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James and his disciples are in Jerusalem, in the midst of crowds of people, including many foreigners, all going about their daily business of earning a living, maintaining family life, and so on. All of this was every-day life in Jerusalem, lived out, as it had been for many years, under Roman occupation and rule. Some detested it, some went along with it.

Two groups of people came into these categories, the Pharisees and the Herodians, who figure in today's reading from the Gospel of St Matthew. The Pharisees – the Separate Ones – were totally against Roman occupation and influence. The Herodians – friends of King Herod – accepted the status quo and were prepared to work under and benefit from Roman patronage. The two groups hated each other, but in order to trap Jesus were prepared to bury their differences. They sought to do so in the political minefield relating to the question of paying taxes to the Romans.

"Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?". It is a no-win situation for Jesus. If he says "No", He will be in trouble with the Roman authorities. If he says "Yes", he will be hated by the people, his status as a Rabbi undermined. Not only that, he would have acknowledged one whom the Romans believed was a God.

Jesus did not engage with their trickery. He chose not to answer the question directly, in-

stead turning the question back on his questioners. First, he asked to see the money they paid their taxes with. Receiving a coin, Jesus asked whose head was depicted on it. "Caesar's" they replied. Jesus said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God".

Jesus' reply has implications for us all today. He used the occasion to reaffirm the total dominion of God in all areas of daily living. Today, God's

place in all things is constantly being subtly undermined by repeated and concerted efforts to separate secular life from the sacred. Many want religion not to interfere with politics.

Not so many years ago, the challenge was clearer: Communism or Fascism versus Christianity and other religions. Today, the challenges are not so stark, but nonetheless very dangerous: relativism, apathy, humanism and atheism

dressed up as secularism, to name but a few.

For most of us, living ordinary lives (just like the people of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago), the task of responding to Jesus' memorable challenge – or is it just good advice? – to live our lives as fully and honestly as we can in both the secular world and as holy people, by virtue of our creation and our being baptised. We are called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ in the world we inhabit without allowing ourselves to be tainted by it. We can only do that by living prayerful lives, acknowledging our dependence on God and being joyful in what we achieve through His love for us.

Al Callan



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 15th/16th October 2011
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Dan & Rosa McGeown RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Bridget Coughlin (Cummins Family)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Daniel Wieczorek & Elsie Haylett**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm Kitty Doron RIP (Heather Trutwein)

Retiring Collection for Needs of the Diocese

Daily Masses 17th to 22nd October 2011

- Mon St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr**
9.30am Mrs Clarke RIP (Colleen Whitear)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass
- Tues St Luke, evangelist**
7am Alice Tumilty RIP (FM)
9.30am Martin Morrissey RIP (Sarah Finucane)
- Wed Feria**
9.30am The Welfare of Marguerite Kinsella (Catherine Curtain)
- Thur Feria**
9.30am Philip O'Mara RIP (Ivy & Michael De Mello)
12.30pm **Funeral Mass Bridie Earney RIP**
- Fri Feria**
9.30am Annama Arulapu Emmanuwel (Lily Joseph)
10am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sat Feria**
9am F X Rodrigues RIP (Francisca Rodrigues & Family)
12 pm **Wedding- Priya Deeny & Cai Ab Afron**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd October 2011
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
World Mission Day

- Sat 6.30pm** Peter & Joseph Campbell RIP (Maria Campbell)
8pm Mass in Korean
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Servando RIP (Children)
Baptism during Mass: Baby Buchan
12.30pm **Baptisms: Matilda Siobhan Suter, Amelie Kathleen Mary Henry & Sofia Maffioli-Brown**
2pm Mass in Korean
6pm Edward Tyler RIP (Evelyn Tyler)

Retiring Collection for Missio
(formerly the Association for the Propagation of the Faith)

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have died recently, especially:- **Bridie Earney , Stanley Sweeney, Ann McNicol, Kay Bridgland, Michael Alexander Khan & Canon Cornelius Beausang.** We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Brenda Killeen, Ken Goodall, Sheila Durrant, Barbara Stevenson, Ron Dorey, Bernard Darney, Peter Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Gerard Dodds, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Luke Nolan, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Peter Ashdown, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruc, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham and Mary Bastiampillai.



We welcome into the Church **Maisie & Millie Donovan & Andrew Neil Blair** who were baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Confession)

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and
Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

Last week's Offertory Collection for the upkeep of the church : £1,889

Cafod Harvest Fast Day £ 694

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week:: Elizabeth & Ray Lewry

Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)

READINGS

This Week: : 29th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

God can use anyone, believer and unbeliever alike, to achieve the divine purpose.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Paul and his companions send words of encouragement to the church in Thessalonika.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus sees through the Pharisees' attempt to trap him, and teaches the necessity of offering to God what belongs to God.

Next Week: 30th Sunday in OT (A)

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

Moses reminds the people of their duty to look after the stranger and those in need, encouraging them to learn from their own experience in Egypt.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul rejoices in the fact that the disciples he helped form in Thessalonika have become missionary themselves.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

As the Pharisees seek to disconcert him, Jesus plays his trump card: everything depends on love.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd –

Big Society? – Fair Society? – Just Society?

The Southwark Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission will be holding their Autumn meeting on Saturday October 22nd at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm.

Keynote speakers will be Francis Davis and Alison-Gelder. Francis is a fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University & a director of the Las Casas Institute on Ethics, Human Rights & Social Justice. Alison is Director of Housing Justice.

Other plans include a talk from Daniel Hale, Progressio's campaigns organiser and the launch of "100 Days of Peace", a campaign to surround the London Olympics with peace and create a lasting legacy.

At lunchtime there will be the launch of Catholic Social Conscience: Thought and Action, a collection of essays at the cutting edge of Catholic social thought with contributions from leading theologians, social researchers and justice and peace activists. The book is edited by Francis Davis (our keynote speaker) and Dr Keith Chappell of Blackfriars, Oxford.

Tea & Coffee available from 10 am. Please bring lunch to share. **Free - all welcome**

TOWARDS ADVENT 2011

Come along to the TOWARDS ADVENT Festival at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday November 19th. Special guest speaker this year is Mgr Keith Newton of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is also a celebration in film and drama of the life of Blessed John Paul. All welcome. The Festival opens at 10.30am and runs all day, with stalls and displays from Catholic groups and organisations, refreshments, a play corner for children, books, dvds and all sorts of Catholic items on sale.

PRIEST VERIFICATION FORMS SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign forms on Monday 17th October from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and on Tuesday 18th October from 3pm to 4pm. Dates and times for future form signing sessions will appear in each weekends newsletter.

Come and join us in an evening of Lively Worship Music and Thoughtful Prayer and Reflection at St Pius X Catholic Church at the Triangle, New Malden. Clear your diary and join us on the 22nd October (7.15 pm Saturday) after the Saturday evening Mass. The Christian band "Second Opinion" who regularly play in theatres and churches and lead music in parishes across the country, will be sharing their special blend of music and prayerful reflection with us so please come along and tell your friends. A collection at the end of the service will be held for the St Pius X Church Hall Fund. *Further information see our poster or contact Ian Smith 0208 715 4088.*

Discovering Priesthood Day

Young men aged 14-30 are invited to spend a day at St John's Seminary, Womersley, for the annual Discovering Priesthood Day. It takes place on Saturday 5th November from 10.00am until 5.00pm. To book a place, or for further details contact Fr Terry Martin: terry.martin@dabnet.org

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Mary Antonisamy, Claire Stevens** and **Tony Simon** who were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers by Bishop Paul Hendricks at St George's Cathedral, Southwark last Saturday. We pray for them as they begin their new ministry in the service of our parish.

We also welcome twelve young people from our parish who will be joining our team of Readers in the near future: Sidney Allen, Jessica Buckley-Dearing, Mariella Campion, Sebastian Clark, Liam Croker, Claire Enright, Lydia Fendukly, Leanne Johns, Ramy Joseph, Aisling Keely, Elliot Mahoney and Laura Marques. Our thanks to Mary Taylor who has tutored and encouraged them to offer their service as Readers of the Word.

A BIG THANK-YOU

The KSC and UCM wish to thank everyone who supported their Jumble Sale last Saturday by donating jumble and/or coming in search of a bargain. Thanks to good weather and a goodly crowd the sale raised £515.52.

Date for the diary– Blessing of Graves

The annual Deanery service of the Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 6th November at 2pm in Surbiton Cemetery and 3pm in Kingston Cemetery. All welcome.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th October at 8pm in The Old Chapel

Pat Buchanan will give us a talk on her holiday in Russia.

A very big thank you to all who donated, sorted and sold at the very successful jumble sale last Saturday. All ladies in the Parish are very welcome to come to any of our meetings.

Saint Luke

18th October



In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on his compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy people, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds, and for the poor. The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.

Luke wrote two books of the Bible: a Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles; together they make up just over one-quarter of the New Testament.

Week of Prayer for World Peace

17th-24th October

Shared Faith Worship

Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace in 1974, it soon became an inter faith activity. The first Chairman, the late Dr. Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, established the guiding principle of the Week in the words "The peace of the world must be prayed for by all the faiths of the world."



HOME NEEDED FOR LOVELY CAT

Beautiful white cat needs a loving home.

Previous owners are emigrating to Australia and sadly our son is allergic to her so we need to rehome her.

She is 12 months old, fully trained and neutered and all vaccinations are up to date.

Please contact Karen 07949175520 if interested.

Our Lady Immaculate School

Christmas Bazaar

Can you help?

We are looking for people and companies to donate prizes for the Wheel of Fortune. Can you help?

Vouchers for hairdressing, meals out, beauty treatments, cake decoration, sports and leisure activities are all welcome in addition to Christmas hampers, new electronic goods and anything else that will encourage people to try their luck. Please donate and support the school!

Please contact Sarah Owen on 0208 337 1928

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have a large number of requests for Mass intentions, particularly for weekend Masses. When a Mass is requested for a particular date or day of the week, we try to accede to your request. But this is not always possible if a Mass intention has already been allocated for that particular date or day. In such cases we try to allocate your Mass intention to another day or date as near as possible to the one requested. In some cases, however, it may be some time before there is a vacant date. When requesting a Mass intention therefore it is helpful to give as much advance notice as possible. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme please remember to tick the box on the back of the Mass intention envelope.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Ursuline High School & Wimbledon College

Wednesday 19th October from 5pm to 7pm. Head-teacher's welcome at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Open mornings on 1st & 2nd November from 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Entrance in The Downs, Wimbledon SW20 8HA

www.ursulinesixthform.com

www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk

Date for the Diary

COMFORT SERVICE

Sunday 27 November 2011 at 4pm

Double Room to Let

Would suit a professional person– use of all facilities of large house in Worcester Park/New Malden border. Please call Michel on 07890 118091