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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

13th November 2016

Sunday Reflection – With the coming of the month of November, nature tells us that the year is coming to an end. The trees are at least beginning to lose their leaves. We see signs of decay. It seems as if nature has gone asleep for the Winter. In the face of the passing away of natural life, the question arises about the passing away of our life. How do we cope with endings? – The end of a job? A stage of life? The end of life? In our gospel passage Jesus overhears a group admiring the magnificent structure and architecture of the Temple. As Jesus could foresee the inevitable destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman forces he speaks openly yet shockingly about the destruction of the Temple; even this structure will be reduced to a pile of rubble! Jesus is really pointing out that this world as we know it is passing away. History tells us that the Great Empires have come and gone. In the face of insecurity, false prophets often appear to announce ‘the end is nigh’. But Jesus admonishes against being led astray by them. Rather he advises us to call on the gift of fortitude and perseverance – a gift of Holy Spirit to give courage in the face of adversity. Jesus didn’t promise immunity from hardships, disaster, catastrophe or betrayal. Indeed he experienced it himself at Calvary. But he did promise that in such moments we would not be abandoned, even when all human resources fail. On such occasions our endurance is to be found in God alone. Indeed our belonging to Christ in God is the only guarantee to take us beyond time into eternity. Our relationship with God is what ultimately endures.

Annual Remembrance Service – This will be a special Service for parishioners from our Parish who have died in the past year on Monday 28th November at 6.30pm. Relatives of the deceased have been invited to attend and all names of the Deceased will be recalled during the liturgy. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend this moving Requiem Mass.

Closing of the Holy Door – The Cardinal will mark the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in the Diocese by closing the Holy Door in the Cathedral in the context of Vespers at 3.30pm on this Sunday, 13 Nov. Archbishop Welby will preach. All are most welcome to attend. The Cardinal has asked that local Holy Doors in the Diocese are closed at the same time, as the closing of the Cathedral Holy Door. Hope we are well represented.

Safeguarding Awareness/Training: As you know a session was organized for next Saturday 19th November for those who work with children and vulnerable adults. Sadly, due to the volume of paperwork to be completed, we have to cancel this training on Sat 19th Nov. Hopefully we will reschedule this for mid-January 2017, when Christmas and all its events are completed. Apologies for any inconvenience.

New Liturgical Year – Year A of our Liturgical Cycle begins in Advent, 27th November 2016. In Year A, we shall be Reading the Gospel of St. Matthew. To help us understand and appreciate Matthew’s Gospel, the Parish Council Christian Formation Committee has kindly arranged a lecture to help us. So Professor, Fr. John Hemer from Allen Hall will give a talk on St Matthews Gospel in the Founders Room on tomorrow Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Bazaar – We have already received some support from parishioners as well as the Parish Council and are looking forward to what will be a great day on Saturday 3rd Dec. In order for the event to go ahead and be a huge success like last year, we need your support. We are looking for donations of new and unopened items in the following categories; wines and spirits, toiletries and gift sets, chocolates, cakes, biscuits and other food items. We are also looking for used but good quality toys, books, and brick a brack items. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity we will not be collecting clothing this year. We are also unable to accept electrical items unless new and unopened. All items can be left in the box which will be in the Colonnade. Raffle tickets can be collected from the Colonnade and returned to the Parish Office with all monies; there are great cash prizes to be won so we wish you all the best of luck! Many thanks for your support. We know our Parish Community is a special one! We will have a meeting on Thurs 24th Nov @ 7.30pm to allot the responsibility of Stalls to different stall holders. Please attend and thanks for your help.

Going into Hospital? If you or a family member is ever admitted to one of our local Hospitals e.g. Chelsea & Westminster, please ask to see the R.C. Chaplain when admitted.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10 am
(Spanish) 11.15 am
12.15 pm
7 pm
Mon - Sat 10 am
6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday
at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965
Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday
at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group –
Every Thursday 11am in the
Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Tues 15th – St Albert the Great
Wed 16th – St Edmund of
Abingdon
Thurs 17th – Sts Hilda,
Hugh of Lincoln
& Elizabeth of Hungary
Commemoration of all Deceased
Servants of Mary – Friars, Sisters,
Benefactors, Relatives & Friends

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,545 and the
Second collection for “Sick &
Retired Priests” was £692.

Day with Mary: Saturday 26th
November 16 at Carmelite
Church, Kensington Church
Street, London W8.