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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 1st October 2017

Sunday Reflection – “Actions speak louder than Words” In the gospel we see that Jesus does a lot of his teaching through telling a story. This is why we have so many parables these Sundays. The power of the parable does not depend on whether the tale as told actually happened. With the help of our imagination we are invited to enter the unseen World of the Kingdom and view our relationship with God and with one another as it really is. So today’s parable is about the two sons who were asked by their Father to go and work in his vineyard. One son said he would not go, but then changed his mind and went. The other son said he would go, but then changed his mind and didn’t go. “Which of the two did the Father’s will?” The first is the only one who actually did anything. This is another example of Jesus confronting the chief priests and elders, and defending his invitation to sinners and outcasts to enter the Kingdom. The first son represents the sinners, and the second son represents the elders and religious establishment who were outraged by the parable. Repentance is a vital attitude for entrance into the Kingdom of God. Where are you in the story? Are you a person of your word? Is there a gap in your life between ‘saying’ and ‘doing’? Words can be cheap, but actions tell the whole truth.

Baptismal Course – The second and final session will be on Wednesday 4th October. Parents must attend both Sessions.

First Holy Communion – Application form 2017/18 is now available from the Parish office. Please Note: If your child was baptized in this parish, you do not need to enclose a Baptismal Certificate with the application; you only need to indicate the date and year on the application form. If you need to produce a Baptismal Certificate, your Registration will not be accepted unless it is with the Baptismal Certificate. Parish Office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (Lunch 1.30pm to 2.30pm).

Interested in becoming a Catholic/Returning? Applications for next year’s programme, are now available from the Parish Office. Contact Sr. Clementina or one of the Priests for more information about our RCIA Programme.

Our Call to Stewardship – Today is the 2nd week of our reflection on our stewardship as Disciples of Christ. We have been blessed and enriched by God with many gifts and talents. Even though we have come from God, do we use our talents wisely and constructively for the glory of God and the service of His Kingdom? Could we do better? Let us engage together in these weeks of reflection and renewal and see how all can contribute to the up building of our Church community. Please make sure you take a copy of the Newsletter on ‘Our Responsibility’. A special leaflet is prepared on this 2nd Sunday of our Parish Appeal. We take a realistic look at our Income and Expenditure. The figures as presented acknowledge a drop in Income in the past 3 years. We need to see what we can do to remedy the situation. Let us pray about it and ask the Lord to guide us wisely and responsibly in trying to find a healthy solution. Thank you all for your help and God Bless you all.

School Mass: Our first school Family Mass of the new Academic year is on this Sunday 1st October at 10am. We hope our School Community and Parish Community will assemble together to share in our Eucharist. As we pray together, hopefully we shall deepen our shared faith and build up our Community.

An Evening about Homelessness – Join Caritas Westminster, West London Mission and Housing Justice to find out how you can help re homelessness and setting up night shelters. It is on Wednesday 4th October in Westminster Cathedral Hall from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Glass Door Sleep Out – Is on Friday 6th October 2017 at Duke of York Square, Chelsea. Glass door partners with churches to provide shelter and support for Men and Women who are homeless in Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith, Fulham and Wandsworth. If you can’t take part, consider making a donation. Register online at GLASSDOOR.ORG.UK or call 02073514948.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Thur 9am to 5pm
(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon - Sat 10am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Mon 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed 4th – St Francis of Assisi
Fri 6th – St Bruno
Sat 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

Organ Recital: David King plays a programme of works by J.S Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Widor and Vierne at St. Gabriel’s Pimlico on Sunday 1st October 2017 at 4pm. Admission free: retiring collection in aid of Friends of St. Gabriel’s.