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Is your glass half full or half empty?

Quite a number of employers now ask potential employees to undertake some form of psychometric testing before giving them the job. The idea is that spontaneous responses to certain types of carefully constructed questions can give a clue as to the personality of the candidate. You will be pleased to know that the Catholic Church in this country now does something of the same, and that I, like every candidate for Holy Orders these days, undertook several days of evaluation before I could be recommended for ordination as a deacon. Somehow, by the grace of God, I was not considered too defective to proceed. Of course such a process makes you think about what kind of person you are or perhaps brings to the surface assumptions you make about yourself. I suppose two very simple categories into which we tend to divide human beings concerns whether we decide to call them optimists or pessimists. If you had to choose either, where would you place yourself? I would have to admit that naturally, I tend to pessimism-my glass would normally be half empty. I think it is partly an insurance policy against disappointment-if you are inclined to pessimism, you are quite often pleasantly surprised that things are not as ghastly as you thought they would be. But it has obvious dangers. The expectations of pessimists of themselves and others tend to be low, they can too easily give way to a sense of futility and distrust, a suspicion of one's own motives as well as those of others. Conversely a natural optimist, while perhaps having an outwardly pleasant and sunny disposition, can easily lose touch with reality. He can over-



estimate himself and his own ideas, which can lead to insensitivity of others and sometimes to disastrous ill considered decisions. The truth must be that both dispositions are to some degree distortions of our perception of reality, perhaps brought about by experiences in childhood, perhaps simply the result of human frailty. Interestingly, already the ancient Greeks were aware of this. In their search for the 'good life', they realised that a sense of balance, a 'golden

mean' was a vital part of the fulfilled life. In this way extremes were avoided. Very often Aristotle identified virtue as lying in the 'middle state between', so that, for instance, too much courage would lead to recklessness, but too little to cowardice. And the great Catholic theologian St Thomas Aquinas agreed with him. 'Now it is evident moral virtue observes the mean'. Perhaps there is something of this behind the Lord's famous and apparently rather daunting command to us in the Sermon on the Mount: 'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect'. In the

original language the word for 'perfect' has an additional sense of completion, regularity and fulfilment. So 'perfection' becomes less of an impossible goal than a way to live a good life in the sight of God, a life that is fulfilled, regular and consistent- we might say, a kind of Gospel 'golden mean'. So we shouldn't really be asking all the time if the glass is half empty or half full. We should be full of wonder that there is a glass at all; we should be asking Who causes it to be filled in our lives, how He intends to do so, and with what?

Deacon Nicolas von Malaisé

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd/23rd September 2012

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Harvest Sunday

- Sat 6.30pm** People of the Parish
Sun 9am Thomas Gleeson RIP
11am Church Parade
In Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Tom & Jocelyn (Tom Thomas)
12.30pm Baptisms: Ethan Patrick Brown & Eileen Helen Bernadette Rosanne Nolan
6pm Father John Kirby RIP (Parishioners)

Daily Masses 24th-29th September 2012

Mon: Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30am Ron Turnpenny RIP (Marie Turnpenny & Family)

Tues: Feria

9.30am Simon Rodrigues RIP (Francisca Rodrigues & Family)

Wed: Feria

9.30am Ryan Family Intention (Monica Tett)

Thur: St Vincent de Paul, priest

9.30am Joan Parker RIP (Pat & Family)

Fri: St Wenceslaus, martyr

9.30am John Michael Burton RIP (FM)

10am Exposition and Benediction

Sat: SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

9am In Thanksgiving: 80th Birthday (Rita Sweeney)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 29th/30th September 2012

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Harvest Fast Day - Friday 5th October 2012

Sat: 6.30pm Nora & Ken Leek RIP (The Cruse Family)

Sun: 9am Rosalia Francis RIP (Fabian Francis)

11am Alphonsus Thamyrajah (Pia)

12.30pm Baptism: Charlie Daniel Lavender

4pm Baptism: Chloe Grace Serdet

6pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £ 1,853



We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: - Elizabeth & Ray Lewry
Next week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington)

We welcome into the Church **Raquel Vanessa Palmer & Amelie Teresa Hambridge** who were baptised last Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am to 10am and

Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm

READINGS

This week : 25th Sunday in OT (B) page 135

First Reading Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

The righteous person is characterised by gentleness and patience, but is constantly challenged and persecuted by the "godless".

Second Reading James 3:16 – 4:3

True Christian wisdom is dedicated to serving others and working for peace. The writer urges us to pursue wisdom rather than fame and wealth.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus uses a small child as a benchmark of leadership and service. For whoever welcomes vulnerable and powerless people welcomes Christ himself.

Next week : 26th Sunday in OT (B) page 138

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord is generous in giving his Spirit and does not give it just to a select few.

Second Reading James 5:1-6

Our material wealth will do us serious harm unless we use it justly and wisely.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Jesus warns us that if we keep power just to ourselves we will be in danger of causing scandal among the little ones.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Helen O'Brien, Frederick Larnier & 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:

Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Ralph Cooper, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knappgate, 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, 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 Burridge, 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.

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Arbo will be available to sign the priest verification forms for secondary schools on **Wednesday 26 September from 3pm to 4.30pm & Thursday 27 September from 5pm to 6.30pm.**

There will be at least two form signing sessions each week until the end of October, so please don't all rush at once to get your forms signed next week- there is plenty of time!

Please check the newsletter each weekend for dates and times when the priests are available for form signing. Thank you

Primary School Admission 2013

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 he/she is due to start school in September 2013.

Please contact the school for information. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2013.** Further Information can be found on the Local Authority's website www.kingston.gov.uk

HOLY CROSS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Will be held on Wednesday **26th September at 7pm.**
Please be seated by 6.50pm.

The Holy Cross School, 25 Sandal Road, New Malden

SAFEGUARDING (Children and Vulnerable Adults)

OLI will be hosting Diocesan Safeguarding Training on **Saturday 6th October 2012** between 10am and 3pm.

All Volunteers and Catechists are welcome.
Please contact the Presbytery for full details.

Kingston LIFE Group:

Today, September 23rd three of our parishioners take part in the Ten Bridges Walk. Starting at 2pm from Tower Bridge they will cross the river ten times to finish on Lambeth Bridge. Please consider sponsoring one of the walkers.

There are 3 from the parish- Pricilla and Lydia and David Walker.

All money raised will go to the LIFE charity to help their caring and counselling work supporting mothers in need and their babies.

For further information please call Therese on 020 8390 1080 or e-mail: dwalker@visuals.plus.com
Thank you.

Talks on Faith

St Catherine of Siena Church in Chessington hold discussions on the last Monday of each month in relation to our faith. The next talk on 'The Existence of God' is taking place on Monday 24 September 2012 at 7.30pm in the church, in the Sacristy, behind the altar. If you would like further information, then please contact Douglas Kirk on 020 8391 1046.

Gift Aid Scheme- Note for Standing Order Donors

The Diocese urges us to contribute small sets of collection envelopes to our Standing Order donors. They can then make gifts to the specified Diocesan 'Special Collections' (8 in total) and the parish can reclaim the tax. Last year we posted out these sets, but few were used.

This year, **if you would like to have a set**, would you please collect your one from the RDJ Room? They will be in an envelope addressed to you by name, in alphabetical order.

Thank you for your valued Standing Order support.

OLI Finance Committee

The Holy Cross School, New Malden

'Christmas Shopping Evening'

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Road, New Malden, is having a 'Christmas Shopping Evening' on **Friday 23rd November** from 6.30pm until 9pm. There will be a great selection of cards, gifts, jewellery, books and much more. If you are interested in having a stall at this event please email Alison and Maria at holycrosspfa@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



Mass for Seafarers 26th September, Westminster Cathedral

The Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a mass for seafarers at Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Place, London SW1 on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 5.30pm. For more information contact johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk 0207 012 8607

Fatima Celebration on the 13th October 2012 (95th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima).

The event will start at 1.30 pm with a Marian Procession, Blessing & Crowning of the National Pilgrim Statue,

Holy Hour, Recitation of the Rosary, Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular, Talk on the Message of Fatima, Confession and will culminate in the celebration of the Mass at 6 pm.

The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II and will visit **St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden from the 13th-14th October.**

If you are interested and need more information, please contact World Apostolate of Fatima Southwark Representative: Oliver Abasolo on 07782661922/02082748261.

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