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Sunday Reflection: – “Before the World was made he chose us,... in Christ”

In his letter to the Ephesians St. Paul's exuberance is infectious. Our Christian faith assures us that God has deliberately and personally chosen each one of us out of love. Being chosen is played out for us in today's Scripture. It doesn't necessarily always make life easy! Consider poor Amos! He was a simple shepherd and looked after sycamore trees, living a rather humdrum life, and then God chose him and said, “Go prophesy to my people Israel”. The unlikely calling of a prophet from such humble origins serves only to reinforce Amos' conviction that he was called and sent by God to proclaim God's message to the people, even if they were resistant and hostile to the message. In the Gospel, the twelve are summoned and sent out in pairs. They are instructed to imitate Jesus in preaching repentance, driving out demons and healing the sick. The manner of their mission echoes Jesus' simple life. In leaving behind all their possessions they are not to rely on their own resources but on the authority and power given to them by Jesus. They have ‘to travel light’. Their only resource is the Word they carry – everything necessary will be supplied by Jesus. Hospitality will be offered to them. They will encounter opposition and rejection. Amos and the Apostles have to rely on the authority and power given to them. They can cope with rejection because of “the richness of the grace” given to them. Each and everyone of us has been chosen by God to bear his Word of Love and life to others. Let us respond generously to that call conscious of the grace received – ‘the free gift to us in the Beloved! “With God on our side, who can be against us”’.

Prior General's Visit – Our Prior General of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, Fr. Gottfried M. Wolff and his Assistant Fr. Rhett M. Sarabia will be here visiting the Community this week-end 14th and 15th July 2018. We extend to them a warm welcome and may their time with us be fruitful and joyful.

Class-Leavers Mass: Our present year 6 will be leaving our school this year to continue their Education in Secondary School. We thank them for their presence, leadership and example while in our school. We wish them well in their new schools. We will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving for them on Wednesday next 18th July at 6.30pm. We hope their Parents and families can join them at this Mass.

World Meeting of Families – The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin 21st – 26th August. The gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie

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

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 now on break and will return on Thursday 2nd August.

Saints Days

Mon 16th – Our Lady of

Mount Carmel

Fri 20th – St Apollinaris

Sat 21st – St Lawrence of Brindisi

Requiem Mass: of

Thomas Kelleher will be held on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 10am.