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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Reflection: – Jesus was a great teacher. He not only talked about ‘prayer’, he actually ‘prayed’. On one such occasion the disciples asked him to teach them ‘to pray’. In response, he teaches them the ‘Our Father’, a manifesto for the coming of the kingdom of God on earth. This prayer of Jesus shows a remarkable unity between his way of life and his spiritual life. It is a model of all prayer and the Christian prayer “per excellence”. Jesus shocked his audience by using the homely and intimate term “Abba” for “Father” – a term used by a child to address a loving Father as ‘Daddy’. Jesus always relates to God in a loving friendly and intimate way; he approaches the Father with trust and confidence knowing that he will supply what is necessary. Note the community nature of this prayer: ‘Our’ Father suggests a sense of family with fellow human beings as brothers and sisters, and give ‘us’ today our daily bread – give ‘us’ what will keep us alive and sustain us – the bread of life. Familiarity doesn’t imply irreverence – May your name be held “holy”. Jesus reveals the purpose of his life in the phrase “May your kingdom come”. Jesus wanted to usher in the presence and reign of God in human affairs. The prayer keeps all the essentials – “forgive us” and enable us “to forgive others”, and “protect us and deliver us” from all destruction and temptation. God did hear the prayer of Jesus, and St Paul states “he has forgiven us all our sins”. Jesus concludes his teaching with a parable on persistence in prayer. In the last analysis prayer changes us and keeps us in touch with our loving Father.

Be Warned – Next Sunday 31st July, there is a Cycle Race on the A4, the Embankment and local area. This will entail some road closures and affect local public transport. Do enquire about Bus services and road closures. Plan and adapt accordingly and travel safely.

St Peregrine Mass – The healing Mass of St Peregrine is on next wed 27th July at 6.30pm. Come along to pray for all who are ill, especially those suffering from Cancer.

Parish Council – Our Parish Councillors can now be recognized in Church each Sunday as they wear a lapel badge so you may share your ideas and concerns with them. The next P.C. meeting is fixed for 6th Sept. 2016 at 7.30pm in Small Hall. In the meantime commissions can get on with their work if it is convenient for them. You may be asked to join one of the commissions’.

Parish Outing: Going to Eastbourne (Beach) and fruit picking on August 13th. Price is £25 for Adults and £15 for a Child. Departure from the church at 7am and returning at 5pm. For any queries or booking please contact the Parish Office (office hours Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, 1.30 to 2.30 Lunch Break).

All proceeds will be donated to the Servite Orphanage in the Philippines.

Pact – Pact pioneer the BaCC (Basic Caring Community) project, which helps ex-offenders settle back into the local community. The scheme operates in the London and Bristol areas. Ultimately, it is hoped to extend Basic Caring Communities all over the UK. Each group is made up of four volunteers motivated by their Christian faith, and an ex-offender who has chosen to participate. Training is provided. Do read poster on Notice boards.

World Youth Day Monday 25th July: Is in Krakow and the Westminster Diocesan pilgrimage is from 19th – 31st July. We have one representative going – Christine. Please pray for Christine and all our young people who assemble in Krakow with Pope Francis.

Caritas Westminster: A Mass for all Volunteers will be celebrated at 2pm on Saturday 10th September in Westminster Cathedral. All volunteers are welcome. The Principal Celebrant will be, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Takes place from Mon 25th to Sun 31st July. For bookings contact Pilgrimage Office, Vaughan House. Tel: 0207 7989173.

St Augustine and Creation – An Augustinian response to Laudato Si’ with Sr. Margaret Atkins O.S.A on 1st Oct 11:00-16:00 Austin Forum, 55 Fulham Palace Rd, W6 8AU. Free!

Summer Accommodation in London – Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk or Tel: 02073495600.

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 James
Tues 26 th	– Sts Joachim & Anne
Fri 29 th	– St Martha
Sat 30 th	– St Peter Chrysologus

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £998 and the Second collection for “Restoration Trust Fund” was £531. Thank you for your support & generosity.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 13th August 2016 at St James, Spanish Place, George Street, London W1