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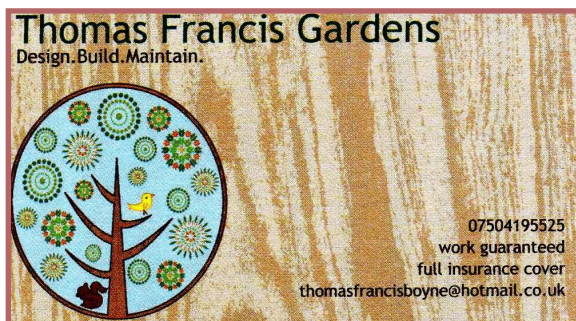
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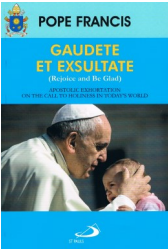
Answers to "What's What?" - Easter Edition

1. b. Manna; 2. c. A kiss; 3. b. Their coats; 4. a. Lamb; 5. b. A fruit;
6.a. His hair; 7. b. A scroll; 8. c. A donkey; 9. b. Sand; 10. a. Gold.



Editorial: “Rejoice and Be Glad”

Welcome to the summer edition of the magazine.



On the feast of St. Joseph, 19th March, Pope Francis published the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Its title is taken from the words of Jesus: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” [Mt.5:15]

Gaudete et Exsultate is meant to be practical, a meditation on how to respond to Christ’s invitation to be saints: to “Rejoice and be Glad.” As he states in his introduction the aim of this exhortation is “to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time.” (#2) The Pope considers holiness as “The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created.” (#1)

THE CALL TO HOLINESS: In the first chapter, the Pope reflects on the fact that we are all called to holiness: “Be holy, for I am holy.” [Lev.11:44] He mentions the saints and martyrs [those canonized] and the good examples they set us. But he also praises “the middle class of holiness”, the everyday sanctity of “those parents who raise their children with immense love,



in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick...” and in the holiness found in our next door neighbours. (#7) So, let us be encouraged by the examples of these people, as each one of us walks his/her own path and which the Lord himself has planned for us.

Pope Francis also makes specific mention of women, both those holy women [like St. Bridget, St. Catherine, St. Teresa and St. Therese], who emerged in times “when women tended to be most ignored and overlooked”, but also those “unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.” [#12]



The holiness to which the Lord calls each one of us grows through small gestures. The Pope gives the example of a woman who, though tired, listens lovingly to her child, who finds time to pray, who helps others. These are all steps along our way to holiness. The Pope also emphasises the need, even in our busy life, to find time be alone with God in prayer: "Finding that space may be painful but it is always fruitful." (#29) He encourages us to allow ourselves to be loved and set free by God; to be guided by the Holy Spirit.



Inspired by *Gaudete et Exultate*, and in the light of *Love In Action*, perhaps during the summer months, we can reflect and act on the questions that the Pope asks: Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity



and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain. [#14]

[The Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate* is available from the repository and the Parish Website, follow the links. There are also some practical suggestions in our CAFOD pages in the magazine.]

Finally, none of what we have done or what we are hoping to do would have been possible without the active support and involvement of our parishioners. So a big thank you to all of you who help in the day to day running of the parish, both in the office and in the church. Thank you to everyone in this wonderful Parish which is a privilege to serve and may God bless you and all your families.

Wishing you and all your families a happy and relaxing summer.

Fr. Anthony





From the Parish
Comings and Goings
Please remember in your prayers



We welcome and congratulate those who have been baptised here recently, and their families: Elissa Aboagye, Kian-na Bakker, Armana Michael, Julian Mzileni-Cookey, Brendon Montesino and Naya Catherine Russell.

Anointing of the Sick

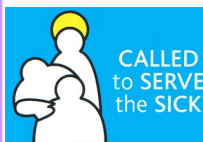
Judyth Knight

The Mass with Anointing took place on Friday, 22nd June, and was very well attended. As Fr Anthony was the sole celebrant, he thoughtfully suggested that in order to avoid a lengthy wait to receive the Sacrament we should join the procession in small sections from the back of the church. Therefore this whole ceremony was calm and unhurried and deeply prayerful, accompanied by familiar hymns.



It seemed appropriate that on this particular date we were called to remember Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, who, faced with the ultimate test of their faith, retained a profound trust in a true and loving God. Inspired by their example we left the church in confident reassurance and thanksgiving for the healing of our souls.

As is customary we all went into the hall afterwards for light refreshments. A huge thank you to all those who helped with the Mass and the refreshments afterwards. Much appreciated.



Of your charity keep all the sick and housebound in your thoughts and prayers this summer. May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

*Thank you to all those who give of their time to visit the sick
and the house-bound*



On Sunday 27th May, we celebrated Mass with the children who received their Holy Communion for the first time, but as Fr. Anthony always says, not the last time!

The eleven children in the programme this year worked hard at all the communion classes with their catechists who are very proud of the effort the children have put in.

The Church was beautifully decorated and the children's work, from all of their classes displayed.

It was a lovely Mass led by Father Anthony and involving all of the children Inoshca, Piotr, Maciey, Stefan, Conor, Tadhg, Eamonn, Kieyan, Fabian, Mikolaj, and Nikodem, who read the prayers and readings confidently as well as bringing the offertory gifts to Fr. Anthony.



While the children received their First Communion, the church, though full of the children's family and friends, was calm and quiet as everyone watched the children receive the body and blood of Jesus for the first time.



After the service, Fr. Anthony presented the children with their First Communion certificates (We all hope that the children treasure these in the same way that Fr. Anthony has treasured his for so many years!) All agreed he is still as handsome as he was on his own First Holy communion day!

A celebration in the hall followed the service with drinks, food and a lovely cake. The children, their families and the parishioners had a lovely celebration before going on to their own family celebrations.



The children talked about how they felt on the day at our final class on 3rd June 2018.

Quoted by the children:

“nervous, anxious but excited on the morning of their First Holy Communion” and “wanted to make their families proud of them”; “Relieved and happy when Mass started and they received Jesus for the first time.”



All the children enjoyed the celebration in the hall afterwards and their own family celebrations, the best ever; “the cake was fantastic”, “best day of my life”; they all agreed that the best part of the day was receiving the body and blood of Christ.

A huge thank you to Fr. Anthony for his enthusiasm, support and excellent organisation during the programme and on the day. Also, a huge thank you to Penny Donetti for decorating the Church so beautifully and to Elizabeth Patten and all her helpers for preparing the food and drinks for the celebration in the hall. Thanks to Martin Murray for taking photographs during and after the Mass which were given to the children as a reminder of their very special day.



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Saturday 12th May was a very special day for six young people in our Parish: Joshua Aaron, Rafal Gugnacki, Makayla Joseph, Sean Pender, David Pender and Shanai Ranasinghe, as they received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. They were joined by Justin Henry from English Martyrs parish.

The occasion was well attended by parents, sponsors, family and parishioners. The candidates were very smartly dressed, and were presented to Bishop John Sherrington who celebrated Mass at 6.00pm and led the ceremony for us. There was a very joyful party afterwards in the hall with a beautiful cake and plenty of refreshments. The hall was filled with sounds of congratulations and



laughter as people mingled and chatted. It was truly a sign of the spirit of our parish, as we welcomed these young people as mature members into our community.



Confirmation is a milestone in the young people's life. They had taken part in ten sessions of the Confirmation Programme, lasting from September 2017 to May 2018. The programme also included a special session led by Holly Cook, the pastoral assistant of Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and a weekend retreat in March in Walsingham House in Brentwood, where under the guidance of a residential team, the candidates took part in activities, both spiritual and social, which enriched their knowledge of our faith, and helped them to bond with one another.



This is a summary of the thoughts and feelings of the candidates about the Sacrament of Confirmation and the preparation programme:

- * Spiritually I am more engaged in my journey to be with God. I feel more holy and closer to Jesus.
- * It was a great experience, it continued to strengthen my faith and I feel more a part of the Church.
- * I enjoyed the lessons, which has helped me to develop as a Christian.
- * The lessons were very informative and I have learned a lot of things about my faith in God.
- * I feel like I have a deeper understanding of my faith and ready to continue my life as a Christian.
- * I understand more of the stories and what it is to be a Christian.
- * I was able to reflect a lot and lots of my questions were answered.
- * The best part of the programme was the retreat!


We would like to wish our newly confirmed young parishioners continued progress on their journey of faith.



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We all remember May 19th, the day Prince Harry and Meghan got married. But it was also a very special day for other married couples.

Cardinal Vincent invited couples who were celebrating special anniversaries to a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral – so, after watching the Royal wedding, with joy in our hearts, we made our way to Westminster. There we were warmly welcomed by Cardinal Vincent who invited us to renew, before God, our marriage vows.

In his homily the Cardinal referred to Prince Harry and Meghan, saying the advice that the couples there would give them would be very similar to what God wishes for them in their marriages: the gift of everyday love and holiness. He invited the couples to pray for God to 'renew within them that initial dedication' and be joyful that 'these promises of marriage endure and give shape to our lives.'



After Mass the Cardinal congratulated each couple and was photographed with them.

It was a very joyous and memorable day. *Deo Gratias.*

The mass for matrimony has been an annual event since 2008. This year it was attended by 640 couples celebrating milestone anniversaries, over half of whom were celebrating 40-plus years of marriage. Over 70 children were also present to witness their parents renewing their marriage vows.



Congratulations to all those who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries this year, and to Isobel Jayawardane and David Lyons who were married in our Church in April.

‘Which is which’?

1. Which of the following goes with Pishon?

a. Brook, b. River, c. Lake

2. Which of the following goes with Euphrates?

a. Sea, b. Ocean, c. River



3. Which of the following goes with Siloam?

a. Lake, b. Pool, c. Stream

4. Which of the following goes with Dead?

a. Lake, b. Ocean, c. Sea

5. Which of the following goes with Gennesaret?

a. Estuary, b. Lagoon, c. Lake

6. Which of the following goes with Gihon?

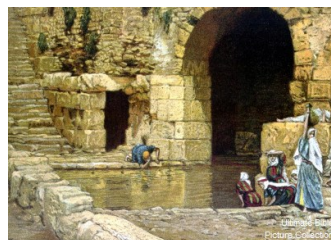
a: Waterfall, b: River, c: Marsh

7. Which of the following goes with Cherith?

a. Tributary, b. Brook, c. Canal

8. Which of the following goes with Jordan?

a. River, b. Sea, c. Lagoon



9. Which of the following goes with Galilee?

a. Pond, b. Sea, c. Stream

10. Which of the following goes with Abana and Pharpar?

a. Rivers, b. Lakes, c. Ponds

EVIDENCE

“Dad, what are all those holes in the new garden shed?

They’re knot holes.

What do you mean ‘they’re not holes?’ I can put my finger into them.”





What a spectacular day! The International Day is always one of the highlights of the St. Erconwald's calendar, but the organisers seem to have excelled themselves this year. A surprisingly small group turned up on Saturday to arrange the hall and the Church. The Royal Wedding, the Cup Final and the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage at Westminster Cathedral on the same day was almost certainly the reason.

When we think about International Day we think colours, summer, music, food, drink and good company. This year was no exception; the weather was so good that both marquees were full, offering shelter from the sun and allowing for pleasant conversation whilst enjoying the wonderful food and still be able to hear the fantastic 'Velvet Touch'. Whilst all was calm and relaxing outside, inside was a completely different matter, dancing was in full flow as the picture on the front cover of the magazine bears witness.



A long row of tables barely held the vast array of food. From classic ham and salmon, via Afro-Caribbean jerk chicken and rice-n-beans, to food from various parts of Asia in curries and other dishes. It was all absolutely delicious. The meal was rounded off with cakes from around the world and a selection of ice-creams from rum and raisin popular with the adults to a bright blue one called 'bubble gum' popular with the children. As always

a small group kept everyone supplied with tea and coffee. There was a wide selection of drinks from the bar including some very potent Rum Punch which left a few parishioners, who shall be nameless, looking decidedly, but happily, out-of-focus.



Thanks again to 'young Perry' for organising the entertainment again this year. The very popular and talented 'Velvet Touch' covered a multitude of decades with their music. They were also very clever at persuading those who never danced before to get up on the floor. To top everything off, there was a Cabaret - a family, Mum Sylvia,



Dad Jason and their young daughter Gabriella stunned the crowd with their Indian dance routine. Not only were they beautiful to watch but they had the talent to lead everyone else in the dancing. It says a lot for the atmosphere that one mature Afro-Caribbean lady who walked with a stick was dancing away and managed to do so even after her stick was 'borrowed' for some impromptu Limbo Dancing!

Of course, such a success doesn't happen by accident. It is all down to the dedicated volunteers slaving away behind the scenes. The festivities ended with a raffle with some wonderful prizes. We discovered that fortune is a fickle lady and buying loads of tickets doesn't necessarily ensure that you are going to win. Still, it was for a good cause and it is always exciting waiting for the numbers to be picked out. Apart from being a wonderful day, the fact that it raised £2,000 for the Church says it all.



On such a wonderful day there was one person, the organisers could not help missing this year, someone who has always been a part of this Celebration, who kept the Italian flag flying, the late Giovanni Marcis RIP. Giovanni always prepared Italian dishes which were enjoyed by all. Whilst we miss him and his humour he is most certainly not forgotten. May he enjoy eternal rest and peace until we all meet again.

'PENTECOST Raffle Results



1st Prize Jerusalem Cross: Lesley Gaynor, 2nd Prize International Hamper: Mary Loftus; 3rd Prize £150 Cash: Edith Smith, 4th Prize Voucher: Anthony Donetti, 5th Prize Children's Hamper: Susan & Bryan Sims.

Dear Friends of Saint Laurence's Larder and Open Kitchen,



Over the last few years Saint Laurence's Larder has changed. The Larder is moving more towards being a Community Luncheon Club whilst still continuing to be a Food Bank for people in need i.e. working mums, the homeless and the marginalised.

Many of our guests now come twice a week for the companionship, fellowship, and a nourishing three course meal. We also offer a take away evening meal service that is proving popular with our guests.

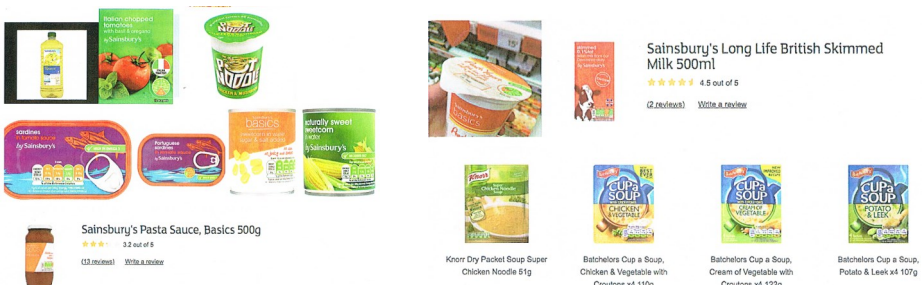
For the homeless we offer the goods shown in the photograph - light and easy products for the homeless to carry. The guests can add a tin of sardines to their take away meal and can always ask for hot water to make up a Pot Noodles or a CupaSoul in any cafe.

City Harvest supply us with fresh food up to three times a week and many of the products can then be sent to Christ Church School, Willesden Lane. The families are grateful and full of praise for the work of The Larder for their families.

St Laurence's Larder relies on many donors, including yourselves, in helping to meet the needs of marginalised people. St Laurence's is grateful for all the donations it receives and thanks to the people of St. Erconwald's for their continuing generosity and support.

Deanery Lay Chair to Anglicans in Brent
Stephen Peter Chamberlain

[A shopping list is posted on the noticeboards for better understanding of the guests' needs.]





You will have read from recent Church Newsletters and the posters on the noticeboards, that the Preston Community Library recently opened a new *Memory Lounge*, which meets every Monday between 2.00 – 4.00pm.

In case you are not aware what is meant by the *Memory Lounge* it is basically a Dementia Café that has been set up for people with dementia and their families and friends to meet and socialise. It has been running for a few weeks and during this time it has attracted a lot of people from the surrounding areas including residents from local care homes, and along with partaking in refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits there have been opportunities to participate in activities such as playing games, singing and quizzes. However, please note you do not need to be affected by dementia to attend, and everyone is welcome.

At the same time the *Memory Lounge* offers something else no other dementia café has in Brent, which is an information and advice service on learning more about dementia and my involvement with the *Lounge* focuses specifically on supporting those family carers who cannot attend the Wembley Dementia Carers Support Group, for example.

I realise that many family carers feel they cannot get out of the house because they have no one else to help them look after the person they care for. Therefore, if you are in this position then I would encourage you to take advantage and go along to the *Memory Lounge* with the person you care for, and socialise with the other people who attend. At the same time if you would like a chat about what you are going through I can confirm that the Wembley Dementia Carers Support Group meets on alternate Mondays in the Parish Hall [see newsletter and noticeboards]. I will be at the Lounge from around 3.15pm.

If you would like to find out more information about the *Memory Lounge* please contact the Library or myself.

**PRESTON
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If you are a carer looking after family suffering with Dementia [including Alzheimer's] the Wembley Dementia Carers Support Group meet in the Parish Hall alternate Mondays from 1.00pm - 3.00pm For further information please contact

Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

The Lilt of Irish Laughter

PROBLEM

MAN at airport: "I'd like this bag to go to Moscow, this one to New York and this one to Rome."

Steward: "I'm sorry, sir, but we can't do that"

Man: "Rubbish! That's what you did the last time I flew with you!"



RUNNING

WEE Jimmy was climbing a tree and had nearly reached the top when his mother came into the garden and saw him. She shouted up, 'If you fall and break both legs, don't you bother come running to me, that's all.'

BASHED

TWO eggs were boiling in a saucepan. One said, "It's hot in here, isn't it?"

The other replied, "Wait till you get out. You'll get your head Bashed in."



LEAKED

MICHAEL went on a camping holiday with his family. "Did the tent leak?" Asked his friend Patrick. "Only when it rained," answered Michael.

PAIR



TEACHER: "You're wearing a very strange pair of socks, Billy. One's blue with red sports and one's yellow with green stripes."

Billy: "Yes, sir, and I've got another pair just the same at home."

WORKING

LORRY driver to new mate: "Step down from the cab, will you, and tell me if my indicators work."

Mate: "Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no."



Jokes

Q: What did the lettuce say to the celery?

Q: What school subject is the fruitiest?

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

Q: What vegetables are sailor's enemies?

Q: What's small and red and has a rough voice?

Q: What's a vampire's favourite fruit?



Knock knock! Who's there? Lettuce!

Lettuce who?

Lettuce in and you'll find out!

Riddles

What do Delhi, Mexico, Guinea, Castle, Jersey and Foundland have in common? They all have a 'New' vision

Did you spot the deliberate mistake?

"vision" should be version

A: A neck-tarine!

A: A hoarse radish!

A: Leeks

A: Because it saw the salad dressing.

A: History because it is full of dates!

A: Quit stalking me!





One of the questions we looked at as a parish in the Love in Action program is "Who is my neighbour?" As well as the people living next door, in our road, in our area, in our country are our brothers and sisters elsewhere in the world created, like us by God, and, like us, sharing in His creation. So how do we care for our neighbour: how do we show our love in action?

CAFOD is one way in which we can respond to this invitation. Our donations enable our partners in other countries to support those with needs, particularly the basics, water, food, education, housing and an ability to earn an income. The funding also means that CAFOD can make help available when emergencies and disasters occur. But the challenge is also to change the way things are: to make our world more fair and just. CAFOD seeks to do this with the campaigns it runs and those it supports. One you may have seen mentioned (clue - it has been in the parish newsletter) is *Share the Journey*. This is a worldwide Church campaign inspired by Pope Francis's special concern for migrants and refugees where we are being called to share the journey of people on the move.



DID YOU KNOW?

- More people are on the move now than ever before. Every minute, 20 people around the world are newly displaced.
- Half of the world's refugees are children, and thousands take flight without the protection of parents or other family members.
- Three out of four of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries.

In September 2018, world leaders will agree two new global 'compacts' (or agreements) at the United Nations: one on refugees and one on migration. Pope Francis has spoken of this as a 'unique opportunity' for Catholics worldwide to put pressure on governments. We are calling on world leaders to make a united, global response, through agreements which:



- ⇒ Respect human dignity
- ⇒ Protect the vulnerable
- ⇒ Support host countries
- ⇒ Keep families together
- ⇒ Tackle the reasons for migration.



You can find more details about the campaign on our Church notice board and also at CAFOD's website <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>.

You can support this campaign by signing the CAFOD petition to the Prime Minister urging Britain to play a leading role in the forthcoming global compacts on migration and refugees. The petition is at <https://eactivist.com/page/12965/petition/1>

There are other ways to support the campaign. One is a walk by individuals and parishes of 24,901 miles – the distance around the whole world! The purpose is as an act of solidarity to share the experience of our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step we take, together with others from across the country, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. At the time of writing this, walkers from parishes in England and Wales have already clocked up the 24,901 miles and the walks now are adding up to a second journey round the world (details at the Share the Journey website above). Can you walk in solidarity? If not, and in any event, please take a moment to think of those refugees forced to leave their homes and make a journey and thank you for your support.





We have had a great Summer Term at St Bernadette's. It began during the Easter holidays when we took our school group to Lourdes as part of the HCPT pilgrimage that takes place every Easter. We took a group of 5 children and 5 staff for our 7th trip. It is always a tremendous spiritual experience for all involved and we are able to celebrate our school's Saint in an appropriate manner.

During the course of this Term our children have worked very hard with the Y2 and Y6 pupils completing their SATs followed by a celebration when we took the whole school to the Circus in our park. This was an incredible experience as we packed out a Circus tent with 500 of our children and staff all of whom had a great time!



We have completed our exchange programme with our link School in Madrid (Colegio Miramadrid). In April they sent us 20 pupils who stayed with our children and then in June we took 14 pupils over to them for a similar experience. Both sets of children had a great time sightseeing in the capital cities, speaking new languages and making new friends for life. This will be continued next year for our Y6 children.

In May our Y3 children made their First Holy Communions in the Parish of All Saints and our other link Parishes. We bring them all together when we celebrate their FHC assembly in June, which is a chance for them to dress up again and re-live their big day. It is lovely to have them play a more complete role in our School Masses as they receive the Body of Christ.

In May we had the biggest celebration of the lot when our School's football team Fulham FC won the Championship Play-off Final at Wembley Stadium! The whole School wore black and white on the Friday before to prepare and after 43 years of waiting we celebrated as a community when they won the Final!



Recently we have interviewed our Y5 pupils for the role of a Pupil Chaplain which they will perform for us in Y6. We appointed 12 Chaplains and their job is a vital one for us as they lead the children in the prayer life of the school. They are responsible for assemblies, supporting other children, working with allocated classes and charitable works. I am very proud of the current Chaplains who have done a great job and I am sorry to lose them.



In June we held a Mission for all of our Junior children when the Franciscan Monks visited for the day. They held an assembly and then worked with our Chaplains and a group who were specially selected. They were an inspiration and

we hope to have them again next year. Our Mission Statement is based on the work of St Francis and we encourage all of the children to ***'Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary use words.'*** Our children are very good at following this Mission.

We held our annual Grandparent's Day at the beginning of June. This is always really well attended and gives us an opportunity to say thank-you to some of the most important members of our community. We held assemblies, class visits followed by a Quiz Night in the evening—it was a great day!



As we move towards the end of Term we currently have World Cup fever and each class has two countries to support as part of a sweep-stake. They are studying the geography of those countries and hoping that they do well in the tournament.



We are now preparing for our new intake in September when we will be welcoming children and families from your Parish into our community. I hope that they are very happy here and I look forward to showing members of your community around St Bernadette's in the Autumn Term. If you would like a tour of our School then please contact us on 0208204 8902 and we will arrange it for you. Have a lovely summer!



Forest United Youth Football Club is a local youth club that caters for boys and girls age 7 -18 years. We are located on the Tenterden and John Billham sports ground, just pass Preston Road station.

Being situated in one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the UK, we use the global game to bring communities together in an approachable, friendly and respectful manner. We are professional and seek professionalism throughout the club. We have started the careers of internationally capped players who have represented England and other nations. One of these players has gone on to manage the England Men's National Team. We have produced players who have played and won trophies in the Premier League and have also played at a semi-professional level. Our players have also earned football scholarships at home and abroad, allowing them to play football whilst gaining a fully paid education. The aim is for the players in our teams to be successful both in and out of football.



Sunday 10th June Forest United held a successful annual presentation afternoon at St. Erconwald's Church hall.



This year Forest had two teams winning their prospective leagues and another reaching the cup final. We have over a hundred boys & girls training Saturdays and playing matches on Sundays. All the managers and coaches are volunteers and work under the club registered charity status. We are

always looking for new players, coaches, managers or admin staff to support the running of the club.

Please see web site – www.forestunitedyouthfc.co.uk - for more details or contacts.

Forest United wishes to thank St Erconward's Church for their continued support in the community.



Caritas — update

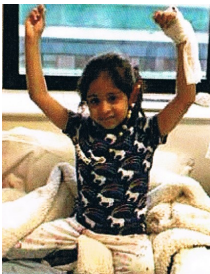
Sr. Silvana kindly paid us a visit on Tuesday, 19th June, to tell us about the new Caritas project in Wembley. SEIDS (Social Enterprise Ideas Development) Hub which is located in the old St. Joseph's Social Club opened in June this year.



Basically it will be a 'One Stop Shop' for anyone wishing to set up a "Social Enterprise Business". The Hub will offer unique resources such as community co-working space, access to support from the Hub staff, business mentors, workshops, networking opportunities and formal and informal training. The Hub will be open to anyone who has a business idea they would like to test. Poverty, homelessness and disadvantage will not be a barrier at the hub, if you have a credible social enterprise idea, help is waiting for you there.

It is good to see the much loved St. Joseph's Social Club put to such good use. For more information visit seidshub@rcdow.org.uk

Be Kaiya's Donor



The plight of 5 year old Kaiya was brought to our attention by Divya (one of our regular Hall Hirer's). Kaiya is suffering from a rare and aggressive form of Leukaemia and urgently needs a stem cell transplant from outside her family. Divya became involved with the quest to get more donors to go on the Donor Register and to hopefully find a match for Kaiya.

On Saturday, 9th June Divya and her team set up in the Hall. Even though our Parishioners had very little notice we were very proud to see so many giving a swab and going on the Donor Registrar. St. Erconwald's was one of several locations in this area who had a 'Drop in Centre'. 50 swabs were taken here and a total of 35,000 people were swabbed in the search for a donor for Kaiya. Unfortunately, despite the numbers, very sadly a donor was not found. Please keep Kaiya and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

A Wheelchair for Antonia

We heard about four year Antonia who lives in Poland through Diana, Elizabeth's friend. Antonia is due to start school next year. In order to do so, Antonia needs a wheelchair, at present her family carry her everywhere. We were asked to help in this task by collecting plastic bottle tops.

We are not the only Church collecting and several loads have been transported to Poland already. So a very big thank you to all who have donated bottle tops, not only have you aided a good cause but by doing so you have also helped the environment by recycling your plastic. Many thanks.



Summer Concerts: To end their time in the Infant school and the Junior school, year two and year six have been busily preparing their summer end of year concerts. Year two are performing 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat' While year six are performing 'Peter Pan'.

School Masses: We have been celebrating Mass in our classes during the year thanks to the priests from Saint Joseph's Parish. The children have greatly enjoyed this opportunity as have the parents who have attended with their children. The parents are also attending a parent prayer group in our prayer room in the junior school.

Pentecost/Royal Wedding Celebrations: We marked Pentecost this year with a dress up day and a range of Pentecost activities. The children enjoyed the day which culminated with a picnic in the field to also celebrate the Royal Wedding.



Healthy School Week: One of the highlights of the year on the sporting calendar is the celebration of Healthy Schools week where we organised a number of external providers to come in to give children new experiences and new skills.

A-Life: We had a group from a company called A-Life in who provide Healthy Workshops with minimal teaching and maximum pupil participation. Sessions were differentiated throughout, increasing in difficulty across the key stages. Pupils were challenged to stretch themselves beyond their existing knowledge and experience of healthy living as they solved problems, answered thought-provoking questions and completed tasks. Activities were stimulating and engaging with the key messages of looking after our bodies and keeping healthy infiltrating the day. Parents (where possible) also joined their children in the activities and feedback from both groups was very positive.

Football coaching: We had a Tottenham coach who had already done a term and a half with the juniors, work across both Key Stages one day of the week. He worked on their football skills and was assisted by our sports apprentices and teaching assistants. The children enjoyed taking part and keeping active and were well worn out after the sessions. A year 2 team also went on to win the Wykeham Football Trophy this July!



Chess: Children also had the chance to experience/practise chess. For some of them this was completely new and for others was a great chance to compete against others.

Yoga: The Yoga teacher who takes sessions on a Monday also gave a day to both schools for them to experience the 'calming' effects of yoga movements.

Saracens Rugby: One of the coaches from Saracens came in to work across both schools giving them fun drills and activities as a taster to real rugby.

Dance/Gym: Our usual coaches came in that week as well as part of the sports programme to continue the variety on offer this week. The children love gymnastics and look forward to their lessons. We also entered teams for the borough gymnastics tournaments. We entered team in KS1 and both the lower and upper stages of KS2 and won all three. Our KS2 teams went on to represent the borough in School Games on July 5th.

Quad Kids: To add even more action to the week we took part in the Quads kids event whereby children run 600m, 75 sprint, do a standing long jump and throw a Turbo Howler. This was a new event for our year 3/4 however they won the event on the day. A few weeks later the 5/6 team with some of our very talented year fours took part and won that event as well and went on to represent our school and the borough at the Sainsbury's school games at Crystal Palace on 5th July

School Fayre: Many thanks to everyone who attended and supported our annual summer fayre on Sunday 8th July. Fun was had by all, with games, competitions and even a visit from the firefighters from Wembley Fire Station as well as the police. The Mayor of Brent arrived to present the raffle prizes during the day! Thank you to all the members of the Schools Association who helped set up and run this event. We hope everyone enjoyed the sun!



Mr. Murray: After many years of dedicated service Martin Murray has stepped down as our chair of Finance on our Governors. We would like to thank him for all the hard work he has done for the schools over the many years. Mrs Lilian Owen also retired from our Governing Board this summer and we wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her hard work.

Spanish Day: This year we celebrated all things Spanish in school. We learn Spanish as our modern foreign language and it was the perfect opportunity to learn a little more. The children enjoyed a Spanish themed lunch as well as Flamenco lessons during the day. Everyone looked fabulous in their Spanish costumes!



Fiver Challenge: The children have been busily developing their entrepreneurial skills. Each class has been given £15 to invest wisely on a product to sell. The class who makes the biggest profit can choose a treat for their class and make a donation to a charity of their choosing.

We wish Saint Erconwald's entire Parish a restful summer, Mandy Whelan and all the Governors, Staff and Pupils at Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools.

Giovanni Marcis RIP [23/6/62 - 31/1/18]

Our dad passed away on the 31st of January 2018 at the age of 55. He was ill for almost 15 years but from an outsider point of view he looked perfectly well. He never acted like he was in any pain and he never showed any weakness. He knew that he was the core of our family. He always put us first, be it from working long days or simply cooking our favourite meals when he got home.



He was always there to offer us support and guidance. Not only to us, but also where he worked as a shop manager and our parish where he was part of the committee.



Giovanni was born on the 23rd June 1962 in Milan, Italy to Maria and Antonio Marcis. He soon moved to England in 1981, where he worked a number of different jobs including Dining, working in restaurants and an Italian delicatessen. In January 1993, he met our mum Josefina. They married on December 1st, 1993 and had the three of us. Our dad always enjoyed taking us to Mass and quickly became an active member of our parish. I am sure people will remember him doing the music at the 9am Sunday Mass and leaving the music on for a bit too long! He also helped the parish committee wherever he could whether it be offering advice, supporting the church with financial matters or practical decisions. I'm sure our parish will always remember Giovanni as a warm-hearted, giving and kind member of the community. He was a great father to us but also a great father to all. May he rest in peace.



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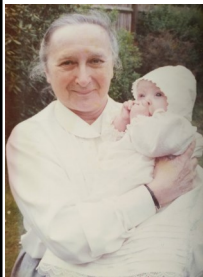
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The Art of Dying Well is a web site of the Church in England and Wales that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues surrounding death and dying. For more information visit: www.artofdyingwell.org

Our sympathies to the families of those departed: Mavis Bart, Giovanna Kitton, Margaret Cornish, John Kiely, Josephine Niland, Kathleen Hennessy, Charles Heaphy, Fay Langley, Nora Silke, Lil Shanahan, Catherine Gallagher, Caterina Gargano, Ken Fernandes and Edith.

Giovanna Kitton RIP [22/732 - 24/4/18]



Giovanna, or Gio as you may have known her, was an active member of the St Erconwald's community from when she and her family moved to Wembley in 1971. She passed away recently and this obituary has been written by her four children.

Gio was born in 1932 in Savona, a working port in Liguria, in the north west of Italy. Her father was a Captain in the merchant navy and served in both World Wars. He was a decorated war hero, having been awarded a gold medal for bravery in 1918. Gio's mother was a devoted Catholic and a strong supporter of her local community.

Gio grew up in Savona with her parents and younger sister. She studied Law at the University of Genoa and went on to become the first female barrister from her province.

She married an Englishman, Tony Kitton in 1959, Tony was friends with Gio's favourite cousin and that is how they met. After the wedding, she left Italy and moved to England. Gio and Tony first lived in Kent, then Surrey and moved to West Hill, Wembley in 1971, when the Kitton family became parishioners of St Erconwald's church.

Tony sang in the church choir and read at Mass. Both of Gio's sons - Andrew and Robert, served on the Altar, both receiving their ten-year service silver medals. Gio had always wanted to serve on the Altar as a girl but back then only males were allowed. She was so happy and proud when several of her granddaughters became Altar servers. One of Gio's daughters - Helen was married in St Erconwald's.

When Gio retired from her job teaching Italian, she spent more time with her family, enjoying her eight grandchildren. She also increased her time of devoted service at St Erconwald's. She carried out a number of roles including managing the repository, cleaning the church, counting the offertory and counselling the bereaved.

Sadly, the last few years of her life were beset with dementia, but she still knew what was happening at Mass and recognised hymns. She still enjoyed going to church, especially to St Erconwald's where she had spent so many happy years and made so many good friends.



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm; 9am and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4.30 - 5.00pm

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: Wednesday 10.00-11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9.30am.



A Humerus joke

An orthopaedic surgeon was moving his equipment to a new office and he asked his secretary to move a display skeleton with great care. She managed to lift it on to the front seat of her car and drove carefully across town.

Stopping at some traffic lights, she noticed a driver in the car next to her was staring in disbelief. She wound down the window and shouted across, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office."

The other driver shouted back, "I think it's too late."

