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Sunday Reflection: – “*Gel your Hands!*” – If you visit the Chelsea and Westminster hospital you will be familiar with the announcement, ‘*help us to protect our patients, gel your hands*’. This is a very good example of an instruction designed to improve the quality of life. In today’s first reading Moses appeals to the people to “*take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life...*” The laws we are most familiar with are the Ten Commandments. The Commandments were not designed to restrict our freedom or make life difficult. On the contrary they are intended to make life happy and livable, to give us real quality of life. Imagine a world in which there was no killing or stealing. It is the will of God that we should live in peace, harmony and freedom. The Commandments were designed simply to enable the will of God to be fulfilled on earth. But there is always a danger that laws, and customs become an end in themselves. We can lose sight of the spirit that lies behind them. We can easily use the teachings we are blessed with to pass judgement on others, to point the finger at them if we see them failing and to feel self-righteous about ourselves. This is what Scribes and Pharisees were doing as they attempted to trap and condemn Jesus, but He was well aware of their hypocrisy. We should keep our laws so that we live good positive lives, serving God in each other and bringing others to Christ by our good example. Oh, and if you do visit the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, don’t forget to *Gel your Hands!*

Weekday Mass Times – Return to Normal this week. Thank you for your co-operation during the Month of August.

First Holy Communion – Parents of children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their Holy Communion next academic year should collect an application form from the Parish Office. This must be submitted with a Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized in our Parish. To accompany these, a £20 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion book and resources. The deadline for all applications is on Sunday 23rd September 2018 and a meeting will be held on Sunday 30th September for Parents and Candidates after 10am Mass.

Confirmation Certificates & Photos – We hope to decide on a date for the distribution of these to our recently Confirmed young people after we have an opportunity to consult with the great Catechists who were such an important part of the Programme and Celebration. Apologies for the delay.

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.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 30th at 3pm with a Feast Celebration after Mass. The Novena will start on 21st of September to 29th September, every evening at 7.30pm except Sunday 25th which will be on at 6pm.

Eucharistic Congress – Liverpool, 7 – 9 September 2018. Our Cardinal calls us to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Requiem Mass: of Glenovon Xavier De Gale will be held on Tuesday 4th September at 12Noon.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 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 - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 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 3rd – St Gregory the Great

Tue 4th – St Cuthbert

Thu 6th – Bl Bonaventure of
Flori

Sat 8th – The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Altar Servers: Registration Form is now ready from Parish Office. Please collect, complete and return to the Parish Office!