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SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2017 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

As we know, Our Father has created each us to know, love and serve Him, and so fulfil His Plan that we live eternally with Him in Heaven. As we also know, Adam and Eve, through disobedience, lost for themselves and us, original Innocence and the joy of going straight to Heaven. As we proclaim in the Creed, in His Infinite Love, God sent His Son, who took on Human flesh and was born of Mary. Perfect man, through total and loving obedience to the Will of His Father, while living on Earth, He founded the Catholic Church and died on the Cross to atone for sins committed since the beginning of the world and for all that will be committed until the end of time. Having perfectly paid the 'debt', Our Lord Rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven, having promised that He would be with us, *'until the end of time..'*

How was this promise carried out? The immediate answer is through the Church He established, passing His Godly Power and Authority to the Apostles, the first Pope, Bishops and Priests, commanding them to teach and make people holy, bringing Grace to us through the Mass and the Sacraments and ever proclaiming Truth and correcting error. The Bishops had the power to ordain men who would carry on this mission on His behalf until the end of time. Pope Francis, Archbishop Peter and Bishop Pat are part of an unbroken line reaching back to the Apostles at the Last Supper, back, therefore to God Himself. Every Priest has that link with the Saviour; he is ordained to be an *alter Christus* (another Christ) especially when, at Mass, with Christ's Power, he re-enacts the once-for-all Sacrifice of Calvary and, in Confession when he absolves (forgives) us from our sins.

Since Holy Mother Church was founded, She has celebrated countless men and women who, through their example and, sometimes through sacrificing their lives, have given great lessons in living the Faith. We also celebrate the Angels, spirits created to serve God (*see the Catechism of the Catholic Church 325ff*). The following is a summary, given in the hope that it will provide a stimulus for research.

Friday, 29th September. Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels: *Michael* (Revelation 12:7), credited with leading the Angels obedient to God against the rebellion of Satan. Those who came to be known as fallen angels, in refusing to serve God, literally sent themselves to that eternal separation from the Creator we call Hell. Pope Leo XIII composed the prayer seeking his intercession (*'Holy Michael Archangel....'*). Very sorely needed today, you can find the full text in the *prayer* section of our Parish Website. *Gabriel* (Luke 26ff) brought Mary the news of her Vocation to be Mother of our Redeemer. *Raphael* appears in the Old Testament book of Tobit.

Saturday, 30th September. Saint Jerome a Doctor (particularly, a teacher of Theology or Doctrine) of the Church who, most notably, translated the Bible, a lot of it originally written in Greek and, perhaps Hebrew, into Latin, still the language of the Universal Church.

Monday, 2nd October. The Holy Guardian Angels: Although not *formally defined* as Catholic Doctrine, the Church holds that, at creation, each of us is given an Angel who is exclusively there to watch over us, another helper in the struggle to live a Christian life. Pope Francis has spoken warmly on this subject. This beautiful prayer, essential for children and adults alike, is also to be found through the *prayer* link on our Website.

Wednesday, 4th October. Saint Francis of Assisi: From Italy, originally the son of wealthy parents, he renounced money and possessions, content to trust in God and Christian Charity to provide for his needs and those of his followers, now making up the Worldwide Franciscan order.

Saturday (traditionally a day dedicated to Our Lady), **7th October. Our Lady of the Rosary:** Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573, in order to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto.

The Rosary which, time and again, Mary has called on her children to say, presents us with an overview of the History of Salvation in the New Testament. Saint John Paul II (Read his *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*) added the Luminous Mysteries, meditating on Christ's adult life from His Baptism in the Jordan to His institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to **£1,754.29** (£1,109.29 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders.) Thanks to all who contributed to last weekend's appeal by the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society. We have sent off a cheque for the total raised of £1,065.11

Today, we have the **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection**. As we enjoy the fruits of the harvest in our own country, where we have everything in plenty, we consider those who have little or no harvest to speak of, our brothers and sisters in Christ, in foreign lands, who have ever greater need of our help. There are still some special CAFOD envelopes in the porch areas. If you wish to Gift Aid your contribution, please complete the necessary details on the envelopes. Please note that normal Gift Aid envelopes and emergency envelopes may **not** be used for this collection. You must therefore use one of the CAFOD envelopes provided for the purpose, otherwise, please just put your contribution into the collection basket.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Collectors are asked to kindly count the numbers present at all Masses this week, including Saturday's Vigil Mass, and then do so for the next two weekends. Please write numbers on the chart provided on the shelf in the porch.

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, Erna 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, 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.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK: GROUP 3 PLEASE:

Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva, Berni Knight, Antoinette Nwanoneze, Christiana Muoghalu. More members are required to help shoulder the burden, just once every six weeks. Please could you help clean God's house? Kindly contact the parish office. We shall shortly be amending the lists of cleaning groups, as some people understandably can no longer attend due to work and family commitments. This highlights the need for more volunteers to come forward and join our regular cleaners.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS)

Please check the rack beside the repository, which you will notice has been refreshed with new stock. If you want to find out more about aspects of the Catholic Faith, this is an excellent way to do so. If you know somebody who is thinking about becoming a Catholic, CTS booklets explain clearly and simply what they need to know.

AGENDA FOR OUR PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 11 October 2017 19:45

(This event will be preceded, at 19:15 by a brief display of Irish Dancing. There are vacancies in mid-week classes)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. President's Report – Father Deo
6. Chairman's Report – Richard Bush
7. Financial Report – Tony McGing
8. Maintenance Report – Gordon Clark
9. Matters Arising from the Parish Groups' Reports
10. Any other business
11. Date and time of next Parish Annual General Meeting
12. Closing Prayer

FATHER DEO

The Monday after next, that is 16th October 2017, Father Deo will be travelling to Merville in Normandy, France, as did Father Innocent earlier this year. He will be away all that week, as part of the required Ongoing Formation of Clergy, to strengthen them and help them in their priestly ministry.

SCHOOL REFERENCES FOR 2018 ENTRY

Dates for school reference interviews have now been posted in all porch areas.

Please note that there is no need to make an appointment to see Fr Deo at these sessions.

Interviews have now commenced. At least one parent or guardian should attend with the child. 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 your child is moving to a higher level within the same school, or if your child's place on a waiting list needs to be maintained. You are strongly advised to check with schools if you think that either of these two situations might apply to you. Also, if you are new to the parish, you may also need to seek a reference from the parish priest of your previous parish.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Meeting: Monday, 9th October in the upper hall; Coffee-Morning: Sunday, 15th October.

AUTOMATIC SIDE DOORS TO THE GALLERY ENTRANCE.

When operating these doors, please ensure that they are both unbolted, so that they can open together.

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.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

The 33rd annual national event takes place next Saturday 14th October 2017 at Westminster Cathedral, and continues the celebrations surrounding the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Please see posters in the porch for details of this event, which also include contact details. There are also some flyers available.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CATHOLIC SPHERE

There are a number of these, too numerous to mention separately in this newsletter. This applies particularly to school open days. Please take a look through the yellow folder in the porch to see what might interest you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

A reminder that the next course takes place BOTH this coming Wednesday 11th October 2017 AND Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 8pm. Those seeking Baptism for their child should take a form from the porch, complete it fully and return it to the parish office. Parents will need to attend both sessions.

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We are very short of catechists to help with the First Holy Communion Programme. If you are a parent or guardian of a child who is on the 2018 programme, and you would like to offer your help, please contact the parish office as soon as you are able. Fr Deo and Teresa Furtado would be happy to hear from you. DBS checks may be required, so we need to get things moving in good time for January 2018 to avoid the burden falling on just a few people.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Help is needed with the Children's Liturgy Group. Children are welcome to join from School Nursery age through to Year 3. Anybody who is willing to become a catechist or helper in this most important aspect of parish life would be welcome, subject to the usual DBS check. Training will be provided. Please contact either Marion Brown on 020 8761 3895 or at mh.brown@virgin.net OR Linda Harries on 07770 623230 or at l.harries@gmail.com



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.137

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 and Benediction in May & October*)
On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm

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 8th October 2017		
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.15pm (Sat 7th October)	Mrs. Mary Theresa Aroganampillai RIP
	8.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	Santiyaku Adaikalamthu
	11.30am	Welfare of Lilian Armstrong
<i>Rosary and Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	People of the Parish

Twenty Seventh Week in Ordinary Time:

Monday 9th October 2017	7.30am	Deceased members of the Gannon and Gibbs Families
Blessed John Henry Newman (Memorial)	10am	James and Margaret Kearney RIP
Tuesday 10th October 2017		
	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	Welfare of Deacon Ged Perkins
Wednesday 11th October 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
Pope St. John XXIII (Memorial)	10am	Victims of the Las Vegas shooting
Thursday 12th October 2017		
	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	Welfare of Ann Daniels & family
Friday 13th October 2017		
	7.30am	Holy Souls
St. Edward the Confessor, King (Memorial)	10am	Holy Souls
Saturday 14th October 2017		
Our Lady	10am	Thanksgiving and special intention (Muoghalu family)
Next Sunday 15th October 2017		
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.15pm (Sat 14th October)	Len Phillips RIP
	8.30am	Jim Clark RIP
	10am	People of the Parish
	11.30am (With Plainchant Choir)	Sick and Elderly Parishioners
<i>Rosary and Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	Welfare of Christine Lucas