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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C)

31st January 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.

<u>Legion of Mary</u> – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965 Contact <u>cdewinton@gmail.com</u>

<u>Lectio Divina</u> – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room.

<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Tues 2nd - The Presentation of The Lord

Wed 3rd - Sts Laurence, Dunstan And Theodore

Bl. Joachim of Siena OSM

Fri 5th - St Agatha

Sat 6th - St Paul Miki and Companions

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1760 and the Second collection for "Racial Justice" was £531. Thank you for your support & generosity **Sunday Reflection:** – Last Sunday we had Jesus' great homily or speech introducing himself and his prophetic ministry, with a little help from Isaiah, to the local people. Many were impressed with his gracious words, but approval quickly turned to rejection. Jesus knows that a prophet is not accepted amongst his own. He is far too challenging for them, so they resort to his family pedigree – who does he think he is? Jesus confronts their prejudice and meanness of vision. Their rejection turns to mob activity and they want to get rid of Jesus by taking him to a high cliff. He escapes to live and preach another day! This hostile Nazareth experience is a world away from Paul's description of love as given in the 2nd Reading. "Love is always patient and kind, it is never jealous.... "it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes". That is the kind of love we see in Jesus' ministry and life. That is the kind of love that will transform and transcend the hostile behavior of the Nazareth mob. This love is a gift of the spirit of Christ. This is the kind of love that will redeem us.

Getting Married Soon? – We remind all desiring to celebrate Sacramental Marriage that Six months' notice is required for the completion of preparations and formalities. Those intending to marry abroad should note this in particular.

Baptismal Programme – Begins on Wed 3rd of Feb and concludes on Wed 10th of Feb in the Founders Room. Parents wishing to have their children baptized in the near future are asked to attend these sessions. Please collect a registration form from the Parish Office.

Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes – The annual mass for the sick in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in this year of Mercy will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 6^{th} February 2016 at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. All are welcome to attend.

New Bishops – We offer our prayerful Congratulations to Bishop Paul McAleenan and Bishop John Wilson, both of whom were ordained as Auxiliary Bishops for Westminster Archdiocese last Monday 25th Jan, at Westminster Cathedral by our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls. It was a very moving celebration with wonderful music, signs and symbols and powerful prayers. The Cathedral was packed for the occasion with many dignitaries, visitors from Leeds and other parts of the country and many Bishops, and Priests from Westminster, Leeds, and other dioceses. Appropriately, there were representatives too from other Christian Churches being as it was in the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Bishop John Wilson is assigned to our area of the diocese so we look forward to his ministry with us in the future. Hopefully he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people in June of this year. This was a joyful, spiritual, and prayerful celebration. So let us pray for our new Bishops.

World Youth Day – is a Marvelous gathering of Catholic Youth from around the world meeting with Pope Francis in Krakow Poland. You will find it a very uplifting experience.

World Youth Day – Krakow, Poland – $(18^{th} \text{ July } - 31^{st} \text{ July } 2016)$ – If you are between 16 – 35 years of age and would like to go with the Archdiocese of Westminster do let Fr. Vincent know asap. It costs about £600 - £700. But if we get 3 or 4 people wanting to go we can also help to subsidize it with a couple of fund raising events. Please let Fr. Vincent know this week.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony -

At Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. – The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

Tuesday 2nd Feb – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at 10am and 6.30pm Mass.

Westminster Diocese Proclaim 15 – The Parish Evangelization team is meeting on February 4th at 7pm in the founders room.

Justice" was £531. Thank you for **Westminster Year Book 2016** – Copies can be purchased at the Repository.