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DIY

Sunday Reflection – An old saying states, “Where there’s a Will, there’s a family quarrel!” Sadly, there is a lot of truth in it. Wills and inheritance can cause so much division and pain amongst families and many such divisions can be difficult to heal. Today’s Gospel story highlights such a situation. Jesus is invited to resolve a quarrel between two brothers. He refuses to act as judge. Instead he focuses on why the inheritance has divided the two brothers. To reinforce the point, he tells a story about a rich farmer, who agonizes about his abundance of riches. This man allows himself to be defined by what he owns. He is not alone. A modern mentality encourages the accumulation of possessions so as to ensure security and identity. People and indeed Nations indulge in stockpiling resources solely for ourselves, thereby excluding others from a share in such resources. Undoubtedly some money and material possessions are necessary for our development. However, the teaching presented by Jesus concentrates on making ourselves rich in the sight of God. Jesus is at pains to teach the truth that all the resources of this world are given by God to meet the needs of all His children and not to serve greed. Avarice is condemned because it isolates and creates a false security. The man in the story is called ‘a fool’, ‘a real idiot’, ‘an idiot’, meaning “the one who is alone”. He has cut himself off from other members of God’s family. He refuses to live like his Maker, who gives Himself away. This sad man does not know how to share. In Jesus we see someone who spends himself in sharing and giving. In such living he creates new life for others. When a billionaire died some years ago, someone asked, “What did he leave?” Someone replied, “Everything”. Jesus invites his disciples to make themselves ‘rich in the sight of God’ by reaching out in love to all of God’s family.

Fr. Patrick M. O’Connell OSM 100th Birthday – Today, Sunday 4th August we unite together in wishing Fr. Patrick O’Connell OSM of our Fulham Road Community our warm “Congratulations and sincere Happy Birthday” on celebrating his 100th Birthday. What a wonderful occasion and achievement for Fr. Patrick! He joined the ‘old’ English Province of the Servites in 1932 and reached Begbroke, Oxford by bicycle, train and boat to begin his training for Religious Life and Priesthood. This was to take him to Rome for Theology, where he was ordained in 1943, and had a dangerous journey home due to the War, before eventually arriving here at Fulham Road. He has served in our Community and Parish here at Fulham Road; he also served in Dundee and Bognor Regis, before going to Swaziland and Uganda, Africa for many years: (for about 30 years!). His life speaks to us of generosity, courage, faith and love. We have been enriched by his Presence, faith and trust. We join together in offering him our Prayerful Congratulations and give thanks for a life of love and service well-lived. (Fr. Paul has done a special newsletter to mark the occasion and copies are available at the back of the Church if you wish to take one.)

Holiday Mass Times – As the Priests in the Community will be taking a holiday break at different times during August, it was decided after some discussion at the Parish Council on Thurs. 18th to have One Mass each weekday from Monday 5th August to Friday 30th August at 6.30pm each day. Remember No 10am Morning Mass on those days, just the 6.30pm Evening Mass.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Fri 6.30pm Only
Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Returns on Monday 2nd Sept.

Rosary – Wednesdays - On
Holidays for the Month of
August

Legion of Mary – Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group:
Thursdays - On Holidays for
the Month of August.

Saints Days

Mon 5th – The Dedication of
the Basilica of St Mary Major
Tue 6th – The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Wed 7th – St Cajetan
Thu 8th – St Dominic
Fri 9th – St Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross

Confirmation Certificates:

Please collect from the Parish
Office.