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Sunday Reflection: – The parting of friends is never easy. It is not easy to say “goodbye”. The most painful parting of all happens when someone we love dies. This parting is different from all others. On the night before Jesus’ death he spoke openly to his disciples about his departure. However, he didn’t speak about death to them in the way we tend to do – in the sense of life ending. He spoke of his approaching death as “going to the Father”. But He made it clear to them that he would not abandon them. Similarly, he was not rejecting them. Jesus is leaving them in order to return to the Father. He is “going home”, so returning to the Father is to go home. But his going home would not leave them unsupported and unguided – “I will not leave you orphans” Jesus told them that he would ask the Father to send them “another Advocate” ... “the spirit of truth” to be with them forever. He would continue to be present to them through the presence of the spirit. The Holy Spirit will keep the words and commandments of Jesus alive in their hearts, and thereby keep Jesus present to them. In that way they would share in the Communion of life between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. So while Jesus speaks to them about leaving them, he also speaks about coming back to them, and being present to them in a different way. Jesus does not leave us orphaned either. We have the access to his presence through the Holy Spirit and through familiarity with his words. This Communion with Jesus is deepened and enriched at the Eucharist. Our hearts are nourished with his love and our minds with his wisdom. Hence, Jesus can say: “On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you”.

Flores de Mayo (Santacruzán) – Will be celebrated by the Filipino Community and will be held on Saturday 27th May at 5pm. All are Welcome!

Confirmation Practice – As there are 3 Parishes sharing in the Confirmation Celebration here in our Church on Wednesday 7th June at 7pm Mass, we are having a special practice on Friday 26th May at 7.30pm in our Church. ALL Candidates and sponsors must attend. This is also in addition to our meeting on Thurs 25th at 7.15pm.

International Mass – Will be on Sunday 2nd July at the 12.15pm Mass followed by a celebration afterwards in the School Playground with International food stalls. To prepare for this there will be a meeting in the Founders Room on **Monday 5th June** at 7pm. All are invited. Liturgy committee members and other parish Councillors are asked to attend. We would like to invite parishioners from our international communities, particularly those who have experience of past International Sundays who would be prepared to run a food stall.

General Election – As we all know, the General Election is on Thurs 8th June 2017 and the Polling Station for this area is The Servite Primary School, 252 Fulham Road, SW10 9NA. We do urge all parishioners to get interested, to inform ourselves about the issues and to vote responsibly. Many issues affected us all, so do engage with the Candidates about the NHS, Housing, Brexit, Immigration, Education, the Sanctity of Human Life from conception to Death, Pensions and the London Living Wage. A “Hustings” will take place at All Saints Church, Pryors Bank, Bishops Park, Fulham SW6 3LA. All prospective Candidates hope to attend for a meeting on Friday 2nd June at 7pm. Buses 14, 414 and 22 all stop opposite the Church; it is near Putney Bridge Underground. Let us act responsibly for the Common Good.

Thy Kingdom Come – is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension 25th May and Pentecost 4th June 2017 for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. ‘To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. Please do join in before Pentecost, this drive to pray together for the gift of God’s spirit for our mission. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too - if we ask God for it’. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

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 - Thurs 6.15 – 6.30 pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Thur 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

Mon 22nd – St Rita of Cascia
Thu 25th – St Bede the Venerable
Fri 26th – St Philip Neri
Sat 27th – St Augustine of Canterbury

Toddler Group: Meeting on Tues Morning @ 9.30am. All are Welcome!

Day with Mary: On Saturday 3rd June 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Commonwealth Av, White City.