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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 2nd July 2017

Sunday Reflection: Jesus did not want His followers to be under any illusions about what it means to be His disciples. He invites them to look deeper into what it means to be a disciple, so He challenges them to think about what precisely they are prepared to give up in order to follow Him. Are they prepared to give up their family community in order to declare for His Gospel? That is by no means an easy thing to do. He tries to impress upon them that some radical changes will have to occur and they will have to make some dramatic changes of direction in life when they accept the fullness of His Gospel message. The security of past identity may well disappear and they will simply rely on the hospitality of others, including strangers as they give priority to the service of the Gospel. Jesus is not devaluing family relationships, but really asking if the disciple can make the Gospel their priority. That is the challenge of the Gospel. It is really about putting God first in our lives. When Jesus is welcomed by the people who see Him as “a holy man” of God, they see ‘the sick are healed’, ‘sinners are forgiven’, and the ‘poor have the Good News preached to them’. Indeed it quickly becomes obvious that this is a visit of God, who comes to them in the person of Jesus. They are challenged to open their hearts and lives to a saving and loving God. Jesus is one with His Father and the Gospel. Surrendering to the demands and challenges of the Gospel brings its own rewards. Our First Reading from the 2nd Book of Kings tells us how Elisha was given such kind hospitality by Shunem and her husband that they were truly blessed with a son through the prayers of the Holy Prophet. “Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me”. This is the task, challenge and gift of discipleship.

International Mass – Is scheduled for this Sunday 2nd July at 12.15pm Mass in our Church and will be followed by an International Lunch in the School playground. With regard to the Lunch we were pleased to see so many national volunteers ready and willing to organize their ‘National’ food-table for the celebration. Hopefully with all working together it should be a great occasion. As our Parish is so International, this is a great celebration. Hope it will be a joyful occasion.

Baptismal Course – Will be on Tues 4th and Tues 11th of July at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Both Parents need to attend. Please obtain a registration form from the Parish Office.

Parish Council – Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 4th July at 7.15pm in the Small Hall. All Council members are requested to attend. Other interested Parishioners are also welcome to attend. The meeting helps us review and plan events and life in our Parish. Do pray for our Parish.

Funeral Mass: The Requiem Mass for Peter McCauley R.I.P. will be celebrated at 10am on Friday 7th July 2017. Do pray for Peter, and his beloved family and friends.

Servite RC Primary Summer Fayre – This was a great success on Saturday last, 24th June, 12pm – 4pm. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a huge crowd attended. Well done to the organizers and thanks to all for your support.

Parish Outing – On Saturday 8th July 2017, going to Littlehampton seaside and also to do some fruit & vegetables picking. There are still spaces! Collection Point will be at Worlds end Square Kings Road @ 7.30am and will return at 4.30pm. All Proceeds will go to the people of the Philippine City of Mawari which is under attack.

Support for all Victims of Grenfell Fire – Your response to the Special Collection for all affected by this tragedy has been most generous with offerings still coming in for it. The funds raised will be shared with Caritas Westminster and the Catholic Children’s Society. Should parishioners wish to make individual donations to this emergency relief fund, a special page is set up on the diocesan website (rcdow.org.uk) with a direct link from the home page. Additional information is also on the diocesan and Caritas websites about other forms of practical help. Thank you all for your support and hold all in prayer.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Mass Times

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

Sacrament of Confession

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 10.30 am – 11.15 am

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 – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Mon 3rd – St Thomas
Tue 4th – St Elizabeth of Portugal
Wed 5th – St Anthony Zaccaria
Thur 6th – St Maria Goretti

Toddler Group: Will be in the Founders Room on Tuesday Morning from 9.30am. All are Welcome!

Sea Sunday: Is on Sun 9th July. A special Appeal for the support of seafarers, their families and the great work of the Apostleship of the Sea. Gift Aid envelopes available.