

MOTHERING (Laetare) Sunday 30th March 2014 FOURTH of Lent

"Dear Parishioner,

I am sure you agree that our Church needs a 'face-lift'. It is a lovely Church and with our combined efforts we can bring out its real beauty and make a Church we are really proud of. I want to thank you most sincerely for your wonderful response to my appeals for our Decoration Fund... since we started in October 1964. However, there is room for improvement. Our weekly collection averages £23 per week, which is far below what it should be, seeing we have 500 adults and teenagers at Mass each Sunday. So if we allow for a hundred who can't afford their half-crown then we should collect £50 per week. I have said we should get £30 at least and I proved this on the Sunday when I took the collection myself! Other means are through the special weekly 2/6d collection, Friday Bingo, Football Pools, Raffles, Christmas Favre and the News Letter. If each husband and wife, man and woman and working teenager in the Parish supported all these we could collect between £500 and £700 more per year. Another means of getting money is through our weekly football pools, not everyone in the parish is a member. Are you one for instance? The next means is through FRIDAY BINGO. All I ask you and each Parishioner is to come once a month, even though you may not like playing Bingo you might go home better off. What I am asking of you is this: 2/6d per week in the special weekly collection; 1/- per week to the Football Pools; 2/- per month to Friday Bingo; 3d per week for the News Letter - not forgetting to collect trading stamps and cigarette coupons. All that is left to say is "roll up your sleeves with me"... I know you can do it and I am sure you will out of you love for Yours faithfully, your Church.

Fr SEAN O'CALLAGHAN, OLSS Sept 1966"

How the world changes; looking back through old correspondence, a handwritten copperplate estimate in 1901 from a Mr Greenwood to Canon O'Halloran allows for the restoration of the Sanctuary, High Altar & Reredos at OLSS "This decoration will be executed precisely similar to that which has already been done and will be carried out in the finest possible style of ecclesiastical art and with materials of the highest quality procurable... Total cost £170" A subsequent quotation allows for redecoration of the complete church including regilding shrines, stencilling the sanctuary and restoring the Stations of the Cross. The price in 1904? A little over £600. (I have decided to accept this quote but there is no email address). Older still a letter of 1886 from Peter Pugin (son of Augustus) suggests that all guttering should be removed and refashioned owing to rot setting in the side aisle roofs. Not everything changes, OLSS was just 30 years old back then! What was £600 worth by today's value in 1904? That is roughly what we need today except now the church is 165 years old and we need to add for stonework. Still £40.000 later, at least we have sorted the sacristy drain, roof, and damp vestments. The days of bingo and cigarette coupons are over but what is "half a crown" worth 50 years on? Even then Fr Sean was still asking his people to do the Pools, Raffles and Christmas Favre on top of the ordinary collection? So consider this; even though they may repossess the printer the Newsletter now comes free! There will be a monthly 2nd collection for the Church restoration at OLSS! Better still, wherever you are in the world go on line and make a special pledge towards the Restoration Fund... and nobody needs to feel guilty for missing Bingo!

2/6 X 4 + 50 years =? *God Bless Fr Kevin*

Entrance Antiphon Is. 66:10-11 (Book Page 165)

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come...

First reading 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him: we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

22:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)

Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ...

Gospel John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a

sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.

Thank you for your Offertory 23rd March

OLSS £725 Cafod F/Fast Total £1137 St J's £318 & Candles £198

PALM SUNDAY & the Marathon

The London Marathon is on Sunday 13th April. Extensive Road closures create difficulties for both churches. We are planning an ADDITIONAL **MASS** for Marathon Participants at OLSS at 8.00am on that day. This is an experiment to see if visitors would like to attend Mass before the Race. Masses at 9.00 & 11.00 will remain but you may need to walk to OLSS. Even though Trafalgar Road remains closed till 2.00pm several people walked to St Joseph's Church last year and were disappointed to find it closed. We are hoping to provide a Spanish Mass at 12.00 on that day. The main Sunday Mass at St Joseph's will be at 6.00pm on Palm Sunday.

Thoughts and Prayers

Especially for Carmel Jackson following the unexpected death of her Son Kevin.

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New Sunday Mass Books

Now available for use at both churches.

The readings will still appear in the newsletter but the full rites for Holy Week and other festivals will be available in these books.

Please ensure that they are left at church. There are still a few complete hardback Mass books available for private purchase cost £14

The Manna Centre – Lenten Appeal

Your gifts of tinned and other preserved foodstuffs are welcome once again to be left in the porch at OLSS between now and Easter in support of the Manna Centre. NB: There are now shiny new bins for the storage of food to keep it safe from the interests of mice!

Evening Prayer of the Church

With Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction **Sundays in Lent OLSS** 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Remember to Sponsor Hannah Long aged 10 who is running the last part of the London marathon in aid of OLSS Restoration Funds. There are sponsor forms at the back of the Church or you may tear off and return this slip to OLSS with your gift of encouragement. Who knows maybe she is set for Japan in 2020.

Name: Pledge: £.....

Contact Number or Email:



CALENDAR FOR 29th MARCH – 6th APRIL 2014

29th Saturday Mass 18.00 OLSS Int: Jack Thompson (RIP) 30th Sunday Mass 9.00 OLSS Int: Maria Brindley (WB) Mothering Sunday Mass 10.00 St. J's Int: Parish & People

Children's first Confessions at St Joseph after 10.00am Mass today

Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass 11.00 OLSS Int: Barbara Boyle (RIP)

Evening Prayer of the Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction 5.00 – 6.00pm

31st Monday No Mass on Monday 5.00pm Reception of the Body of Kevin Jackson

1st Tuesday Requiem Mass 9.30 OLSS KEVIN JACKSON RIP

Burial at: Woolwich New Cemetery - 11.00am

Mass 7.00 St J's Int: Catherine Connell (RIP)

 2^{nd} Wednesday Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: John Harkin (RIP) 3^{rd} Thursday Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Mrs Pearl (Ints)

Mass 11.00 St J's Int: Abraham Deodatus Maboja (RIP) (Sophia Maboja)

Mass 9.30 OLSS Int: Brian McArdle (RIP in Monaghan – Paul Simpson)

Stations of the Cross during Lent 10 a.m. at OLSS and 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. at St Joseph's

5th Saturday Holy Baptism Edward Aloysius Brinkley & Rory James Williamson

Fifth Sunday of Lent Mass 18.00 OLSS Int: Martin Holmes (WB)

6th Sunday Mass 9.00 OLSS Int: Halloran Family (Dec'd Members RIP)

Mass 10.00 St. J's Int: Parish & People

Coffee Cakes and Refrehments after the 10.00am Mass at St Joseph on 6th April

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<u>Fair Trade</u> There used to be a regular fair trade stall at OLSS prior to my arrival.

I would very much like to restore that practice and invite volunteers to co-ordinate goods and orders and others to facilitate a stall after each Sunday Mass. We already have a special pre-order for "Yoghourt covered raisins" 2cwt soon expected.

Happy Mothers Day!

MASSES AND SERVICES

4th

Friday

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil (first Mass of Sunday) Star of the Sea

Sunday 9.00 am Star of the Sea 10.00am St Joseph's 11.00am Star of the Sea

If you would like a Mass intention, put your offering in an envelope with the Name, Purpose, Preferred Dates and Church clearly marked. Please allow alternative dates and give plenty of notice especially at the time of festivals when there may be conflicting requests.

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30 am
Star of the Sea Unless otherwise indicated, the Church is open from 8.30 for:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Rosary at 9.10 and Mass at 9.30

St Joseph's Tuesday Exposition at 6.15 & Mass at 7.00 pm also Thursday Mass at 11.00am

Confessions: Saturday at 10.00am at Star of the Sea & Tuesday 6.30 pm St Joseph

The Presbytery 68 Crooms Hill London SE10 8HG Tel: 020 8858 0662

ALL Enquiries for Marriage <u>for either church</u> after the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday Evening at St Joseph's, or phone to make an appointment. Baptism preparation evenings usually run on the 2nd Wednesday at OLSS 7.00pm check the newsletter

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