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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

26th February 2017

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

Mon - Fri	6.15 – 6.30 pm
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 in the Library. New members are welcome!

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders' Room. Tea served!

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Fri 3rd – Women's World Day of

Wed 1st – Ash Wednesday

Fri 3rd – Women's World Day of Prayer

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,269 and the Second collection for "Church Restoration Fund" was £413. Thank you for your support & generosity.

This Weekends Collection: Is for Aid to the Church in Need!

Lost Property: If you have lost a Scooter, Please collect from the Parish Office!

Sunday Reflection: – In our present economic and world climate there is a lot of anxiety around. We are anxious about so many things. In today's gospel we hear Jesus saying, "Do not be anxious". But if you are poor and hungry you are always anxious as you are never certain about the next meal. Poverty and insecurity beget anxiety. Jesus knows only too well that we can't go through life without a worry in the world. Jesus argues against an anxiety that consumes us and leaves us feeling abandoned by God. The cure for anxiety is to be found in trust. Jesus is really saying that anxiety is not the ultimate reality; God is. No events or circumstances can alter God's love for us; "I will never forget you". At every Eucharist we pray; "by the help of your mercy, we may be free from sin, and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ". Knowing that we are children of a loving God liberates us from destructive and crippling worry. We put our lives and future in the hands of our Father God. We know that nothing can rob us of God's love. We are held in God's love, and God's love is stronger than any anxiety.

Pastoral Letter – Our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has issued a Pastoral Letter for today, 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time on the very important subject of "Care for the Sick", under the title "Called to Serve the Sick". The Letter will be read at all Masses today, and some copies will be available for those who want to take away a copy with them. This is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy and we all can do something to improve 'Our Caring for the Sick'. Over the coming weeks we shall make some suggestions that we can implement.

New Altar Servers Medal Presentation – St. Stephen's Medal, will be on Saturday 25th February @ the 6.30pm Mass!

Ministers of the Word – Readers Rota is ready for collection. There will be microphone training sessions for all Ministers of the Word between 11am and 12noon on Saturdays: 25th February, 25th March & 8th April. Please attend one session.

Season of Lent – Lent begins on Wednesday, 1st March, Ash Wednesday. Masses with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will be at 10am and 6.30pm. It is also A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Lent is traditionally a Penitential season of Renewal in the Church leading to Holy Week and Easter; a time of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. Hopefully it is a time of "Growing in Faith". During Lent "Alleluia" is omitted in the Liturgy, and we don't adorn the Altar or Sanctuary with Flowers, as well as restricting the use of the Organ and other musical instruments. We hope and pray all Parishioners will have a good and Holy Lent.

Women's Day of Prayer – Is taking place on 3rd of March 2017. Parishioners from local churches will be meeting at Christ Church at 11am to pray for the Philippines. The same service is going to be organised at Christian Churches all over the World on that day. Please come and join us!

CAFOD Family Fast Day – This Year is on Friday 10th March. Our Fasting provides food for the world's poorest people. Let us be loving and generous.

Mass for Bereaved Parents – Will take place on Saturday 11th March, 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. It's a time to remember, pray, give thanks and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are Welcome to attend!

Children's Play Area – We ask Parents to ensure that children are always accompanied by an adult while in that play area. They Must Never be left alone! If children are left unattended then we will have to close down the facility.

Personal Thank You! – "To Fr. Patrick for his generous words at the Founders Day Mass at which I was presented with the Papal Award of the Benemerenti Medal. The Servites have been almost 50years of my life and I have many fond memories of the Servite Brethren and Parishioners". Jim Sewell