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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th October 2017

Sunday Reflection – “Dressing up for God’s Party” – In today’s gospel, we are given two parables to ponder. Like last Sunday they draw from the Old Testament. In the gospel we have the parable of the wedding feast and the parable of the wedding garment. Both are symbolic stories inviting us to participate in the drama. The image of the banquet describes the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. A king (figure of God) invites guests to his son’s wedding feast. We get the picture of a generous host who knows how to throw a party. The story unfolds revealing the gracious generosity of the host and later his extreme patience – even when “everything is ready” he still hopes for a change of heart from his guests. Sadly those who were first invited rejected the invitation. In spite of his patience and efforts they ignore his plea. The invitation is then extended to all comers, “good and bad alike”. The new guests are now expected to receive the fullness of God’s life and produce good works. The wedding garment is the symbol of conversion. Perhaps we should all take St Paul’s advice and dress appropriately for God’s party. “You are God’s chosen race, his Saints, he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts”. (Col 3: 12-15) If we dress in this manner we will never be thrown out of God’s banquet.

Annual Gibraltar Day 2017 – Next Sunday 22nd October 2017, 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 the Mass, which will be a Concelebrated Mass. Guests will include: The Chief Minister of Gibraltar, The Hon. Fabian Picardo QC MP, and the Worshipful the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Marie-Therese Rossi, other guests and Dignitaries will attend. After Mass the Hon. Fabian Picardo QC MP will host a Reception in the Hall of the Servite Primary School. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion – Our programme for this year begins for all the children on this Sunday 15th October 2017 at 9am in the Servite School Hall. The programme, together with the book in use this year, will be presented to the children by our wonderful Catechists. We ask the Parents to give their full co-operation and support to our Catechists so that together we can help our children grow in their awareness and understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. After the Catechetical session all will then process to the Church and share in the 10am family Mass at each session. May the Lord bless us and guide us on this journey.

Our Call to Stewardship – We want to thank you all for your attention, co-operation and participation in our recent Financial Appeal. We reflected on our Stewardship of God’s gifts to us of “Time, Treasure & Talents”. Last Sunday we were invited to make a decision on how best we could respond in a practical self-giving way in making our contribution to the on-going development of our Parish. We understand that 90 Parishioners completed the Promise Cards. About 20 people make new standing orders, others agreed to increasing their weekly contributions through the weekly envelopes and others agreed to Gift Aid their offerings. We want to thank you all for your great response and generosity. Many volunteered to get involved in Parish ministries and activities. Thank you to each and all and God bless you all. Your Parish needs you!

Care for our Elderly – Do you have an elderly Relative, Father or Mother or a friend at home or nearby who would welcome a visit from one of the Priests in the Parish? Please contact us at the Parish office with the name and address and telephone number of your Relative/friend and we will ensure that one of the Priests will visit and share the sacraments with them. Also, if a relative or friend is admitted to Hospital, do inform the Chaplaincy and ask the Catholic Chaplain to visit the patient.

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 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 16th – St Hedwig &

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Tues 17th – St Ignatius of Antioch

Wed 18th – St Luke

Thur 19th – Sts John de Brébeuf,

Isaac Jogues &

St Paul of the Cross

Interested in becoming a Catholic/Returning?

Applications for this programme are now available from the Parish Office. Contact Sr. Clementina or one of the Priests for more information about our RCIA Programme.