

Moses urges the people to bind his words to their wrists and foreheads, promising that there is a blessing for those who obey them, a curse for those who do not.

Second Reading Romans 3:21-25. 28

God's justice is made available by faith to all people, through the justifying, redeeming and reconciling work of Christ.

We pray for all the faithful departed who have recently died. We pray especially for Bernard Meade, Paul Marcus (brother in law of Alex & Rosemary Maranzano) Patricia 'Paddy' Fitzpatrick, & Theresa Gowers, 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; Bishop Michael Evans, Luke Nolan, Mary McDonnagh, 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 Ingrasci, 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, 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, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre. Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai and Philip Rajanayagam

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

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

## **LENTEN PROJECT 2011**

WANTED FOR TABLE TOP SALE -YOUR UNWANTED GOODIES!

Have you items - gifts - chocs - toys that are 'over' after Christmas?

Could we sell them, or use them as raffle prizes, at events to raise money for the Lenten Project this year? If so - ring 020 8397 7733 to arrange collection.

The Table Top Sale involves new and nearly new items and this year we hope to expand even further the type of items for sale.

#### Churches Together in Surbiton

There is a new course for Lent -'Rich Inheritance: Jesus' Legacy of Love'. This is an opportunity to discuss Jesus' legacy in this 'Year of the Bible'.

The course consists of five sessions starting in the week beginning Sunday 13th March. If you would like to attend there are forms to fill out at the back of the church.

# Our Lady Immoculate Church Parish Lenten Project ride has become one

The Tolworth Tornadoes sponsored bike of the highlights of the

Lenten Project calendar. This is year Fr Anthony will be joining the team on their tour of the Surrey countryside. Numbers are limited but if you want to join

the Tomadoes then please phone Justine Manche on 07710 349871 or email:

justine.manche@bt.com.

Lenten Boxes are a big part of our funding raising and offer everyone in the parish the opportunity to support the charities. We will be handing out boxes after masses on the following weekends:

Saturday 26th February & Sunday 27th February and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011

So please remember to take a box and fill it during Lent - every penny counts and goes to a good cause. If you miss the distribution weekends but want a box then please ask one of the priests and/ or call Justine Manche on 07710 349871.

Thanks also to the OLI school children for making up the boxes.

## **Union of Catholic Mothers**

There will be a talk on St David's and St David's Cathedral by Lucy Smallwood, in the Old Chapel at 8 pm, 1st March.

All ladies are welcome.

### Young People's Group

We will be meeting at 7pm today (Sunday) in the Hall.

# **EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

This will be held in church every Sunday evening during Lent at 4.30pm.

# **OLI PTA QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Broadway Bar. Tickets £5 each. Tables of up to 8 people. Please contact Clare Dempsey on acdemps@blueyonder.co.uk

| 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR |   |
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|                      |   |
| Friday 11            |   |
| Saturday 12          |   |
| Sunday 13            |   |
| Friday 18            |   |
| Saturday 19          | UCM cake sale                                     |
| Sunday 20            | UCM cake sale                                     |
| Friday 25            |   |
| Saturday 26          |   |
| Sunday 27            | Table Top Sale                                    |
| April 2011           |   |
| Friday 1             |   |
| Saturday 2           |   |
| Sunday 3             | Fr Anthony & the Tolworth Tor-                    |
| Mother's Day         | nadoes bike ride                                  |
| Friday 8             |   |
| Saturday 9           | OLI Charity Music Concert or-<br>ganised by Chris |
|                      | Jeganathan  |
| Sunday 10            |   |
| Saturday 16          | Sri Lankan event                                  |
| Sunday 17            | PALM SUNDAY                                       |
| Friday 22            | GOOD FRIDAY                                       |
| Saturday 23          | HOLY SATURDAY                                     |
| Sunday 24            | EASTER SUNDAY                                     |
| Saturday 30          | South India Event                                 |
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