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Sunday Reflection – Every new movement has to face problems of identity. Early Christianity had to work out its relationship with Judaism. How did it differ from the old tradition? What should it retain? This issue is obvious in today's extract from Matthew's Gospel. He is a Jewish convert living in Syria and writing his Gospel for a mixed Christian community of Jewish and Gentile converts. Matthew tries to hold both groups together. He is probably a Scribe himself, so while respecting the Law of Moses, he also respects the vision of Jesus. He quotes Jesus: "I have come not to abolish them (i.e. the Law or the prophets) but to complete them". Jesus in his teaching wants to go beyond legalism. A mere observance of the Letter of the Law isn't enough, Jesus wants his followers to look into their hearts and identify the attributes and feelings lurking within. In this passage Jesus targets three areas of the human heart that could have destructive potential and they need constant attention if one is to progress in living a good moral life: (i) anger (ii) lust (iii) deceitfulness. In addition to 'you must not kill' Jesus also asks to be aware of the anger and possible hatred in one's heart towards others. In addition to 'you must not commit adultery', Jesus also warns that women can be ill-treated and abused by men's attitudes towards them. In addition to 'you must not break an oath' Jesus asks that one speaks the whole truth. In Jesus' moral teaching the condition of the heart is the heart of the matter. Jesus asks that the heart and mind be cleansed and redeemed, and then human behavior will change for the better.

Feast of Seven Holy Founders – Is on tomorrow Mon 17th February. Masses will be as normal 10am & 6.30pm. We hope that many parishioners can join the community and the Servite Family at the 6.30pm Mass. Our Founders were seven merchant nobleman who came together in 1233 in war-torn Florence to search for God. Drawn together by Friendship and devotion to Mary, they committed themselves to community life, common prayer and charitable work amongst the sick and poor. Inspired by Mary's service of the Lord, they called themselves "Servants of Mary". The Servite Friars of the Fulham Road Community today continue to live out their inspiration and charism. Happy Feast Day to all our extended family.

Health Precautions – Because of the spread of the Coronavirus we have been advised not to minister the chalice in the present climate and to encourage the receiving of Holy Communion in the Hand rather than 'on the Tongue'. Please consume the Host before leaving the Minister who attended to you. Retaining our reverence for the Sacrament let us help and support one another in Receiving the Holy Sacrament.

First Holy Communion – Next session will be on Sunday 1st March at 9am

Confirmation Class – Will be on Sunday 1st March at 5.30pm in the Founders Room.

St. Patrick's Parish Celebration – Is on Saturday 14th March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall. It promises as ever to be an enjoyable Parish night, so come along for the company, food, dance, raffle & fun. Tickets are £5 each.

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 17th – The Seven Holy
 Founders of the Servite Order
 Fri 21st – St Peter Damian
 Sat 22nd – The Chair of St
 Peter the Apostle

Lately Dead:

Maria Glancy R.I.P
 – Requiem Mass on Wednesday 19th
 March 2020