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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 10th September 2017

Sunday Reflection – “Correct the one you love” Our actions can have wider implications and affect others. We share a collective responsibility for the common good. Today’s gospel focuses on how best to correct an erring brother and sister. Wholesome living is not possible without “correction” and “forgiveness”. We belong together in community. When someone hurts or offends me I have a number of options: I can brood over the hurt and store it up in my memory and wait for the day I can get even with that person; I can strike back and get revenge; I can allow the whole affair to fester in my heart. There must be a Christian response to this kind of situation. Jesus advocates the approach of dialogue: go and confront the person – “have it out with him alone”. If this does not work, then “take a few friends with you”. If he refuses to listen, then hand the matter over to the community. But notice Jesus really proposes resolution through dialogue and discussion. The whole purpose in dialogue is not to humiliate but to be reconciled with him. The truly Christ-like community is “a reconciled community”, and not a store-house of hurts. Jesus reminds us that we take responsibility for one another. Belonging to a community implies being concerned for the wellbeing of one another. Christ is the bond that unites us – “where two or three meet in my name. I shall be there with you”. It is Christ who draws us together and holds us together. St Paul in our 2nd Reading underlines the message: “You must love your neighbour as yourself”. Love is one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour. When you love someone, you can even dare to correct him/her.

Patronal Feast – Friday next the 15th September 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 so powerfully captured in our beautiful “Pieta”. This is a Special Feast for all Servites, so ‘Happy Feast’ to everyone.

St Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Day: September 24th at 2pm. The novena will start on 15th of September to 23rd September, every evening at 7.30pm (Sunday at 6pm).

Baptismal Course – We apologize for the delay in our Baptismal course but this is due to a delay in the redecorating of our Founders Room and Hall. The next course will now be on Wednesday 27th September and Wednesday 4th October. Both sessions will be in the Church at 7.30pm Mass. Parents must attend both sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

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). *Closing date for all applications is Sunday 24th September 2017.*

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.

Mary’s Meals Day – The London Day is Sunday Sept 10th, London Irish Centre, Camden Square, London. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Email RSVP.UK@marysmeals.org or 0207 2215745.

Maggie’s Cancer Care – This charity does great work in supporting Cancer sufferers. On Friday 29th September there is a “Cultural Crawl” 2017 in London. “Walk together for an evening of fun, food and culture”. Register now www.maggiescentres.org/cclondon. “As part of a 10 mile walk you can expect a behind-the-scenes experience of some of the city’s most iconic landmarks, including The Royal Academy of Arts and The Design Museum”.

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 Monday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

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

Saints Days

Tues 12th – The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 13th – St John Chrysostom
Thur 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fri 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16th – Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Oratory School: Open Morning

On Saturday 16th September 9.30am to 12Noon.

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School: Open Days

– (First Form Year 7) Thurs 14th 4.30-6pm, Thurs 21st 3.30pm & Tues 26th September 4.30-6pm.