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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th October 2018

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Sunday Reflection - The scene depicted in today's Gospel from Mark is so real, so human, so challenging. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In one form or another, this is everyone's question. Jesus' response to the enquiring rich man is standard - "keep the commandments". For this young man observance is not enough, he is looking for something more. 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' He throws out the challenge to him. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me." But the challenge is too much for this good man and 'he walks away sad, for he was a man of great wealth'. He was too attached to his wealth, to his possessions. He found his security in his possessions. His possessions held him rather than he holding them. Jesus invites him 'to let go' of his present security in wealth, and to join his community and to discover a deeper security in God's kingdom of love. Jesus uses the occasion to teach his disciples that riches can be an obstacle to entering the kingdom. This new teaching of Jesus was a shock to the system! Jesus was saying 'discipleship comes at a price'. It costs everything. This teaching of Jesus is a challenge to us all. In spite of our difficult economic times we can all be influenced by our desire to possess. Our society is still driven by consumerism. Jesus is telling the rich young man and all of us that we need to detach from our possessions so that we can be free to attach ourselves to our brothers and sisters of God's kingdom. All of us can ask 'what is holding me back from full participation in God's kingdom and family?'

World Mission Sunday - This Sunday 21st October is World Mission Day. The Pope's Official Charity for overseas mission. The 2nd Collection will be for this good cause - give generously as always.

Annual Gibraltar Day 2018 - Next Sunday 21st October 2018, we welcome again our friends from Gibraltar to celebrate the 12.15pm Mass with us on the eve of their Annual Gibraltar Day in London. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Carmel Zammit, Bishop of Gibraltar will preside at this Mass, which will be a Concelebrated Mass. We welcome The Worshipful Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Marie-Therese Rossi and other Guests and Dignitaries from Gibraltar. After Mass there will be a Reception in the Hall of the Servite Primary School. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion - The 1st Session will be held on today Sun 14th October at 9am in the School Hall. Children and Parents then go to 10am Mass.

Children's Liturgy Group - For more details and if you would like to volunteer, email servitechchildrensliturgy@gmail.com

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.

Christmas Bazaar - Will take place on Sunday 2nd December 2018 from 11.30am to 4pm. This event is a great opportunity to get involved within the Parish Community. If you are interested in supporting this event there will be a meeting on this Sunday 14th October at 11am in the Founders room to discuss the preparations.

A Day with Mary - Saturday 20th October at Westminster Cathedral. Please see poster in Colonnade for the days Programme.

SPUC - is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigils, which have helped many women to choose life for their unborn baby. The freedom to oppose abortion and offer help in public places is at risk. Postcards are available in the Colonnade. For more information, please call SPUC on 0207 091 7091.

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 15th - St Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor

Tues 16th - St Hedwig &
St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Wed 17th - St Ignatius &
Antioch

Thu 18th - St Luke

Fri 19th - Ss John de Brebeuf,
Isaac Jogues & St Paul of the
Cross
