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Sunday Reflection – With the coming of the month of November, nature tells us that the year is coming to an end. The trees are at last beginning to lose their leaves. We see signs of decay. It seems as if nature has gone asleep for the Winter. In the face of the passing away of natural life, the question arises about the passing away of our life. How do we cope with endings? - The end of a job? A stage of life? The end of life? In our gospel passage Jesus overhears a group admiring the magnificent structure and architecture of the Temple. As Jesus could foresee the inevitable destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman forces He speaks openly yet shockingly about the destruction of the Temple; even this structure will be reduced to a pile of rubble! Jesus is really pointing out that this world as we know it is passing away. History tells us that the Great Empires have come and gone. In times of insecurity, false prophets often appear to announce, 'the end is nigh'. But Jesus admonishes against being led astray by them. Rather he advises us to call on the gift of fortitude and perseverance – a gift of Holy Spirit to give courage in the face of adversity. Jesus didn't promise immunity from hardships, disaster, catastrophe or betrayal. Indeed, he experienced it himself at Calvary. But he did promise that in such moments we would not be abandoned, even when all human resources fail. On such occasions our endurance is to be found in God alone. Indeed, our belonging to Christ in God is the only guarantee to take us beyond time into eternity. Our relationship with God is what ultimately endures.

Remembrance Service – In November we always remember our beloved Holy Souls each day at Mass. We have a Special Service on 25th Nov at 6.30pm for those who have died in the past year and all our loved ones.

Christmas Advent Talk – Given by Fr. John Hemer (Allen Hall) on Wed 4th December at 7pm in the Founders room. Everybody Welcome!

Parish Christmas Bazaar – Will be held on Saturday 7th Dec from 11am to 4pm. This is the main fundraising event for our Church, and we look forward to a very successful day. If you can volunteer please send an email to fulhamroad@rcdow.org.uk or give your name and contact to our Parish Office or to Mrs Sousa at the School. Boxes will be in the Colonnade and the School office if you would like to make a donation. You can donate; Wine, Spirits, Chocolate & Biscuits. Unwanted gifts (new or very good condition), toys and books etc. No used electrical items or clothes Please.

Servite Christmas Carol Concert – Will be held on 14th December from 3pm to 5pm. Our own Choirs as well as other visiting Choirs will sing. We invite you to come along and enjoy!

Novena Mass for Christmas/Simbang Gabi – Sunday 15th – 22nd Dec, Novena Masses 8pm. On 23rd Dec at 6pm & food served in School Hall.

Confirmation Classes 2019 – Young people aged 14/15yrs upwards who wish to be confirmed next year, registration is now open. Please collect a Confirmation Enrolment Form from the Colonnade and return to the Parish office by 19th December 2019. A Baptismal Certificate Must accompany the Enrolment form unless Baptized in this Church. Also £20 towards expenses. Class commencement date to be announced.

Mass Times

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 Mass

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

Saints Days

Thu 21st – The Presentation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 22nd – St Cecilia
Sat 23rd – St Clement I &
St Columban

First Holy Communion:

Next session will be on Sun
17th Nov at 9am. Also, a
Parent session with Mary
Crowley will be on Tues 26th
Nov at 7pm where all Parents
must attend.