**REGULAR GROUPS**

**Musical Tots:** The music group for 0-5s and their parents/carers will next meet on **Friday, March 11** in the church hall at 10.30am.

**Catholic Grandparents’ Association:** meet on the first Thursday each month after morning Mass. Next meeting will be **Thursday, April 7**. Contact is John Donovan at jedonovan56@gmail.com or 02089794656.

**Bereavement Support Group:** meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Mass at 9.30am, followed by coffee and discussion. Next meeting will be **Monday, April 4**.

**Women’s Prayer and Share:** A simple prayer service followed by shared food and friendship. Next Meeting is **Thursday, March 17** at 8pm.

**Please pray for our sick:** including Elizabeth Broadbent, Giles Cuthbert, Veronica Davies, Marie Dubey and Fr. Eric Flood. Also, please pray for the continuing good health of Emma Cleeve during treatment.

**Last Week’s Collections:** **Offertory** £564.69; **Cafod Fast Day** £67.25.

Deadline for submitting Newsletter items is **Wednesday** morning. Email items to office@olchurch.org.uk

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**NOTICE BOARD**

**Molesey Hospital Closure:** Molesey Residents Association and Thames Ditton Residents Association have arranged a public meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 8** at 7.30 pm at Chandlers Field School, High Street, West Molesey regarding the possible closure of Molesey Hospital. We need as many people as possible to attend, so please come along.

**Monteverdi’s Vespers (1610)** at the Chapel of St George’s College, Weybridge on **Sunday, 13 March** at 7.30pm. Performance by the esteemed period instrument group, The English Cornett & Sackbutt Ensemble. Entry free with a retiring collection.

**The Mass on the World - Teilhard de Chardin,** Led by Dr. Lynne Scholefield on **Saturday, 19 March**: 10.00am - 4.00pm at the House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey. This is a short piece Teilhard de Chardin finally wrote in 1923 in China but which grew out of his experiences as a stretcher bearer in the First World War. With no bread or wine and no altar he offers human labour and suffering on the whole earth which is his altar. Cost: £20. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail: houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place.

**Catering Assistant** urgently required to cover maternity leave for local school - term time only. Some experience would be helpful but not essential. Hours: 7.30am - 2pm Contact Matthew: 07792 069280.

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**Times of Mass:**
- Mon-Fri morning prayer 9.15am, Mass 9.30am.
- Sat morning prayer 9.15am. Holydays of obligation: Mass at 9.30am & 8pm
- Confessions 9.30am Sat in church, or by appointment

**PSALTER WEEK 4 CYCLE C**

**Responsorial Psalm:** “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

**Gospel Acclamation:** "I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'"

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**MEET ANTHONY**

Meet Anthony, a most delightful man, humble and with a total confidence in God. For the last couple of years he and his wife have lived among us, together with their baby son, housed in one room half-a-mile from my house.

But you won't meet Anthony. Last Monday he flew home. He came to try to build a better future for his little family. But promised jobs failed to materialise and his appeal for 'leave to remain' was ultimately refused. Few voices would be raised against the Home Office decision in the current climate – and maybe it was better to return than to continue to live here in such deep poverty. Yet our parish is the poorer without him.

I don’t tell his story to argue against border controls. I tell it to remind us that Anthony is our brother, and so are our fellow Europeans who come here to work, the healthcare workers from around the world on whom we depend so profoundly, the refugees pouring out of Syria and the economic refugees from so many other failed states. Globalisation allows no easy answers. But the Gospel demands that we Christians, at least, talk with reverence and compassion about these unprecedented flows of humanity. - Fr. Rob

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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PARISH NEWS — PASTORAL

As is customary at OLOL parish on Sundays during Advent and Lent, we shall precede our Sunday liturgies by 5 minutes of silent prayer — which means that ministers’ prayers will be held 10 minutes before the advertised Mass time.

This is Fairtrade Fortnight (Feb 29 - Mar 13). Please take up this annual invitation to think about the ethical consequences of our shopping habits and support producers whose ‘Fairtrade’ mark indicates that producers are offered a fair price for their product and that there is a community-controlled premium, which typically supports education and health-projects in their villages, in some of the poorest parts of the world. See www.fairtrade.org.uk. There is a Traidcraft stall after all Masses this weekend. We remind all organisers of parish meetings that as a Fairtrade Parish we are committed to using fairly traded tea, coffee, sugar, etc. at all meetings.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mums! May God bless you for the gift of life you have given and in the gift of life that you are.

This Sunday at 6pm we celebrate our Lenten Reconciliation Service – an invitation to celebrate God’s calling to new beginnings and deeper faith in this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, with the opportunity for individual confession.

This Monday: Being Merciful to Ourselves, Being Merciful to the Planet the third of our Lent Talks by Fr. Rob, at 8pm in Gillespie Hall. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 8pm – a simple but moving meditation on Jesus’ journey to Calvary, led by a different group of parishioners each week.

Opportunities for Celebrating Reconciliation this Lent: Fr. Rob is usually available for confessions after morning prayer on Saturday (0930+) or by appointment. If you miss our Parish Reconciliation Service this Sunday at 6pm, there are other reconciliation services at Holy Name, Esher (7.30pm on Thurs, March 10); St. Anne’s, Chertsey (Mon, March 14, 7.30pm); St. Erconwald’s, Walton (Wed, March 16, 7.30pm).

Praying For Europe: Let us pray throughout the campaign over the European Referendum for wisdom in deciding, for listening hearts and for respect for opponents. In a choice, the choice is between two key principles of Catholic Social Teaching Solidarity (between rich and poor, free and unfree) and Subsidiarity (the taking of decisions as close to the grass-roots as possible and involving all in the debate).

Caring For Our Common Home Here’s another quote from Pope Francis’ letter: “Once we lose our humility, and become enthralled with the possibility of limitless mastery over everything, we inevitably end up harming society and the environment. It is not easy to promote this kind of healthy humility or happy sobriety when we consider ourselves autonomous, when we exclude God from our lives or replace him with our own ego, and think that our subjective feelings can define what is right and what is wrong.” (n. 224). Copies of Laudato Si’ are available in the porch, price £4.95.

Welcomers for next weekend, 12/13 March: Saturday 6pm - R Tan; Sunday 9am - K & J Hayes; Sunday 10.45am - The Barker Family.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Sharing Your Gifts: We need the gifts and talents of all of us to build up our community. Please return the blue sign-up slips distributed last weekend (and available again this weekend) if you can offer time and energy to the ministry and mission of the parish, indicating where you would like to get involved.

Storage Needed: During the planned works on our church (from April-August) we shall need some safe storage off site for items from the church. If you could offer dry, secure space in garage, shed or spare room for items, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Let’s Dance! The wonderful OLOL Ceilidh, always a high-point of our social calendar, is on Saturday, March 12. Tickets on sale this weekend: £20 (inc. Fish & Chips).

Deanery Care Mass: We will be welcoming families of those with special needs to Mass and afternoon tea on Sunday, March 13 at 3.00pm. Parishioners are invited to act as hosts and to provide sandwiches and cakes. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet in the church porch or contact Stella Eusebio on 02083987648.

Calling all the women of the Parish to a prayer/share/discussion meeting on Thursday, 17 March 8pm to discuss and re-kindle the ‘woman’s group’. All are welcome, old, middle-aged and young!

Beginning Experience April 15-17: Weekend programme for those who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. Move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning face the future with renewed hope at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. More details from John Brotheron 01992 642443 john.brotheron@hotmail.co.uk.

Jubilee Buildings Fundraising: Last year, the ‘Parish Meals’ initiative raised in excess of £3,000 and was a social success as well – thank you to all who provided a meal or attended. As it was so successful, we are repeating the initiative this year, where a host arranges a meal and charges £15 per head for guests to attend; with this money going to the Buildings Fund. If you would like to arrange a meal in your house, or if you are part of a group and would like to use the hall for a larger event, please sign-up in the porch. For information, contact Chris Mapleton on 01372842938 or chrismapleton@hotmail.com.

Our Jubilee Buildings Project: We’re in the final stages of negotiations with our prospective contractor for the building works. We shall have a parish meeting on Monday, March 21 at 8pm to present the plans and timetable for our works. In the meantime, if you can (and haven’t already done so) please contribute to reduce our need to borrow to make our Church ready for its next half-century. Contact the office to set up a regular standing order to run until the end of our fund-raising campaign in December 2017 or make a one-off donation online via the BT My Donate button. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Rome Pilgrimage: We’re down to the last two places on the parish Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Rome (May 23-27, 2016, staying at Palazzola, the guest-house of the English College in the Alban Hills). Contact parish office for details.