

Church of the English Martyrs - Streatham

For the hard of hearing, an Induction Loop is fitted in the Church

Communiqué

8th June 2008
Sunday – Year A

Tenth

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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY
6.30pm

SUNDAY
9.30 & 11.30am
5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

WED – SAT
9.30am
Except MON & TUE:
Eucharistic Service

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY
10.00-10.30am
&
5.30-6.15pm

All Mass
Intentions are as
recorded in the
**Mass
Intentions
Book**

LITURGY TEAMS

Today:
JOHN

Next Sunday:
MATTHEW

WHO'S IN AND WHO'S OUT?

Lots of people were annoyed when Jesus called Matthew to be one of his disciples. For Matthew was a tax collector, someone who earned commission on the amount of taxes he could reap for the occupying Roman regime. The more he exacted, the more he kept, so the temptation was to overcharge.

When the Pharisees saw the sort of people Jesus was having dinner with, they asked why he ate with tax collectors and sinners? Jesus' reply is famous: what he wanted was mercy not sacrifice; he had come not to call saints but sinners.

The comforting thing about looking down on other people is that it makes us look better. By condemning other people, for whatever reason, we implicitly proclaim that we are superior, for we are not like them.

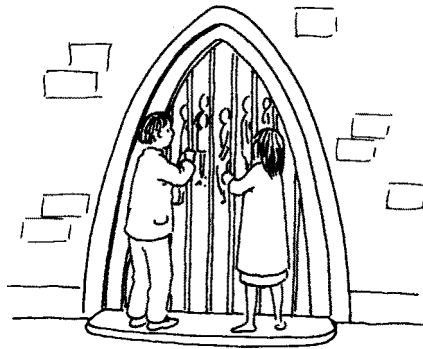
We do this in society. Newspapers mercilessly demonise certain types of

criminals; television provides us with a plentiful supply of ammunition to use against immigrants and refugees. After all, we must be better than them because, mercifully, we were born here!

Even in our local churches we like to make distinctions between different types, between newcomers and pillars of the parish, between charismatic and evangelical, Catholic and Protestant,

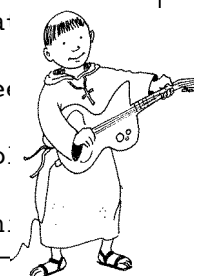
traditional and modern. We're also just as quick to point out people's faults.

Groucho Marx once said that he would never belong to a club that was prepared to have someone like him as a member. Jesus tells us that what really matters is the way we show mercy to those around us. That's why the Church, like Groucho Marx's club, is not full of saints but of sinners. Mercifully!



ST JOSEPH THE HYMNWRITER (June 14th)

A little-known saint is celebrated on June 14th, but his work has survived the centuries and come down to us today. St Joseph the Hymnwriter was a 9th century monk in Constantinople when his monastery was attacked and he was forced to flee on board a ship destined for Rome. Pirates captured his ship and imprisoned him on the island of Crete. When he was freed, he went to Rome for a while before returning home to Constantinople. A storm and shipwreck. As a result of his experiences on the h



Next week's readings –

11th Sunday:

Exodus 19: 2-6;
Psalm 99;
Romans 5: 6-11;
Matthew 9: 36-10: 8.



Why not **Start the Week** each Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery when we meet to reflect on the scripture readings for the following Sunday? Members of the liturgy team for the following Sunday also attend. You are most welcome to join us.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 8.00-9.25am.
Feasts this week: Wed: St Barnabas, apostle; Fri: St Anthony of Padua.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children receiving First Holy Communion today for the first time are:

Christina Aderogba	Risqat Amore
Anna Appiah-Kubi	Vivianne Bbaale
Louis Davidson	Hugh Davies
Tyreal Foster	Fernanda Martins
Sami Munir	Jordan Okunbor
Rhiana Vasu	Ryan Vasu
Kevin Velaj	James Wade
Tom Webb-Jones	Hannah Yeboah



Our congratulations to the children on this happy occasion. Next Sunday, we will welcome all the First Communion children to 9.30am Mass and a special celebration afterwards.



We welcome into the Church Elvira Kirk who was baptised at English Martyrs last Sunday. We wish her every happiness for her future.

Thank you: Recently, we have had trouble with a drain serving the church hall, resulting in the closure of the toilets for a time. I would like to thank Mark Hughes of Henry Hughes & Hughes, and builder Nigel Breslin who have helped greatly in resolving the matter.

OThe Induction Loop in the church, which had ceased to function, has been repaired and is operative again.
Fr Gerry

APF Mill Hill Mission – Red Box Holders

Please collect your envelope from the church porch and return it before **23rd June**.

The APF carries out many worthy works:

Worldwide support of all missionary societies, e.g. the Comboni Missionaries; Support of local churches until they are self-sufficient; Support of priests, sisters and catechists and the building of new churches.

Please join in this big family and become a Red Box Holder. For details, please contact me on 020 8769 5158. Thank you, *Agnes Yuen*



Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor celebrates Mass in Westminster Cathedral on Mon, 16th June at 5.30pm, praying for peace in Iraq. All welcome.

St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill SE19 SUMMER FÊTE

Saturday, 14th June at 12 noon

An inviting array of fairground rides, stalls, games, raffles, and refreshments. All welcome!



The Repository will be open today in the hall with plenty of gifts and cards.

ENGLISH MARTYRS ARTS GROUP

Our next concert will be on 12th July as part of English Martyrs' open day during the Streatham Festival and we will shortly be announcing the full programme of concerts for the autumn and winter.



2008 LAMBETH CLIMATE CHANGE DAY

Following the success of the first Lambeth Climate Change Conference last year, Lambeth is hosting another event this year on Friday, 13th June. The theme is how residents and business can gain from making small changes to their daily practices. The event will take place at Lambeth Town Hall, Tate Gardens, Windrush Square in Brixton, 10am-4pm. See the poster in the porch. To book a place or for more information, please call 020 7926 0488 or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/climatechange.

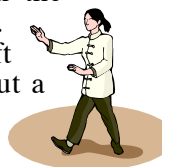
Foundation Degree in Pastoral Ministry: The Christian Education Centre in Tooting Bec is offering this course, one day a week, over two years, beginning this October. Please see the leaflet in the porch for more details or contact the CEC on 020 8767 4445 or email eps@cectootingbec.org.uk.

THE SOUTHWARK BRETHERN is a long-standing charity which helps sick and retired priests in need. We thank you for your generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to: Rev Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 9AY. Last year, we were able to give £1,000 each to 30 priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton and also help 8 sick working priests, to make their situation a little easier. In addition, we have a **Gift Aid Scheme** for those who pay tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a Gift Aid form.

If you would like a Gift Aid form for Southwark Brethren Charity, we have some in the parish office so please call us on 020 8769 6268 to pop in.



Ever wondered what is Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung? Find out in a taster session in the hall on Tues, 17 June at 10.15am. Suitable for all. Loose clothing/soft footwear is all you need. No charge but a donation to building project would be appreciated.



Offertory: £1,509.42 of which £524.90 was Gift Aided including £278 in Standing Orders. *Thank you.*