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Sunday Reflection: – *“He has done all things well!”* Class distinctions still persist in our society today. Great advances have been made in the area of equality but sadly many prejudices still exist. In our second reading today, St. James alerts his audience to the dangers of class distinction. “My brothers do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people”. He goes on to criticize the attitude which presumes that the well-dressed person deserves more attention than the poor person. He basically states that if we want to show preference, then follow the example of God who always chooses in favour of the poor, who are often rich in faith and kingdom values. The Gospel passage illustrates God’s preferential option as exemplified by Jesus. A deaf man with a speech impediment who happens to be a Gentile and who is seen as unclean is brought to Jesus for healing. Jesus touches him with his words of love and restores his God-given dignity. God’s infinite love, incarnate in Jesus, is available for all without distinction. All qualify as they are all children of a loving Father.

Eucharistic Congress – Our Bishops, many Priests, Parish delegates and members of Catholic organizations assemble this weekend, 7th – 9th Sept in Liverpool for our great “Eucharistic Congress”. Let us pray with and for our Congress so that it will help to renew and cherish the life of every Parish with the Eucharist as its primary and central focus. To quote Pope Francis: “The Body of the Lord makes us a single thing, a single family, the people of God reunited around Jesus, the Bread of Life”.

Today is Education Sunday – Education Sunday is the special time of year when our Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools couldn’t exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. The second collection taken today is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive.

Patronal Feast – Sat next the 15th Sept is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and is the Patronal Feast of our Church and Parish. Masses on this special Feast are at 10am and 6.30pm. We honour Mary who said “Yes” to God in her great “Fiat” “Let what you have said be done” and really fulfilled it as is so powerfully captured in our “Pieta”. This is a Special Feast for all Servites, so ‘Happy Feast’ to everyone.

First Holy Communion – Registration is open for children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their Holy Communion in this academic year. Please collect an application form in the Collonade. 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. 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.

Baptismal Course – The next course will now be on Tuesday 4th October and Tuesday 11th October. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

Our International Day – Is on Sun 23rd Sept, 12.15 Mass followed by International Lunch in school yard or Hall. There is a meeting on Mon 17th Sept at 7.30pm to prepare for this event.

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.

Sr. Clementina is on holiday and will return the 1st week in October.

Saints Days

Wed 12th – The Most Holy

Name of Mary

Thu 13th – St John Chrysostom

Fri 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day:

September 30th at 3pm with a Feast Celebration after Mass.

The Novena will start on 21st Sept to 29th Sept, every evening at 7pm except Sunday 25th which will be at 6pm.