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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

23rd October 2016

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 24 th – St Anthony Mary Claret
Tues 25 th – Bl John Angelo Porro Milan
Wed 26 th – Sts Chad & Cedd
Fri 28 th – Sts Simon & Jude

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,533 and the Second collection for “Mary’s Meals” was £1,171.

St Peregrine Mass: is on next Wed 26th Oct at 6.30pm. Come and pray for all who are ill, especially Cancer sufferers.

Mother/Toddler Group:

No Meeting on Tues 25th Oct - Midterm! Will resume on Tues 1st November. All Welcome!

Sunday Reflection – True prayer should put us in the right position before God and humans. In today’s Gospel we are told the story by Jesus of two men going up to the Temple to pray. One prays from a position of arrogance, the other from a position of humility. We have much to learn from the story. Both are at opposite ends of the religious spectrum. The contrast serves to highlight the point Jesus wants to make. The Pharisee is scrupulously observant of the Law and all the religious duties expected of him. The tax-collector belongs to a group frowned upon because of the support offered to the occupying Roman authorities. He is regarded by most as being a scoundrel! The Pharisee is good and knows it too well. He despises the tax-collector who is in a moral mess and is unworthy to enter the Temple. The Pharisee centers his prayer on himself, affirming his good points while judging the tax collector harshly. The tax collector is under no illusions. He acknowledges his shadow side, no self-glorification here. Nevertheless, he has two basic convictions which shape his prayer: (i) ‘God is merciful’ (ii) ‘I am a sinner’. Thus, he beats his breast and makes his heartfelt prayer: “God be merciful to me, a sinner”. Jesus tells us he is the one who went home “at rights with God”. The Psalm today tells us that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted. Before God we are all broken hearted in our own way. In God’s presence we are all beggars, we all have challenges and struggles to face in life. Let us remember this about each other, and in this way we will not despise or judge anyone, but be so much more charitable and loving to those we meet on the pilgrimage of life. Can you see yourself in any of the people in the story?

Altar Servers Needed – We are now accepting applicants. Training will start on Sat 5th November 2016 from 11am to 12noon. Please submit an application form no later than 30th Oct. which can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Meeting – All Altar Servers and Parents on Sat 29th October 2016 @ 3pm.

Gibraltar Mass – This Annual event is to be celebrated on Sunday next 30th October 2016 at 12.15pm. As in previous years we are most happy to welcome representatives from Gibraltar House and other distinguished guests. This year we are delighted to welcome the new Bishop of Gibraltar, Monsignor Carmel Zammit, who will preside at the Mass.

Baptism Programme – Next baptism preparation programme for Parents is on Tues 1st & Tues 8th November in the Founders Room at 7.30pm. Parents must attend both sessions.

50th Anniversary of Abortion Act – The latest figures released by the government reveal that 203,096 unborn babies were put to death by registered abortions in 2015, indicating a rise of 529 unborn babies on the previous year. SPUC calculates that, so far 8,624,567 innocent lives have been lost under the 1967 Abortion act. The Union of Catholic Mothers join with SPUC in a “Pro-Life Pledge” campaign with a Post-card Day to our MP’s. Our Parish will hold this Post-card Day on 22nd /23rd October. Please give the matter serious thought, prayer, support the Pro-Life movement and send the card to your MP.

Closing of the Holy Door – The Cardinal will mark the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in the Diocese by closing the Holy Door in the Cathedral in the context of Vespers at 3.30pm on Sunday, 13 Nov. Archbishop Welby will preach. All are most welcome to attend. The Cardinal has asked that local Holy Doors in the Diocese are closed at the same time, or as near as possible, to the closing of the Cathedral Holy Door.

New Liturgical Year – Year A of our Liturgical Cycle begins in Advent, 27th November 2016. In Year A, we shall be Reading the Gospel of St. Matthew. To help us understand and appreciate Matthew’s Gospel, the Parish Council Christian Formation Committee has kindly arranged a lecture to help us. So Professor, Fr. John Hemer from Allen Hall will give a talk on St Matthews Gospel in the Founders Room on Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Bazaar – On Saturday 3rd December 2016, from 12noon to 4pm in School Hall. Everyone can help so be ready when you are asked to engage. As last year, Susana from our School will be overseeing the event. We trust we can rely on all to help.

Parents As Partners – The Catholic Children’s Society and Tavistock Relationships are working together to provide groups for supporting couples and strengthening families. If you are interested in attending a group, please contact Maria Franchini or William Walker on 0207 380 6099.