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What does your music say about you?

Recently we heard from an old friend, a now very distant old friend. Voyager 1 is a space probe that was launched in 1977 to explore the outer solar system, which it did very successfully, culminating in some breathtaking images of Jupiter and Saturn. When this core part of its mission had been completed, Voyager was sent to the edge of our solar system, heading into interstellar space. Scientists have now confirmed that they think the probe has passed beyond our solar system. It is now not heading on any particular trajectory, but in about 40,000 years it will probably arrive in the constellation Camelopardalis, if it has not by then been intercepted by our human descendents, other life forms, or struck by some object hurtling through space. Its power source is expected to last another ten to fifteen years, although now all radio transmissions from earth take nearly thirty-five minutes there and back. Voyager 1, you see, is now over 11 billion miles from home. But when the probe was designed back in the 1970's, they foresaw that the craft would eventually fall silent, and then the only record of its origins and purpose would be what was on board. So they included a gold plated copper disc in an aluminium jacket, together with a cartridge and needle, and symbolic instructions on how to use them. You can tell the craft was launched before the era of the CD/DVD. A committee was tasked by NASA with deciding the content of this disc, so as to represent our planet and its life forms to any others that might come across the craft. So naturally they included a series of images as well as



some natural sounds, including surf, wind, thunder, bird song, whales and other animals. Also included were audio greetings in several languages, beginning with ancient Akkadian spoken about six thousand years ago in Mesopotamia, and ending with Wu, a modern Chinese dialect. There was an equally diverse musical selection, so that although Bach managed to feature more than any other composer, he had to take his place alongside a pygmy girl's initiation song from Zaire, and blues music from Louis Armstrong. However, when I recently examined this intergalactic play list, one thing struck me very forcibly: The complete absence of any religious music from any culture whatsoever. This meant that not one of Bach's towering religious compositions, which anyone can recognise as one of the highpoints of world music, was included. It was as if the NASA committee wanted to air-brush the religious experience of humanity from the record. How puzzling, and perhaps even disturbing, this might be to other potential life forms. They could, for all we know, have a profound religious awareness. Would they not then regard the authors of this disc as in some way defective? It made me wonder whether we Catholics ought to set the record straight, and fund a probe to go after Voyager 1 with an apology and a correction: We are creatures of faith, and from our Gothic Cathedrals to our religious art, to our B Minor Masses and to the worshipping life of Catholics today, we do profoundly believe in the spiritual aspect of our existence. We could call our probe 'Pilgrim' rather than Voyager.

Fr Nicolas

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/29th September 2013

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Nora & Ken Leek RIP (Cruse Family)
Sun 9am Tomas & Michael Casey RIP (Casey Family)
11am John Michael Burton RIP (FM)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Jensen William Gerald Butcher,
Emily Martha Littlemore & Sienna Marie Rouart**
6pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for Pakistan Flood Victims (Fr Tahir)

Daily Masses 30th September - 5th October 2013

Mon: St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 7am** Cheung Fong Lan RIP (Cheung Kwai Sang)
9.30am Tony Fazal RIP (Philipina Fazal)

**Tues: St Therese of the Child Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

- 9.30am** Simon Rodrigues RIP (Francisca Rodrigues)

Wed: The Holy Guardian Angels

- 9.30am** Vito Antonio Maria Francisca Pozella (Tina Pozella)

Thurs: Feria

- 7am** Gaetanina, Gaetano & Margherita RIP
(Maria Simmonds)
9.30am Richard Fegradoe RIP (Anita Choi)

Fri: St Francis of Assisi

- 9.30am** Gordon D'Souza RIP (Stella Tremenheere)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.30pm In Thanksgiving Farewell Mass (Fr Arbo)

Sat: Feria

- 9am** In Thanksgiving for Anniversary (Joseph & Lily)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5th/6th October 2013
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Rosary Sunday

- Sat 6.30pm** In Thanksgiving for Edward Horrocks
(Anne Sheridan)
Sun 9am James & Mary McGrath RIP (Pat Grogan)
11.00am People of the Parish
12.30pm **Baptisms:**
6.00pm Elizabeth & Simon Doherty RIP (Lizzie Lee)

**Last week's Offertory Collection £1,836
for the upkeep of the church :**

We thank you for your continued generosity.
(Cash counters this week: Barbara Buchinger & Bernie Turkington
Next week; Rob Estall & Roman Syzmanski)

**WE REGRET WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY FOREIGN
CURRENCY IN THE COLLECTION.**



We welcome into the Church **Edward Robert Arthur Ockenden and Bethany McGovern Kitchener** who were baptised last Sunday.

READINGS

This week: 26th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7

A warning to those who are complacent and who pamper themselves at the expense of others.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A call for those who love God to be loving and generous.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

The story of the rich man and the beggar, commonly called Dives and Lazarus. The rich man is punished for his indifference to the poor man at his door.

Next week: 27th Sunday in OT (C)

First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The prophet complains that God does not hear or act; God responds and asks for faith and patience.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

God gives the Holy Spirit, empowering us to bear witness to our faith and to persevere in the face of difficulty.

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

It is not the quantity of faith that matters, but the quality of one's relationship with God.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Trevor Smith, Santiago Diaz** (father of Erika Diaz), **Derek Wells, Fr Geoffrey Winchester, Barbara Stevenson, George Beal, Michael Offer** (father of Nina Hills), **Muriel Rogers**, (mother of Pauline Rogers), **John Robson** (husband of Pam). 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: Joseph Coutinho, Guy Green, Pedro Castrance, Eleo Kayrouz, Sean McAleenan, James McGee, Myles Humphrey, Andrea Shepherd, Susan Cooney, Maria Simmonds, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Rhian Knapgate, Brenda Killeen, Peter and Ann Groves, Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Stephen Fleming, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonagh, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini., Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, 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, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Fredda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull and Vic Carrion.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 9.30am to 10am
and 5.30pm to 6pm

Don't forget to come to Fr Arbo's farewell Mass on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm and bring a plate of FINGER FOOD to share at the party afterwards. We also need servers for the Mass, so if you can serve on that day, please add your name to the list in the RDJ Room.

Eucharistic Ministers --- Date for your Diaries.
On Saturday 2nd November 2013 at 11am there will be a Day of Recollection for all Eucharistic Ministers at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton . All ministers are encouraged to attend . *Fr. Anthony*

OLD CHAPEL

If anyone has photos or memories of the Old Chapel- especially of weddings that took place there- please could you contact Fr Anthony. Thanks

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday October 1st at 8pm in the Old Chapel. This begins the month of the Holy Rosary so we shall recite the Five Sorrowful Mysteries in honour of Our Lady. Later in the evening we shall hold an Auction of Goods. Proceeds towards helping Eva (Father Arbo's sister-in-law) with the chicken farm. Copies of the life of our patroness Margaret Clitherow are now available in the CTS stand, price £1.95.

PRAYER SPONSORS

We are desperately short of Prayer Sponsors for our First Holy Communion children. If you were a prayer sponsor last year please let us know if you would like to be one this year, if you haven't done so already. Being a prayer sponsor is not onerous;- we only ask you to remember the child and his or her family in your prayers. This is a good way of involving the wider community of the parish in this important stage in a child's life. We have a large group of First Holy Communion children this year and they will be receiving their medals at the 9 am Mass on November 17th. Forms to sign up are at the back of the church. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.
Father Anthony

FR ARBO'S INDUCTION MASS

This will be held in his new parish on Saturday 26th October at 6pm. In order to make transport arrangements easier for those who would like to attend (and provide a facility for those who do not drive), we have hired a minibus (we will sort a time to leave OLI nearer the date, but probably around 4pm). If you would like to attend the Mass, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church along with your phone number (this will also assist Kidbrooke parish with catering arrangements) and indicate if you would like a seat in the minibus, or if you will be making your own way there. Minibus seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.



The Parish library will be open this weekend **28/29 September** - last weekend of the month as usual.

Secondary School Priest Supplementary Forms

Please note that Fr Anthony will be away next week so will be unable to sign the priest verification forms for secondary schools.

The following week, he will be signing forms on **Monday 7th October from 3pm to 4.30pm and Tuesday 8th October from 6pm to 7pm.**

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

Supplementary forms for Primary School entry will not be signed until NOVEMBER, as the deadline to submit these forms is mid- January 2014.

Thank you

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND Sat-Sun 28-29 September

All 5 rivers in Pakistan have suffered from severe flooding.

Fr Tahir lives and works in the area where 3 rivers converge and many families are affected.

With the MEO charity he has arranged two relief camps, where the collection and distribution of urgently needed relief has been arranged.

Each bag of relief material includes essential items (full list on notice board) and costs Rs. 5000 = £32

Last Thursday **300 flood affected families received this help** which is purchased locally from cities not affected by the flood water.

But there are **still** a great number of families from five scattered areas who are in need of flood relief material.

These families are in great need of utensils, mosquito nets, tents, mattresses, towels and soap because **diseases are also spreading rapidly in the flood affected areas.**

Fr Tahir writes- *"This would be a great gesture of love, concern and cooperation for the victims of flood affected people. They need your fraternal help and support.*

Once again thank you very much for the assurance of your fraternal help. You are always with our prayers. God bless!

*With Prayers,
Fr. Tahir"*

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ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTAS

Could all Altar Servers please collect a new rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.

Thank you.