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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Sunday Reflection: – “He is Risen Alleluia!” – We spent six and a half weeks of Lent preparing for the feast of Easter. We have now celebrated the feast of Christ’s Resurrection with rejoicing, music, ‘Alleluias’, and due solemnity and some feasting. It all doesn’t end with the Bank Holiday weekday! This week we have the Octave of Easter and we should note that the Easter season continues for fifty days to the feast of Pentecost. Life is not all sackcloth and ashes! The Liturgies of these Easter Sundays are rich in spirituality, and provide us with opportunities for deeper reflective prayer and study on the reality of the Resurrection and its significance for each of us. The Risen Christ brings a new light and dimension to life, so we allow the light of the Resurrection permeate our Christian living. The liturgy for this Sunday focuses on ‘the whole group of believers’. We meet a group gathered behind locked doors, bound by fear. Jesus appears amongst them and greets them with His gift of ‘Peace’ and dispels their anxiety by showing them his hands and his side’. With His gift of ‘Peace’ he breathed on them the Holy Spirit, and empowered them for their mission, one of their number, Thomas, is missing. On his return, he refuses to believe what they told him. He wants to be honest with himself. Thomas has to deal with doubt and at the same time his desire to belong to the company of believers. Thomas has an inner conflict to resolve. Jesus respects Thomas’ personal predicament, and returns eight days later when Thomas is present. Jesus ministers directly to Thomas’ doubt, and with the help of the Holy Spirit enable him to make his act of faith: “My Lord and my God”. Faith is both personal and communal. Our personal act of faith is so often nourished and sustained by the faith of the larger community. The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to the community of believers, and opening up to the spirit enables us to make that personal act of faith ‘My Lord and my God’. In the grace of the spirit we can proclaim together ‘Jesus is Lord’.

Easter Gratitude – The Servite Friars unite in wishing to thank you most sincerely for your very generous Easter offerings last Sunday. Thank you too for your cards, gifts and good wishes to the community. Be assured of our prayers. It was a great celebration of the New Life of Easter.

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. Full details will be given later but for now if you are interested in coming please add your name to the list in the colonnade. Price will be £15. You bring your own lunch. Coach will leave at 7.30am (approx).

Cardinal’s Mass of the Thanksgiving – For the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3pm. The Archbishop invites to Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number as soon as possible.

A Day with Mary – On Saturday 23rd April at Church of Mary, Mother of God, Nags Head Rd, Ponders End.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ from 6th to 14th September 2016 including all excursions for £1,169 -

Also **Pilgrimage to Fatima** – From 20th to 26th November 2016 including all excursions for £639, flying from London Heathrow. For Further information call Mrs. Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301.

Confirmation – Mizens’ Talk – The Mizens’ will be speaking from their own experience to our Confirmation Candidates on Thursday, 14th April at 7pm on “Heart & Forgiveness”. We invite the parents, families and parishioners to come along.

Beginning Experience – There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15th to 17th April at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details contact Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Servite School – Will return from Easter break on Monday 11th April 2016.

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 5th – St Vincent Ferrer
Thurs 7th – St John Baptist

Normal Mass Times – Of 10am and 6.30pm resume tomorrow Monday 4th April.

The Second collection today will be for The Restoration Trust. 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!