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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25th October 2020

Sunday Reflection: “Love God, love your neighbour” – According to the Rabbinical count, “the Law” contained 613 commandments. In the light of that, it was normal to ask, “Which is the greatest?”, though we are told it was to “disconcert” Jesus. He had been winning a number of debates, so they hoped to win one over on him. Jesus does not dodge the question, he faces it directly and responds not with one but with two. He reduces the whole 613 commands to two essential commandments which underpin the whole Law: “You must love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: “You must love your neighbour as yourself”. In a nutshell, this is the total Gospel according to Jesus. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is so new is that Jesus brought them together and indicated you can’t have one without the other”. Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. The Christian or Gospel sense of “love” is that “love” is a decision, something you choose to do, and not merely something that happens to you. Love is enriching, but also demanding and challenging. It stretches you to let go of your self-centered world and reach out to another, “Stranger” or “neighbour”. There is unconditional self-giving love involved, symbolized in the Cross. Jesus gives himself away to God and to others. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of this kind of love. Love of God keeps us in relationship with the Source and impels us to reach out and share what we receive. Just a few weeks ago, St Paul reminded us that “Love is the only thing that cannot hurt your neighbour, which is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments”.

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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis on Saturday 10th October in Assisi. “Born in London on 3rd May 1991 and baptised 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 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
Please note our Church is only open at Mass Times.

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
(Lunch from 1.30 to 2.30pm)

Saints Days

Mon 26th - Ss Chad & Cedd
Wed 27th - Ss Simon & Jude
Thurs 29th - Blessed Martyrs
of Douai College

St Peregrine Mass: Will be held on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm.

Confirmation: Details of the Celebration of programme 2019/2020 will be announced shortly.

First Holy Communion: Dates of registration for our next programme will be announced shortly.

Safeguarding

Representatives –

Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter. Contact them in confidence: Details are on our website servitechurch.org and in the Colonnade.