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Sunday Reflection: – When someone we love dies, that person's last words to us take on a deep significance. We treasure those words in our hearts. Such words assume an eternal significance and keep us in touch with the person long after that person has left us. This is how we are to understand the final words of Jesus to his disciples at the end of the Last Supper "My little children... I give you a new commandment: "Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another". This was Jesus' last Will and Testament to his followers. Loving one another was to be their distinguishing characteristic. They would assume Jesus' identity and live it by 'loving one another'. Jesus had revealed God to his Disciples as 'a God of unconditional love'. Jesus passes that to his disciples and commands them to retain that gift of love and share it amongst themselves. This is the vision Jesus leaves with them which he believes will create 'the new Heaven and the new Earth'. How we long for such a new earth when we witness such dreadful things happening in our world? So many events reveal an absence of love. Our first reading gives us an example of the Gospel in action. Barnabas means "son of encouragement". Paul was having a difficult time convincing the Apostles that he was 'a genuine convert' so Barnabas offered him friendship and encouragement and helped with his acceptance and integration into the group of disciples. Together they 'put fresh heart into the disciples', and fulfilled the plan of Jesus, "everyone will know you are my disciples". "Lord, help us build a world governed by love and compassion".

Pope Francis' Appeal – After reciting the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3rd April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an initiative in favor of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a special collection to be taken in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April 2016. The Holy Father wishes to demonstrate solidarity with the people of the Ukraine, and expresses his faith in the Churches of Europe to respond. We trust you will respond to his appeal and give generously to today's 2nd collection.

Baptismal Preparation Course – Next session for parents is on Tues 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Those taking part should obtain a Registration form from the Parish Office. The second part will be on Tuesday 10th May. All Parents Must attend.

Proclaim 15/16 – We would like to thank all those who signed up last Sunday to share their faith with others. There is room for more who wish to be involved. Please call the office and leave your details with the Parish Secretary. We will get back to you re the next steps.

Meanwhile come to the film "Nine days which changed the world" about Pope John Paul II Sunday 24th April @ 8pm in Founders Room. All Welcome!

CAFOD – Need volunteers who are confident and experienced at talking and engaging with young people to take the CAFOD message into confirmation groups in parishes evenings/weekends. You will help to inspire young people to put their faith into action by your delivery of interactive workshops. Full training given. Call 0208 4496970 or email nnathan@cafod.org.uk Acceptance on successful completion of interview & DBS check.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place on Saturday 9th July. A 51 seater coach has been booked for our Deanery and Fr.

Vincent will lead this group on behalf of the Deanery. If you are interested in coming please add your name to the list in the colonnade. Price £20. Coach will leave at 7.15am.

Confirmation Group – Next Meeting Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm in Founders Room

St Peregrine Mass - This is a healing Mass for all cancer sufferers and those with life threatening diseases. It is on Weds 27th April at 6.30pm. St Peregrine, who himself suffered from cancer, experienced a total healing after praying before an image of Christ on the Cross.

Priest Training Fund – We wish to thank everyone who donated to the Priest Training fund collection last weekend. Your offerings are deeply appreciated. We thank everyone who contributed towards the formation of future priests of the Diocese and Servite Order. Please continue to pray for those in formation and for future Priests to minister in our Parishes.

Migrants Mass – Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him at the annual Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. The banner procession will begin at 10am, followed by witness testimonies from two refugees before mass. Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

Congratulations and Blessings – To Queen Elizabeth II on her 90th Birthday!

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

Mon 25 th	– St Mark
Thurs 28 th	– St Peter Chanel
	St Louis Grignon de Montfort
Fri 29 th	– St Catherine of Siena
Sat 30 th	– St Pius V

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,028 and the Second collection for "The Priest Training Fund" was £619. Thank you for your support & generosity.

Gift Aid and Planned Giving

Boxes for New tax year are still to be collected from the Church Office!

New Readers Rota – Is now ready for collection.

Fairtrade – Is in the Colonnade this weekend!