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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

30th October 2016

Sunday Reflection – Today we have the encounter between Zacchaeus and Jesus as he was passing through the wealthy city of Jericho. Zacchaeus, the rich tax-collector wanted to get a glimpse Jesus. The Book of Wisdom gives us all a glimpse of God which corrects our image of God as an exacting accountant recording all our failings. “You are merciful to all ... and you overlook men’s sins so that they can repent”. That description of God is underlined for us when we see how Jesus treats Zacchaeus, the despised tax-collector. He is a small man so he climbs a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. But Jesus doesn’t pass by quietly; he notices the little man up the tree and engages with him. He calls him by name; “Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today”. He hurried down and joyfully welcomed Jesus. The chin-wagging started; “He has gone to stay at a sinner’s house”. But Zacchaeus stands firm. Something profound has happened; he has had a conversion experience; “I am going to give half of my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount”. He is on a high, overwhelmed by the acceptance given him by Jesus, who simply replies: “Today salvation has come to this house... for the Son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost”. Jesus invites us all to come off our ‘high horses’ and ‘lonely perches’ and come down to Welcome him into ‘our houses’, so that we too can experience his saving presence.

Gibraltar Day Mass – We rejoice in celebrating the Mass today, Sunday 30th October 16 at 12.15pm. We are most happy to welcome The Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, Chief Minister of Gibraltar and Mrs. Picardo, together with other distinguished guests. This year we are delighted to welcome the new Bishop of Gibraltar, Monsignor Carmel Zammit, who presides at our Mass, who will be joined by other concelebrants.

Welcome Back – Teachers, Staff, Pupils & Parents after half term break on Mon 31 Oct.

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.

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.

Feast of All saints – This beautiful Feast is on Tuesday 1st November and is a Holyday of obligation. We are all requested to attend Holy Mass this holy day to remind us that we all belong together to “All Saints”. Masses for this feast: Vigil Mass, Monday 31st October at 6.30pm. Holy Day: 10am & 6.30pm. We celebrate our own folk; we give thanks to those who grace our present community. We all aspire to becoming “Saints”.

All Souls – We commemorate All the Faithful departed or All Souls on Wednesday 2nd November. Masses for the Holy Souls will be at 10am & 6.30pm. Masses for the Holy Souls will be celebrated throughout November, please take a November envelope and write names of your loved ones to be remembered in the Masses. A plenary indulgence applicable to all the Souls in Purgatory is granted to any of the faithful who 1) On a day from 1-8 November – visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; 2) On All Souls Day – visit a church or chapel and recite our Father & Creed.

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!

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.

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

Tues 1st – All Saints
 Wed 2nd – All Souls Day
 Thu 3rd – St Winifride
 St Martin de Porres
 Fri 4th – St Charles Borromeo

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,643 and the Second collection for “World Mission Appeal” was £659.

Clocks Back: One hour at midnight on Sat 30/10/16. Enjoy the extra hour rest!

Mother/Toddler Group:

Will Meet on Tues 1st Nov @ 9.30am in the Founders Room. All Welcome!

Readers Rota: Ready to be collected!