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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 11th October 2020

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.

First Holy Communion – The 1st Groups of our First Holy Communion programme celebrated this weekend on Saturday 10th October. The 2nd Groups ceremonies will be held on next Saturday 17th October.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – registration is now open. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.

Carlo Acutis – To be beatified by Pope Francis on Saturday 10th October in Assisi. “Carlo was born in London on 3rd May 1991 and was baptised on 18th May 1991 by Fr. Nicholas Martin OSM at Our Lady of Dolours Servite Church, Fulham Road. After making his First Holy Communion at 7yrs, he made the decision to attend Mass and pray the Rosary daily. By the age of 11 he became a catechist. Carlo learnt about the know sites of Eucharistic miracles around the world and expressed a keen desire to go on pilgrimage to see them, but he developed leukaemia. To help others learn to grow in devotion to the Eucharist, he used his digital media skills to develop a website to catalogue each of these miracles. Carlo died in 2006 aged 15yrs. His cause was opened in 2013 and he was declared a Servant of God. On 5th July 2018, Pope Francis declared him to be venerable. In February this year, the Pope approved a miracle attributed to him.”

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Mon 12th - St Wilfrid

Tues 13th - St Edward the
Confessor

Wed 14th - St Callistus

Thurs 15th - St Teresa of
Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Fri 16th - St Hedwig &
St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Sat 17th - St Ignatius of
Antioch

Confirmation Programme:

Dates to be announced soon.

CAFOD Family Fast Day –

Is on this weekend. A retiring collection will be held at the end of each Mass. You can leave your donation in the box provided at the back of the Church. Thank you!