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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 in today’s Gospel passage. St John puts Jesus back on center 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 or 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 witnesses 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 the 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 2019/2020 – Confirmation classes commencement date is on Sunday 2nd February 2020 at 5.30pm in the Founders Room.

First Holy Communion – Next Session will be held on Sun 26th Jan at 9am.

Parents Meeting – For 1st Holy Communion will be on Tue 4th Feb at 7pm.

School Family Mass – Will be next Sunday 26th of Jan at 10am.

Baptism Preparation Course – Will take place on Tuesdays 4th and 11th of February at 7.30pm in the Founders Room. Please get a registration form from our Church Colonnade.

‘Thank You’ – Sr. Clementina worked here in our Parish for a number of years. Due to Accommodation issues and Hospital Chaplaincy demands she felt it necessary to submit ‘her Notice’ to the Parish. We want to say ‘Thank You’ to her for her ministry and presence with us and wish her every blessing in her present ministry. So, we will remember her at the 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 26th January 2020. The 2nd Collection on that Sunday is our ‘Thank You’ to her. At the end of Mass, we shall all meet in the Colonnade to wish her well and to say our personal ‘Thank You’. “May God bless you Sister Clementina”.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm
Sacrament of Confession
Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Masses

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!

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Every Thursday at 11am in the
Founders Room

Saints Days

Mon 20th – St Fabian &
St Sebastian

Tue 21st – St Agnes

Wed 22nd – St Vincent

Fri 24th – St Francis de Sales

Sat 25th – The conversion of
St Paul the Apostle

Octave for Christian Unity:

From 18th -25th January the
Octave of Prayer for Christian
Unity will be celebrated. Let
us pray for deeper
understanding, dialogue, and
unity amongst Christians.