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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

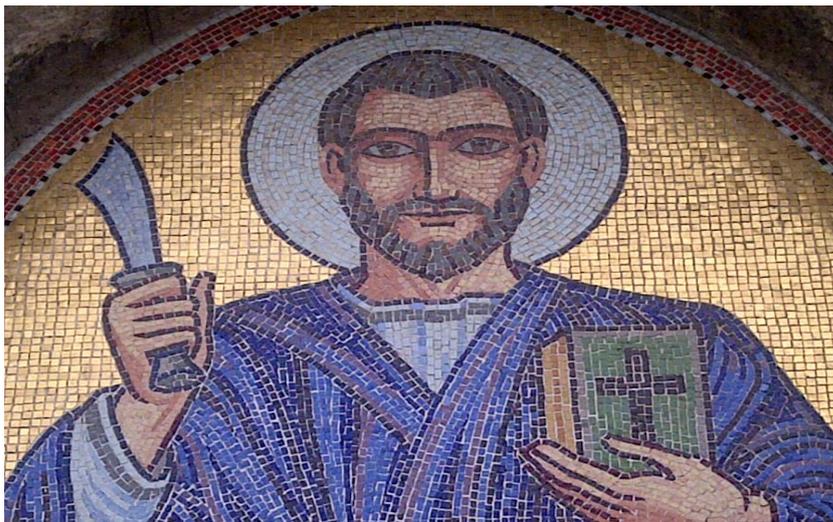
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Thought for today: Exemplars of our Faith.

Monday marks the Memorial of Pope Saint Pius X. He is sometimes referred to as '*the Pope of the Holy Eucharist*' as it was he who decreed that children should receive their First Holy Communion as soon as they were capable, through reason, of acknowledging that, at the Consecration, the Bread and wine, though appearing unchanged to the senses of sight, touch, taste and smell, were completely changed into Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Thanks to this Pope our children have the great joy and privilege of receiving Jesus round about the age of 7. St Pius X also worked hard, as Pope, to ensure that those who sought to deny or 'water down' the Church's Teachings were not allowed to mislead the Faithful, who had the right to receive the *whole Truth*, challenging though this can be. Having worked tirelessly to achieve a peaceful resolution to the then growing hostilities in Europe, he died, some say of a broken heart, in 1914.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, acknowledging Mary as Mother and Queen. Jesus, as He hung, Dying on the Cross, gave her to us (in the person of the Apostle, John) as our very own Mother. In the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Most Holy Rosary, we meditate on Her Coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth. How seriously do we take Mary's Queenship? How often do we call on her ever available help in following God? How apt the words of St Louis Marie de Montfort "to Jesus through Mary".



Then, on Thursday, with Masses at 7.30am and 10am as usual, we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Patron Saint of our own parish, Saint Bartholomew. His name comes from the Aramaic 'bar-Tôlmay', meaning 'son of Talmai'.

One of the twelve Apostles, acknowledged by Our Lord as being '*one without guile*' (meaning totally honest), Bartholomew would die a Martyr's Death. Little is known about him. He is commonly linked to Nathanael, who is mentioned only in the Gospel of John, noted for his remark to Philip, concerning the finding of the Messiah, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip then invites Nathanael to "come and see." Interestingly, in the synoptic Gospels, that is those of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Philip and Bartholomew are mentioned together.

Take a look at the mosaic above the central door of our church. Here we see Saint Bartholomew, portrayed holding a flaying knife. He accepted the fate of being skinned alive rather than deny God! This gruesome death led him to be declared the Patron Saint of tanners, that is those who convert animal skins into materials such as leather.

In an age when there is often determined opposition to, and rejection of, the Church's Teachings, especially in the area of Morality, we can never have too many of these exemplary helpers! May we never be led astray but, rather, may we, through the Examples and Prayers of Our Lady and the Saints, live so as to, through our example, '*...bring home the lost sheep...*'

Saint Bartholomew, pray for us.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to **£1777.00** (£1132.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders.)

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, Philip Chapman, 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, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Kenneth McCormick**, of Lyndhurst Avenue, who died on Sunday 6th August 2017. Also, **Grace Florence Ezike**, mother of Sr Basilia of the Daughters of Divine Love convent in Kempshott Road. Grace died recently in Nigeria. Our prayers and condolences as a parish go out to the families.

Church Cleaning in the coming week: Group 3:

Grace Akunna, Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva, Berni Knight, Antoinette Nwanoneze, Christina Muoghalu, Amarachi Soribe.

Many of our cleaning groups have shrunk, with some no longer able to attend. More members are urgently needed to help shoulder the burden, just once every six weeks. Please could you help clean God's house? Kindly contact the parish office. If you are listed as a cleaner, but you can no longer help, please let us know.

We welcome Fr Charles Corrigan CsSR, to say our 10am and 11.30am Masses today.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

Do come to Mass if you can on Thursday 24th August, and celebrate the feast of our patronal saint.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 2018.

Please will all parents who seek to enrol their children in next year's First Holy Communion Programme please collect an application form from the black folder in the porch. The form includes dates for next year. If you take a form, please write your name and your children's names on the list in that folder. Please remember to detach the actual programme, so that you will have a record of the dates and times of all sessions which will be taking place.

DEACON GED PERKINS WRITES: I am still seeking volunteers to participate in my Confirmation Survey. If you are Confirmed and aged between 18-29 please email me at gerardpdissertation@yahoo.com. Alternatively, look at the page on the Parish website for the link to my online survey, or see posters in the porch.

TANZANIA SAFARI WITH FR DEO

We have now had 21 expressions of interest in Fr Deo's trip. The maximum number will be 40. Please register your interest with the Parish Office by email or via the web site contact form. Further details in due course.

Father Deo returns from his holiday in Tanzania towards the end of this coming week.

MARY'S MEALS

Many of you will have heard about this charity, which has previously been the focus of fundraising by the Knights of St Columba. This charity is holding an awareness day on Sunday 10th September 2017 in Camden, London at the London Irish Centre. Please email: rsvp@marysmeals.org or call 020 7221 5745. Please see the poster.

HELP WITH THE REPOSITORY

Would you be interested in helping to run the repository on Saturday evenings?
If you think that you might be able to help, please call Maureen O'Donoghue on 020 8764 1846.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

The CTS announces that many titles are now available as ebooks. Those of you with Kindle, Kobo or iBooks Store may avail themselves of CTS books. You can see what is available at: www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks

CLEANER/HOUSEKEEPER

Required by one of our parishioners, one day per week, for 3 to 4 hours. Please apply via the Parish Office.

!!!CALLING ALL THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME ALTAR SERVERS!!!

Have you made your First Holy Communion? Would you therefore like to become an Altar Server?

If you want to serve God in this special way, then why not come to our next Training Sessions? You will need to come to both sessions, which will take place on **Sunday 10th AND Sunday 17th September at 6pm**, right after the 5pm Mass. Sessions last for 1 hour. Please come to the Sacristy today and pick up an Application Form, and get it back to us by September 3rd, as we need to know as soon as possible how many of you would like to come along.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the training sessions.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2018

We shall shortly announce the dates on which Fr Deo will be holding school reference interviews for 2018. These will NOT appear in the newsletter or on the web site. They will only be posted up on one of the notice boards in the main porch. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that they make a note of the relevant dates when attending Mass. Indeed, in order to obtain a reference for your child, it is a condition that you attend Mass here regularly together with your child. Please note that you may also need an interview if moving level within the same school, or if your child's place on a waiting list needs confirmation. You are strongly advised to check with schools if you think that either of these two situations might apply to you. Fr Deo will always need to interview you, so please do not leave it until the last minute. Interviews will be held in the upper hall. Application forms will be made available, and please note that a family photograph will be requested, which you may send by email or provide a paper copy. Interviews other than at the stated times will be available only in exceptional cases.

OUR 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 7.45pm. This will be followed by a short social event. Parish Pastoral Council members will be present, and parishioners are encouraged to attend and review what the parish has achieved in the last twelve months, and indeed to participate in the planning for the coming year. All parish groups are now invited to submit a short written report, with a maximum of 500 words, to be received by the parish. These reports will be available for parishioners to read both before and after the AGM. You are strongly encouraged to come along and take part in your parish AGM. Please see the posters in all porch areas advertising this important event.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Street level access is available to the side of the church, via the gallery entrance on Ellison Road. There are large buttons both inside and outside the door. NB: the doors open OUTWARDS, so please ensure you do not move beyond the button on the post outside until the doors have fully opened. They will remain open whilst you pass through them. Please NEVER force the doors, as you could damage them in so doing. Please seek help if required.

PARISH WHEELCHAIR

This is kept in the right hand side of the old confessional box. Please ask if you need to use it.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Whenever you come to church, why not familiarise yourself with the various emergency exits? Look around and look up for the green and white fire exit signs, which will guide you towards the quickest way out.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

All orders have now been completed, and these may be found in the large box on the right hand shelf in the porch. Please remember that John Taylor prints these photos at his own expense, so please make your payment promptly.

GIFT AID

Please make a special effort to take your boxes and end of year letters. Next year, by popular demand, we shall introduce reduced size sets of envelopes for those who give by Standing Order. It seems rather pointless and expensive to maintain sets of boxes which are never collected. The smaller sets will contain envelopes for second collections, with some spares as required, mindful that Standing Orders do not include second collections.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please hand your Mass Intentions envelope to one of the clergy, the collectors or else at the repository. Please be aware that Mass intentions will be moved whenever a funeral takes place. We shall endeavour to contact you, should that be the case. If it is not possible for Mass to be said on the particular date and at the time you request, we shall not contact you unless you specifically ask to be informed. *If you give to the Church using Gift Aid, you may include Mass Offerings by indicating your Gift Aid number in the special box provided on the envelope.*

Offered free - London Oratory School 6th Form blazer.

Size: 44" chest; 22" length. Please call Berni Knight on 020 8679 1209, preferably in the evening.

FORTHCOMING DIVINE MERCY EVENTS (PLEASE SEE POSTERS)

Saturday 19th August - Retreat, Ponders End; Saturday 26th August - Retreat, Kilburn;

Monday 28th August - Pilgrimage, The Friars, Aylesford; Saturday 9th September - Retreat, St Boniface, Tooting.



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:	Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm	
	Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.117	
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 (<i>Rosary and Benediction in May & October</i>) <i>On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm</i>	
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 20th August 2017		
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.15pm (Sat 19th August)	Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP
	8.30am	People of the parish
	10am	Rita Chapman RIP
	11.30am	For all those still awaiting examination results
	Benediction 4pm	
	5pm	For World Peace
<i>Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time:</i>		
Monday 21st August 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
St Pius X, Pope (Memorial)	10am	Pietro Mobile RIP
Tuesday 22nd August 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)	10am	Caroline Onwuekwe-Ilobi RIP, family & friends
Wednesday 23rd August 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	Welfare of nieces and nephews of Victoria Onwuekwe
Thursday 24th August 2017	7.30am	Fr Innocent, on the 15th anniversary of his ordination
ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE (Our patronal Feast Day)	10am	John Baptista DeSa RIP & deceased family members
Friday 25th August 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	John & May Cradock RIP
Saturday 26th August 2017		
Our Lady	10am	Tony O'Toole RIP
Next Sunday 27th August 2017		
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.15pm (Sat 26th August)	Mrs Lourdes Mary Joseph RIP
	8.30am	Victims of acts of terrorism
	10am	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
	11.30am	People of the parish
	Benediction 4pm	
	5pm	Maura Malone RIP