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True Religion

Whenever I hear today's Gospel read where Jesus speaks strongly against the attitude of some of the Pharisees and Scribes to the keeping of the rules and regulations of cleanliness and eating I recall my days at the Junior seminary. I was eleven when I went to St Joseph's Junior Seminary, a boarding school for those boys who felt they had a vocation to the priesthood. Every week the Rector would gather us in the chapel and read to us sections of the Seminary rule which were written in long hand in an exercise book by the previous Rector. At the end of each reading he would say "if you keep the rule, the rule will keep you." The implications for us young boys was that if you kept the rules, then you had a vocation to the priesthood.

In the Gospel Jesus isn't advocating a disregard for the ten commandments the law of God. He was attacking the attitude of some Scribes and Pharisees who seemed more concerned about keeping the regulations and customs about eating and drinking and neglecting the actions and attitudes that were formed by what came from the heart.

Some people don't seem to like being referred to as religious, but are happy to be called spiritual. I think this is because many people see religion as a set of rules. There is sometimes an excessive legalism that can take over the heart of



true religion. Religion comes from the word meaning to re-ligature. Being connected or bound to God. Religion is man's response to God's existence. As one writer says "The clash with the scribes and Pharisees shows how Jesus was sad and angry at the man-made regulations which obscured the heart of true religion and the genuine command-

ments. You put aside the commandments of God to cling to human traditions".

True religion is listening to God's voice and responding to it by a change of heart.

Lord, create for me a pure heart that I may listen to your words of love and respond and live life to the full.

Anthony Charlton

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1st/2nd September 2012

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Sat 6 .30pm Intentions of Canon Peter Stodart (Mary Taylor)

Sun 9am Ravenna Ahmed (Birthday)(Rosemary Durkin)

11am Sidney de Souza RIP (Lourdes de Souza)

12.30pm Baptisms: Jack Austin & Alfie Noah Jack Herwynen

6pm People of the Parish

Daily Masses 3rd - 8th September 2012

Mon: St Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

9.30am Richard Manché RIP (Manché Family)

Tues: St Cuthbert, bishop

9.30am Welfare of Rosemary Durkin

Wed: Feria

9.30am Welfare of Aideen Phillips (John & Bernadette Brooks)

Thur: Feria

9.30am Renato Perdoni RIP (Pini Family)

Fri: Feria

9.30am Florence Edith Elmslie (FM)

10am Exposition and Benediction

Sat: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Marjorie Brown RIP (FM)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 8th/9th September 2012

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Sat: 6.30pm Tadhg Sheehan RIP (Waller Family)

Sun: 9am Mary Flynn RIP (Pat Grogan)

11am In Thanksgiving for All Blessings (Gamier Family)

6pm People of the Parish

**Retiring Collection for
Catholic Association for Racial Justice**

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,707

We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: - Gerry Hague & Tessa Mac-Leod

Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)



We welcome into the Church : **Ailbe Francis & Ninah Belle Kenny- Humpage** who were baptised last weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This week : 22nd Sunday in OT (B)

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

God gives commandments as guidelines to help the people live well. The commandments are a sign of God's love.

Second Reading James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

James reminds us that living virtuously is not a private affair and includes caring for those who are vulnerable.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Jesus teaches his hearers that there is a natural law implanted in all of us by God – this law is more important than any human legislation.

Next week : 23rd Sunday on OT (B)

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

A song of rejoicing in the God who comes to save us from all adversity.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

True faith leaves no room for favouritism as between rich and poor.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Having made "the deaf hear and the dumb speak", Jesus is hailed as doing "all things well".

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Frederick Larnar & Michael (Frank) Tucholski**

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:

Clint Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, Fr Chris O'Brien, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlore, Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, 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 and Norma Latham .

KINGSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

Just to remind you that we will be collecting food donations at the back of the church before all Masses this weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Ladies, welcome back to our first meeting after the Summer break on Tuesday September 4th at 8pm in the Old Chapel. Pat will be bringing pieces of her china collection and explaining their history. All ladies are welcome to join us.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or bereavement. The weekend will take place from 12th-14th October 2012 at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details contact Kath on 01942 246 542 or email kathharding@blueyonder.co.uk

(International peer grief resolution ministry for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation and for children of this loss.)

KINGSTON DEANERY MASS

All teaching staff are invited to the Kingston Deanery Education Mass on Monday 17th September 2012 at 4.30pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church.

Car parking is limited, so please park on neighbouring roads.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE PARALYMPICS

This will take place next **Saturday, 8th September** at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at **12.30pm**. The Dockhead Choir who was the opening act at the 2012 Olympic ceremony will be singing at the Mass.

* **Celebration Timeline 1662-2012.** *
* **Flower Festival at Kingston United Reformed Church, on 7/8/9th September.** *
* All are welcome to view the flowers from contributing churches in the area, including *
* **Our Lady Immaculate Church**, at Kingston United Reformed Church, Eden Street, *
* Kingston KT1 1HZ *

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2013 are available at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony will be available to sign these forms on **Monday 3rd September from 6pm to 7pm** and on **Wednesday 5th September from 3pm to 4pm.**

PLEASE NOTE- THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD ON THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE.

HEART GIVES UNTO HEART Catholic Internet Radio

will begin broadcasting on 7th October @ www.hguh.co.uk. The Radio aims to appeal to a wide audience and will broadcast a magazine mix of programmes including:

- Daily masses
- Daily prayers
- Celebrity interviews
- Each week highlights a Catholic Charity and a Deanery with daily programmes
- Music – showcasing Catholic talent from Gregorian Chant to Catholic Rap
- Seventh Heaven – HGUH's own take on Desert Island Discs
- Island of Saints – an insight into English Saints
- Poetry Corner

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from September 12th 2012, and will start from 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests, or drop them into the Presbytery, or contact Fiona Perks on 020 8224 9412. Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

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September 2012 -Peace Actions for September

- ◆ 9th September is Racial Justice Sunday. Think of ways you can build bridges between individuals or groups within your own community or workplace.
- ◆ September is the month of harvest festivals and reverence for God's earth. This month renew your commitment to supporting a charity that supports the environment and those most affected by climate change.
- ◆ Pray for those who work in the media that they may be guided by honesty and justice. (29th September St Gabriel's Day)

Disability Week 2nd - 9th September

This year the Paralympic Games come to Britain and the world will focus on the abilities and achievements of disabled people. It's the ideal time to raise the profile of disability in our church's community as we work together for a fully enabled Church.

Back to School

For all teachers, assistants, parents and pupils, our prayers are with you this week, especially for those feeling a little bit uncertain or anxious.

Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for September

For our Politicians

There is a theory that politics should not mix in religion but religion should mix in politics, that means that politics should be conducted according to religious principles. Jesus always associated himself closely with the poor and disadvantaged. Similarly we should pressure world leaders to work in the interests of those who are struggling and in need. This month, Pope Benedict invites us to join in his monthly prayer intention, "**....That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.**"



We urgently need more altar servers, age is no barrier **young people and adults equally welcome**. The only requirement is that you have made your first Holy communion. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible to help cover all the Masses as a number have left to go to university this year. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish.

Training for new servers begins on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are about 8 sessions in all. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on **Sunday 23 September at 12.30**.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 (evenings preferred) and he will be only too happy to help you.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta 5th September



Speaking at the beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II called Mother Teresa "one of the most relevant personalities of our age" and "an icon of the Good Samaritan." Her life, he said, was "a bold proclamation of the gospel."

MASS INTENTIONS

We currently have an exceptionally long list of requests for Mass intentions, mainly due to no 7am week day Masses being celebrated during the Summer holidays. In some cases it may be several weeks before we are able to celebrate your Mass. Although we do try to celebrate Mass on the particular date or at the time requested, this is not always possible for a variety of reasons. We can also send requests away to other priests if this is agreeable to you. It is particularly difficult to meet many requests for Masses at weekends. This is because although we have four Masses, one of those four, by Church law, has to be celebrated for all the People of the Parish. In fact, we have only a handful of weekend Masses free until the end of the year. The same applies to Holydays of Obligation. It is helpful if you can put your request in as soon possible in the year. Try also to combine the names of all family members in a single intention in preference to requesting individual Masses.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Nativity of Mary- 8th September

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

The Archdiocese is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 22nd to 30th April next year to celebrate The Year of Faith. It is being led by the Archbishop and conducted by Fr. David. Full details regarding cost, travel insurance etc. can be obtained from Gill Didino at Tangney Tours (01732 886666) or Fr. David on 020 8672 7684.