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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 12th June 2016

Sunday Reflection: – We have a very descriptive story in the gospel of Luke today. A host, Simon invites Jesus and some disciples to a meal. An uninvited guest, a woman with ‘a bad name,’ came to join the party. The host, Simon, was one of “the separated ones”, an influential figure in the town and is rather self-righteous, and not happy with this intrusive presence, and that, ‘this prophet’ doesn’t tell her ‘to push off!’ Jesus, never misses an opportunity. He doesn’t want to offend his host, but he has something important to teach him, so he tells a parable about two debtors, one owing 500 denari, the other owing 50. Neither could pay, so both were forgiven. Jesus asks the telling question, ‘which one loves the more?’ Simon begins to realize that he is in the story! He responds “the one I suppose to whom he forgave more”. Jesus confronts Simon and says: “Do you see this woman?” Up to that point, Simon had only seen a sinner, a prostitute. Jesus begins to contrast her attitude to Jesus with that of Simon, who was frosty and cold in his welcome – the three marks of hospitality are missing, the kiss, the anointing, and washing of the feet. She supplies all three, while Simon, the Pharisee bypasses all because he is furious that Jesus associates and eats with sinners. Jesus seems to eat with anyone! Jesus is extravagant in offering her God’s loving forgiveness. This marginalized woman is allowed to touch Jesus at a very ‘proper’ house party. To his host Jesus says “The man who is forgiven little shows little love”. To the woman he says “Your faith has saved you, go in peace”. The story challenges us all. Do we only see a person enclosed in their wrongdoing or can we, like Jesus, look beyond and with the aid of forgiveness and love, see a potential saint? This woman is free to travel the way of Jesus because she is forgiven and loved.

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 13th – St Anthony of Padua
Thur 16th – St Richard of
Chichester

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,571 and the
Second collection for “Church
Restoration Fund” was £645.
Thank you for your support &
generosity.

Sincere Thanks: to all for such
a joyful celebration of Fr.
Vincent’s Golden Jubilee last
Sunday 5th June. Well done and
Congratulations!

Parish Council Election – A good meeting on Tues 31st May 2016, but the attendance could improve. A list of people available for election to the Council was drawn up and is available for those interested. If you wish to propose a parishioner for election to the Council, please put their name on the list having obtained their consent. The Council will be elected at a special Parish meeting on tomorrow Monday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Let’s have a large attendance!

Mary, Mother of Mercy – The Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham (60 Rylston Rd, SW6 7HW) is organizing a Parish Mission in preparation for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The mission will run 4-8 July and meetings will start at 8pm. There will be time of reflection, prayer and an opportunity to go to confession. See noticeboard for details!

Catholic Voices – have organized a debate on the subject of the forthcoming referendum on Britain’s membership of the EU. Held in Westminster Cathedral Hall on Wed 15th June from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please visit catholicvoices.org.uk and see notice board.

“Day for Life” – Sunday 19th June 2016. Special Cards available in Colonnade. Proceeds from 2nd Collection will assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other projects to protect Life at every stage in its development.

Confirmation: We celebrate the Sacrament with our new area Bishop John Wilson on Friday 17th June at 7.30pm Mass in our Church. St. Mary’s Cadogan St. & Holy Redeemer Parishes will join us. Let us pray for our young people to be confirmed. Practice on Wed 15th at 7.15pm. Candidates & Sponsors, please attend.

Provincial Chapter – Our local Servite Community will be occupied with our Provincial Chapter from 20th-24th June. Fr. Cirino will be available to attend to Pastoral calls. There will be just one Mass at 10am each day 20th – 24th, (No 6.30pm Mass)
Apologies for any inconvenience.



Servite School Summer Fayre

Our annual Servite Summer Fayre will take place on **Saturday 18th June 2016, 12-4pm**. As always, it will be a fun filled event, with a variety of stalls, bouncy castles, Go-karts, wheel of fortune and many more great activities. There will be lots of international food and drink. Please come along and support us; the event is to raise money for our School. We are in need of donations to use as prizes on our Wheel of Fortune, which is one of our main fundraisers. There will be a box in the colonnade for you to put your donations. We look forward to seeing you!