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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

15th January 2017

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

Mon - Fri	6.15 – 6.30 pm
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 in the Library. New members are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room. Tea served!

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

Saints Days

Tues 17th – St Anthony
Thurs 19th – St Wulstan
Fri 20th – St Fabian & St Sebastian
Sat 21st – St Agnes

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,568 and the Second collection for the "Church Restoration Trust" was £484.

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Sunday Reflection: – A curious fact of modern life is the number of cults which springs up and compete for attention alongside the well-known major Religions. Usually cults are breakaway movements from mainstream Religion and often focus on exaggerating one aspect or are controlled by one powerful individual. The early Church had to contend with "the Baptist cult". Some of his followers believed that John the Baptist, and not Jesus was the Messiah. They argued that as John was before Jesus in time, he must be more important than Jesus. So the early Church had to respond to the proposed arguments. This is what we find St John doing into today's Gospel passage. St John puts Jesus back on centre stage. He has John the Baptist saying, "Look there is the Lamb of God... A man is coming after me who ranks before me. ...I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God". John the Baptist had no crisis of identity. He knew who he was and he knew who Jesus was. John had no hesitation in saying; 'He (Jesus) is the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; he has enough love in his heart to destroy the sin of the world; he is God's Chosen One, full of God's Holy Spirit; then 'I am a witness to the Light of God'. There is no competition of jealousy in John. He knew Jesus so well that he had no problem in affirming Jesus' God-given identity. We too can get to know the true and real Jesus and then introduce Him to others. Thus, we become witness to the Light.

Today is Peace Sunday: Let us pray for Peace and do something positive to promote Peace. The 2nd collection today will be to support the great work of Pax Christi, the International Catholic movement for Peace. "Peace is not merely the absence of war... Peace results from that harmony built into human society by its divine Founder, and actualized by people as they thirst after greater justice" (Vat II- Gaudium et Spes).

Confirmation Registration 2017 – We still welcome Applications for Confirmation until Thursday 19th Jan when it will be finally close. Any applications received after this date will be considered late and transferred to next year.

Parents Meeting – We had another good meeting of the Parents of the 1st Communion children with Mary Crowley on Tues last, 10th Jan 2017 on the theme of "The Eucharist". Some Parents were absent. Do let us know why you could not make it. The next meeting is on Tuesday 21st February 2017, but this time at 7pm. The new time was requested by Parents. Please note date and time!!

Octave for Christian Unity – From 18-25 January the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated. Let us pray for deeper understanding, dialogue, and unity amongst Christians. Mass for the Unity of Christians will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 6.30pm.

Safeguarding Study Morning – Saturday 4th February from 9.30am to 12.30pm. (Light Breakfast) in the Founders room. All who are involved with Children's groups; Catechist, altar servers and vulnerable adults etc. Do come to look at the new Safeguarding guidance/Policy for the Parish/Community.

Vocations Awareness & Promotion – In an effort to highlight the constant call of the Heavenly Father in inviting men to the priesthood and women and men to Religious Life, our Diocesan Vocations Promotion Team has chosen Kensington & Chelsea Deanery to begin a new initiative. It will begin in our Parish on Saturday 28th January at 6.30pm Mass. A team of Priests and Seminarians will attend Mass and one of them will preach at the Mass and a few Seminarians share their experience, on their personal call. After Mass they will be available for sharing and meeting in the Founders Room. Is God calling you to His Service? Do come along on Sat 28th January to 6.30pm Mass. Religious and Consecrated persons will take part in the sharing.