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SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Thought for Today

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Friday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat and Symbol of His Burning Love for us; Love which moved Him to Die for us, in agony, on the Cross on Good Friday and also moved Him, at the Last Supper, to institute the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in which, through Holy Orders and Father's words and gestures, that once-for-all Sacrifice will be made present in our churches and offered until the end of time. Christ, of course, does not suffer any more; He just wishes us to join ourselves, in our own particular time and place, to His Sacrifice, and longs to give Himself to each of us in Communion.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is most often linked to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque who, round about 1673, was privileged to be shown by Jesus His Sacred Heart, lamenting that although He showers unlimited Love on Mankind, so many simply show ingratitude in return. Among the revelations Jesus made was what became known as the Great Promise, namely that those, who on the First Friday of nine months in a row, would receive Communion, would be granted all the Graces they needed to live a life which would bring them safely to Heaven. Of course, as we must recognise, this does not guarantee that one will get to Heaven, come what may. Rather it promises that all the spiritual assistance we need to overcome sin and move closer to God are ours for the asking; we are, of course, expected to make our best efforts to use these helps! Jesus asked for the setting up of this Feast, to make up for Man's ingratitude.

It is significant that these visions occurred when they did because, at the time, a heresy, known as Jansenism, presented God not as Loving, Merciful and Forgiving, but rather negatively as someone to be feared, something totally at variance with the Church's Teachings.

In an age when the meaning of the word 'love' has been so distorted and debased, this Devotion is another priceless asset to us in our journey to Heaven.



Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to **£1788.00** (comprising £1143.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders.)

The second collection, for Day for Life, raised **£498.00**.

The UCM thank you for the total of **£89.00** raised at their Coffee Morning last Sunday.

We welcome Father Paul Antwi-Boasiako who will be saying the 6.15pm Vigil Mass this Saturday. After Mass, everybody is invited to the lower hall for refreshments and for presentation to Fr Paul of the proceeds of the collection taken in his honour as a formal parting gift from the parishioners of St Bartholomew's.

In the coming week:

Wednesday 28th June - Confirmation Practice at 7.30pm in the church.

All parents and sponsors are welcome to accompany our Confirmation Candidates.

Friday 30th June - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given by Bishop Pat Lynch at 7pm.

Sick and Housebound *If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.*

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Mrs Austin, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 1:

Kathleen O'Toole, Eileen McCarthy, Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Polin Rajaratnam, Nwamaka Offor

Please could you help clean God's house? Kindly contact the parish office?

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course takes place on Saturdays 8th & 15th July 2017 at 3pm. If you wish to attend, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which is to be found in the porch, and drop the form at the parish office.

You must attend both sessions. Please read and complete the form with care.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

Please collect & pay for photos promptly, remembering that John Taylor produces them from his own resources.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO GIFT AID THEIR WEEKLY OFFERING

Please will ALL Gift Aid givers, REGARDLESS of how you make your offering, kindly collect their **End Of Year Letters** from the Gift Aid Office behind Our Lady's Chapel. You may require it in the event of being asked by HMRC to complete a Tax Return. We appeal to all those who Gift Aid by Standing Order to take their boxes of envelopes away. There are still 68 uncollected boxes. It is doubly important that Gift Aid givers also take their End of Year Letters. This is because they also come with additional letters, which require a yes or no response. These extra letters are specifically geared towards reducing the size and content of boxes belonging to Gift Aiders. There are 190 letters still to be collected. Please help keep our postage costs down by collecting yours!

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 15th July 2017, at St John Fisher RC Church, Merton. Please see the poster in the porch.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Saturday 12th August 2017, at St John Fisher RC Church, Merton. Please see the poster in the porch.

LONDON SOUTH WEST CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

This is a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on Saturday, 1st July from 7.30pm at The Junction, Clapham Junction SW11 1SA
For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 414242.

PARISH AGM

Advance notice is hereby given of this year's Parish AGM, to be held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 in the parish hall at 8pm. The Parish Pastoral Council will be in session, and all parishioners are welcome to attend. All parish groups are now invited to submit a short written report, with a maximum of 500 words, to be received by the parish office no later than Friday 15th September 2017.

AN APPEAL FROM FATHER DEO FOR NEW MONEY-COUNTERS

We still require more volunteers to help count the proceeds of our weekly collections. We currently need 8 new parishioners to come forward to join the rota. The commitment would be once every 5 to 6 weeks, or even less often, dependent upon the number of people putting themselves forward. If you are willing and able to join the rota, please give your names to any of the clergy, or contact the parish office. Training will be provided. You do not need to be a maths genius, though that would be a bonus! Thanks to those who have already come forward.

SERVERS REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION MASS, FRIDAY 30th JUNE 2017 @ 7pm

Please sign up for the Confirmations. We really need more Altar Servers. There are various special jobs due to the presence of the Bishop at this Mass. The practice for this will be on Monday 26th June 2017 @ 6pm. Please sign up on the notice which is in the Sacristy, or you may contact the Parish Office.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for new servers, who must have made their First Holy Communion, will take place on **both Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th September at 6pm, immediately after the 5pm Mass**. You will need to attend **both one hour sessions**. Please collect an **application form** from the Sacristy, and return it before **Sunday 3rd September**.

NOTE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

On the weekend of 1st & 2nd July 2017, the SVP will be making an appeal for financial support of our work to help individuals and families that we visit. This year we are sponsoring three children to attend the St John Bosco Summer Camp. Mindful of the many calls upon your finances these days, we just ask that you please be as generous as you possibly can. We shall let you know later on how we have spent your kind donation. If you know of any person or family in the area that would benefit from our help, please drop a note into the parish office for our attention, and we shall contact you in confidence. May God bless you all, and thank you for your support. If you would like to know more about the SVP, or would like to consider joining us, please get in touch.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM DEACON GED

Are you Confirmed and aged between 18 and 29? If so, I need your help?

As part of my formation for the Permanent Diaconate, I am studying for an MA in Pastoral Theology. For my dissertation I am looking into why some authors and theologians have remarked that the sacrament of confirmation is seen as the 'exit door' from the Church.

The focus of my research will concentrate on confirmed people aged between 18 and 29. In recent studies this age group were seen as the least likely to practice their faith. Therefore I am looking for your help to answer a short questionnaire about your faith practice following your Confirmation. You can answer this questionnaire anonymously and all information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence. The questionnaire will only take 15 mins to complete.

As well as being part of studies I am hoping that my research will help me in my pastoral ministry as a deacon to get better understanding of the concerns, barriers and blockages that prevents a proportion of this age group from practicing their faith.

If you wish to participate in this research then please email at gerardpdissertation@yahoo.com and I will arrange to send you the link to the questionnaire. If you do not wish to complete this online then I have some hard copies of the questionnaire should you wish to use this method instead.

Additionally, if you know somebody who may be able to help then please pass on the message to them. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a draw to win either a £20 Amazon voucher or to have £20 donated to the person's chosen charity.

St Bede's Clapham Park Corpus Christi Procession - 3pm today. Please see poster for details.

St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill Car Boot Sale— today from 8am—2pm. Please see poster for details.

St James the Great School Great Summer Fete—Sunday 2nd July from 11am—3pm. Please see poster.



In Our Parish This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm
 Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.93; Next Thursday (Sts Peter & Paul - p.170)

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 25th June 2017	6.15pm (Sat 24th June)	Pietro Mobile RIP (1st Anniversary)
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Followed by Presentation to Fr Paul in the hall	
	8.30am	Jim Clark RIP
<i>LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	10am	Thomas Coelho RIP (10th Anniversary)
<i>LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	11.30am (Hymn Choir)	Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP
	4pm—Benediction	
	5pm	People of the parish
Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time:		
Monday 26th June 2017	7.30am	Welfare of Jim, & Win Noone
	10am	Welfare of Lily Armstrong
Tuesday 27th June 2017	7.30am	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
	10am	Ellen Ryan RIP
Wednesday 28th June 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
<i>St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)</i>	10am	Thanksgiving—Bernard Elias (65th Birthday)
Thursday 29th June 2017	7.30am	Clarice Durrant RIP
<i>Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)</i>	10am	Welfare of Maria & Richard Wahena, family & friends
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION	8pm	People of the Parish
Friday 30th June 2017	7.30am	Tom Ganley RIP
	10am	UCM Intention
<i>Bishop Patrick Lynch presiding</i>	7pm	CONFIRMATION
Saturday 1st July 2017—Our Lady	10am	Thanksgiving for Confirmation of Chidimma Muoghalu
Next Sunday 2nd July 2017		
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.15pm (Sat 1st July)	Mrs Kamie Beer RIP
	8.30am	People of the parish
	10am	Nora, Tommy & John Glancy RIP
	11.30am (Polyphony Choir)	Anne Mitra RIP
	4pm	Benediction
	5pm	Cedric & Bernice Ribeiro, 30th Wedding Anniversary