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OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

# Parish News

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## We are the light of the world



A story is told of Mahatma Gandhi. He was boarding a train one very cold morning with a number of companions and followers, when his shoe fell from his foot and disappeared in the gap between the train and the platform. The train took off. Unable to retrieve it, he took off his other shoe and threw it on the platform through the window.

His friends and other passengers looked at him with a mixture of and amusement. Responding to the puzzlement of his fellow travellers, Gandhi explained that a poor person who finds a single shoe is no better off - what's really helpful is finding a pair.

In the first reading from the book of Isaiah the author speaks about being concerned of "our own kin". He writes about sharing with the hungry and the naked as a virtue that will mould us into a light that will shine like the dawn. The light mentioned here are our Christian actions and our being. Of course Gandhi did not go out

with the intention of sharing his pair of shoes, but he was quick enough to think about the other when he had the opportunity to.

Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. Placed in the open light fulfils its purpose effortlessly. We are therefore called to imitate the light by the way we live, in our actions and our words. Obviously in the story of Ghandi, one act of compassion spoke louder than a million words. He did not only think and do something about the other, but he also touched and transformed those around him.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds the Corinthians how he shared his knowledge of Jesus with them, relying not on his abilities of oratory or philosophy, but the power of the Holy Spirit. He shared his time, his knowledge, and himself. In our Parish we have opportunities to share in a variety of ways. We do have opportunities to share material things with those in need, but we can also share our knowledge as catechists; offer our talents as musicians and readers; etc. In this way we can all shine according to our God given gifts.

Let us try this week to reflect the kind of things which prevent the light of Christ in us from shining brightly to those around us.

Fr Arbo Lekule

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th January 2011**  
**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

**Sat 6.30pm** David Doyle RIP (Therese & Chris Dunne)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Joaquim De Mello RIP (De Mello Family)  
**12.30pm** Baptisms: **Leonardo and Luciano Latif**  
**6pm** Colin Annals (Frank McGivern)

**Daily Masses 7th to 12th February 2011**

**Mon**  
**7am** Frederick Sirmon RIP (FM)  
**9.30am** Rosaria Papa & Velia & Beniamino Perillo RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)

**Tues Feria**  
**7am** For the Welfare of Luisa Rivera (Angie Carrion)  
**9.30am** Bridie Filmore RIP (Molly Clifford)

**Wed**  
**7am** Francoise Manac'h RIP (Berengere Barrau)  
**9.30am** Sid Linstead RIP (Mary Linstead)

**Thur Feria**  
**7am** John & Rose Surry RIP (FM)  
**9.30am** Joaquim De Mello RIP (Fausta De Souza)

**Fri Feria**  
**7am** John Alexander Tumility RIP (FM)  
**9.30am** Fr Gordon Simmons RIP (Anne Sheridan & Family)  
**10am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat Feria**  
**9am** Annie Sharman RIP (FM)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th February 2011**  
**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Margaret Hague RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)  
**Sun 9am** Wellbeing of Brother A Brockman (Josie Espiritu)  
**11am** Michael Lowry RIP (Bernard Lowry)  
**12.30pm** Baptisms: **Shaun Dennis Littlemore**  
**6pm** People of the Parish

**Last week's Offertory collection**

**(for the upkeep of the church)** £1,915

We thank you for your continued generosity



We welcome into the Church **Jerome Leander Albrecht** who was baptised last weekend.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**(CONFESSIONS)**  
**Saturdays 9.30am-10am and 5.30pm-6pm**

**READINGS:**

**This Week: 5th Sunday in OT (A)**

**First Reading** Isaiah 58:7-10

The Lord instructs us to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless. If we act with mercy our light will rise in the darkness.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul writes that he did not come to the Corinthians with great skills in oratory or philosophy. He was filled with the power of the Spirit to share news of the crucified Christ.

**Gospel** Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus tells his disciples that they are the salt of the earth, the light of the world and a city built on a hilltop. He encourages his disciples to keep God's light in their lives so that others may see and praise God.

**Next Week: 6th Sunday in OT (A)**

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

In this life a basic choice has to be made: which is it to be – life or death?

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The mysterious wisdom of God is unlike the wisdom of this world. The latter led to the crucifixion of "the Lord of Glory"; the former leads us to glorify the Father in Jesus Christ.

**Gospel** Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus brings the Law and the Prophets to fulfilment by proclaiming a holiness that reaches down to our deepest selves.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Margaret West, Joachim De Mello, Margaret Hague, Claude Bosset, Bridie Fillmore and Gerard Murphy**. 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, 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 Burrige, 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

### **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.

Full details of all events planned so far will be published shortly – meanwhile make a note –

#### **WEBSITE UPDATES**

- Parish Meal held Friday 28th January (Gallery)

#### **WANT TO GO TO LOURDES 27 MAY – 3 JUNE?**

Would you or anyone you know like to join the 2011 pilgrimage of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes?

We expect to take about 80 sick, disabled or elderly pilgrims, who will be cared for in the fine, modern "Accueil Notre Dame" overlooking the river opposite the Grotto.

We particularly need priests, doctors, nurses, carers and helpers as well as ordinary "praying pilgrims".

For information see the notice in the porch or contact the Society at 020 8848 9833.

If enough want to go from Tolworth, transport to and from Stansted airport can be arranged.

#### **Director of Education**

The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with successful experience at a senior level in education to take up the post of Director of Education with effect from 1st September 2011. Further information and application packs are available from Donna Gray at the Commission on

[donna.gray@rcsoutwark.org.uk](mailto:donna.gray@rcsoutwark.org.uk) or by telephoning 01689 829 331

#### **A BIG THANK YOU**

To all those parishioners who have volunteered to help out with cleaning the church. The new rota will be out shortly, and Gerry Hague will be contacting the new volunteers in the



### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2011**

#### **Led by Archbishop Peter Smith**

All are invited to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place from Friday 19th August to Friday 26 August 2011. Travel by Rail from £642 and by Air from £694 and by Coach £475. Young Helpers fare £455 (by coach). For more information and booking forms, please contact Deacon Michael Kennedy (Pilgrimage Director) at 4 Orbel Street, Battersea, London SW11 3NZ Tel: 07521 519482

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### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE THURSDAY 10TH FEBRAURY 2011**

Pray and fast for the end of abortion and Euthanasia. See Notice Board for details

#### **CINDERELLA IN SURBITON**

Showing Saturday 12th February at 3pm and 6pm. Sunday February 13th at 3pm. In St Abndrew's church. Tickets are available at "Oddbins" (Surbiton Station), "Shoes at Last" 81 Maple Rd, "The Fircroft Shops" at Tolworth and at St Andrew's Rd, Surbiton. Also available at the Door.

#### **MESSAGE OF THANKS**

Pauline Maguire's daughter, Maire, would like to thank "all the parishioners who came to her funeral Mass. My mother's long connection with the parish meant she had many friends in the area and also colleagues from her long teaching career in local schools, including Richard Challoner.

Unfortunately, we were unable to speak to everyone, but all the family and especially my father, were very moved that so many people had taken the trouble to join us. It was very much appreciated."

#### **NEW SERVERS ROTA**

There is new Servers rota available in the RDJ Room. Please collect your Rotas as soon as possible. Thank you for being part of this important ministry.

#### **READING MATTER**

Copies of the February edition of Our Faith are free. Please take a copy and see if you would like to subscribe.

#### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

2 single pine bed frames and 1 piano. All proceeds will go to our parish Lenten Project 2011. If you are interested in any of the items, please call Una on 07535 662287

The Tolworth Tornadoes sponsored bike ride has become one 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 Tornadoes then please Justine Manche on 07710 349871 or email: [justine.manche@bt.com](mailto:justine.manche@bt.com).



2011 EVENTS CALENDAR	
March 2011	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	ASH WEDNESDAY
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 Mother's Day	Fr Anthony & the Tolworth Tornadoes bike ride
Friday 8	
Saturday 9	OLI Charity Music Concert organised by Chris Jegana- than
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

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11TH FEBRUARY

"Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Day of the Sick, I also invite the authorities to invest more and more in health-care structures that provide help and support to the suffering, above all the poorest and most in need, and addressing my thoughts to all dioceses I send an affectionate greeting to bishops, priests, consecrated people, seminarians, health-care workers, volunteers and all those who dedicate themselves with love to treating and relieving the wounds of every sick brother and sister in hospitals or nursing homes and in families: in the faces of the sick you should know how to see always the Face of faces: that of Christ."

*Taken from Pope Benedict's Message for World Day of the Sick*

### NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7<sup>TH</sup> -14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Marriage Week celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life. It is timed to include Valentine's Day (7th - 14th Feb 2011) and has been held every year since 1997.

Marriage remains incredibly popular - over 90% of young people in the UK aspire to be married at some point in the future, and the large majority will achieve this. Although the popular view is that marriages don't last, two out of every three first marriages will last until one partner dies, and one in two second or subsequent marriages will also last a lifetime. The Divorce rate (the number of divorces per 1000 married couples) has remained virtually static since the early 1980's.

Current research suggests that the enduring stability of marriage results from the commitment that two people make to each other, embodied in their vows, and supported by family, friends, and society at large. Many couples today however come to marriage to celebrate the stability of their relationships rather than to initiate them, so we see couples marrying later in life, often after living together for a period, and often after buying their home and starting a family.

### SAINT RAPHAEL AND ST VALENTINE

*Patrons for Soul mates*

In the run up to Saint Valentine's Day the pressure is on to find, or at least be seen with, someone special. Chocolates, cards, flowers and gifts fill shops in the weeks preceding the big day. But what do you do if you're not in a relationship? Well, for generations of singles looking for their soul mate, Saint Raphael, has proved himself to be a powerful spiritual friend. Many have testified that intercessions to him have resulted in their finding a life-long partner. Saint Valentine as we all know is the patron saint for people who have already found their Mr or Mrs Right; of lovers and fiancés, but Saint Raphael is patron for those who are still looking for a partner and are seeking help. So for all those who have no valentine, 'happy St Raphael's day'?

*Life 4seekers*