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Sunday Reflection – Hospitality is an important feature of ancient and modern society. Hospitality is a very significant characteristic of God's people. Today's Readings highlight this. In our first reading we have Abraham entertaining three strangers and discovers he is entertaining the Lord. He offers them all the warmth of Bedouin hospitality. The strangers respond with good news from God by telling Abraham and Sarah that God will bless them with a child and answer their deepest desire. The incident foreshadows how God becomes involved in the life and struggles of people and is translated into reality with the Word of God becoming flesh in Jesus Christ. As St Paul says – 'the mystery of God is now incarnate in Jesus Christ'. In Jesus we see the face of the loving God. In the Gospel story we have Jesus visiting Martha & Mary, sisters who were both good friends of his. They highlight the two different kinds of welcome. Martha is so practical and fussy; she wants to do her best and serve a splendid meal to their guest. She gets annoyed that her sister Mary is not getting involved in the preparation, but simply sits at the feet of Jesus listening attentively to his every word. Martha wants Jesus to tell her sister to get down to some practical work! Gently but firmly, Jesus corrects Martha, and tells her she has things out of proportion. In all her fretting and fussing she is missing the one thing needed now: to welcome the Lord by listening to the word he speaks. That was the way Mary offered hospitality – by listening to the Lord. These two great women exemplify two forms of hospitality and discipleship – 'action' and 'listening'. We all run the risk of being too busy and over preoccupied. Let us pray that we can find a balance in life and allow space and time for listening in prayer to the Lord.

School Holidays – As our school went on holiday on Friday 19th July, we wish all Families, Children, Teachers and Staff a very Happy, Peaceful, Restful holiday and safe travel. Enjoy time together as Family. We hope and pray that all will be refreshed and ready for a new school year in early September 2019.

St. Peregrine Mass of Healing – Our next St. Peregrine Mass of Healing is on Wednesday 31st July at 6.30pm.

Holiday Mass Times – As the Priests in the Community will be taking a holiday break at different times during August, it was decided after some discussion at the Parish Council on Thurs. 18th to have One Mass each weekday from Monday 5th August to Friday 30th August at 6.30pm each day. Remember No 10am Morning Mass on those days; just the 6.30pm Evening Mass only.

The Archbishop of Southwark – We give thanks for the great Pastoral Ministry of Bishop John Wilson in this Area of Westminster Archdiocese and for his service to Education in the Diocese. We wish him well as Archbishop-elect of Southwark and assure him of our prayers as he takes up his new ministry. May the Lord bless and guide him. His installation as Archbishop of Southwark is on Thursday 25th July. We will pray for him.

Funeral of – Helena Lyons will be held on Friday 26th of July at 12 noon.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
 Sunday 8.30am
 10am
 (Spanish) 11.15am
 12.15pm
 7pm
 Mon – Sat 10am
 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
 (Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
 Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
 6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10.30am – 11.15am

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: Is
 on Thursdays at 11am in
 the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Mon 22nd – St Mary
 Magdalene
 Tue 23rd – St Bridget of
 Sweden
 Wed 24th – St Sharbel
 Makhlof
 Thu 25th – St James
 Fri 26th – St Joachim and
 Anne