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Here are some of the words from the homily given on Monday 7 July by Pope Francis during the Mass celebrated in the Casa Santa Marta Chapel, attended by six victims of sexual abuse by members of the clergy.

"The scene where Peter sees Jesus emerge after a terrible interrogation... Peter whose eyes meet the gaze of Jesus and weeps... This scene comes to my mind as I look at you, and think of so many men and women, boys and girls. I feel the gaze of Jesus and I ask for the grace to weep, the grace for the Church to weep and make reparation for her sons and daughters who betrayed their mission, who abused innocent persons. Today, I am very grateful to you for having travelled so far to come here. "For some time now, I have felt in my heart deep pain and suffering. So much time hidden, camouflaged with a complicity that cannot be explained until someone realised that Jesus was looking and others the same ... and they set about to sustain that gaze.

And those few who began to weep have touched our conscience for this crime and grave sin. This is what causes me distress and pain at the fact that some priests and bishops, by sexually abusing minors, violated their innocence and their own priestly vocation. It is something more than despicable actions. It is like a sacrilegious cult, because these boys and girls had been entrusted to the priestly charism in order to be brought to God. And those people sacrificed them to the idol of their own concupiscence. They profane the very image of God in whose likeness we were created.Today the heart of the Church looks into the eyes of Jesus in these boys and girls and wants to weep; she asks the grace to weep before the execrable acts of abuse which have left life-long scars.

"I know that these wounds are a source of deep and often unrelenting emotional and spiritual pain, and even despair.To these families I express my heartfelt love and sorrow. Jesus, tortured and interrogated with passionate hatred, is taken to another place and he looks out. He looks out upon one of his own torturers, the one who denied him, and he makes him weep. Let us implore this grace together with that of making amends.

"Sins of clerical sexual abuse against minors have a toxic effect on faith and hope in God. Some of you have held fast to faith, while for others the experience of betrayal and abandonment has led to a weakening of faith in God.Before God and his people I express my sorrow for the sins and grave crimes of clerical sexual abuse committed against you. And I humbly ask forgiveness. I beg your forgiveness, too, for the sins of omission on the part of Church leaders who did not respond adequately to reports of abuse

made by family members, as well as by abuse victims themselves. This led to even greater suffering on the part of those who were abused and it endangered other minors who were at risk.

"On the other hand, the courage that you and others have shown by speaking up, by telling the truth, was a service of love, since for us it shed light on a terrible darkness in the life of the Church. There is no place in the Church's ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any individual, whether a cleric or not. All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with the utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable. What Jesus says about those who cause scandal applies to all of us: the millstone and the sea.

By the same token we will continue to exercise vigilance in priestly formation. I am counting on the members of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, all minors, whatever religion they belong to, for they are little flowers which God looks lovingly upon. I ask this support so as to help me ensure that we develop better policies and procedures in the universal Church for the protection of minors and for the training of church personnel in implementing those policies and procedures. We need to do everything in our power to ensure that these sins have no place in the Church.

Dear brothers and sisters, because we are all members of God's family, we are called to live lives shaped by mercy. The Lord Jesus, our Saviour, is the supreme example of this; though innocent, he took our sins upon himself on the cross.The loving intercession of Our Lady of Tender Mercy is an unfailing source of help in the process of our healing. You and all those who were abused by clergy are loved by God. I pray that the remnants of the darkness which touched you may be healed by the embrace of the Child Jesus and that the harm which was done to you will give way to renewed faith and joy.

I am grateful for this meeting. And please pray for me, so that the eyes of my heart will always clearly see the path of merciful love, and that God will grant me the courage to persevere on this path for the good of all children and young people. Jesus comes forth from an unjust trial, from a cruel interrogation and he looks in the eyes of Peter, and Peter weeps. We ask that he look at us and that we allow ourselves to be looked upon and to weep and that he give us the grace to be ashamed, so that, like Peter, forty days later, we can reply: 'You know that I love you'; and hear him say: 'go back and feed my sheep' – and I would add – 'let no wolf enter the fold'".

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 12th/13th July 2014
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
SEA SUNDAY

Sat

6.30pm Gloria RIP (Antoinette & Krishna)

Sun 9am Sooaest RIP (Mim Higgs)

11am Mary MaNally RIP (Cummins Family)

12.30pm **Baptisms:- Rosalie Pengos & Jacob James Clinton Zaks**

6pm People of the Parish

Retiring Collection for Apostleship of the Sea

Daily Masses 14th - 19th July 2014

Mon: Feria

7am Welfare of Suzie Lee

9.30am Herry Golab RIP 10th Anniversary (Teresa Golab)

Tues: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30am Mae Ryan RIP (Mary Hill)

2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Service

Wed: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.30am Paddy Cullinan RIP (Molly Clifford)

Thurs: Feria

9.30am Deceased Members of the McGrath Family RIP (Brian & Mary Farrelly)

Fri: Feria

9.30am Philip & Doreen Stanley RIP (FM)

Sat: Feria

9am Welfare of Garrod Family (Anne Sheridan)

3pm **Wedding: Rosalind Gelder Smith & Callum Lewin**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 19th/20th July 2014
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

6.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9am Charlotte Brown (Anne Sheridan-Loughay)

11am Catherine Persaud RIP (Frank McGivern)

12.30pm **Baptisms: Rose Abbie Mann & Louie Mann**

6.00pm In Thanksgiving

Sue & Dave Blunt 40th Wedding Anniversary

Last Sunday's Collection

£ 1,847

Thank you for your continued generosity - the money is used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church and parish

(Cash counters this week: Eileen Kaye & Elizabeth Christmas
 Next week: Allan & Marie-Helene Cook)

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



We welcome into the Church **Samuel Artur Przychodzki** who was baptised last weekend.

This Sunday's Readings: 15th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word succeeds in what it was sent to do.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

The whole of creation hopes to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

The one who hears God's word and understands it is the one who yields a great harvest.

Next Sunday's Readings: 16th Sunday of OT (A)

First Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

God is infinitely powerful, but combines power with kindness and gives us time to repent.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

When we find it hard to pray, the Spirit is there.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus uses the agricultural seasons to teach us patience.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for:- **Mick Walsh, Jean Margaret Walter, Janet Dodds, Melissa Watts** (niece of Rebecca Guerrero), **Patrick Gaffney and Mary McNally** (mother of Una Keely). 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: Baby Albert Zaks-Kemp, Maureen Sivyver (mother of Sharna Osborne), Kathleen Doyle, Elizabeth Ciano, Barbara Coshan, Rachapally Laxminarayana, Arthur Bailey, Joseph Leightley, Brendan Kinsella, Cesare Cavazzi, Andrzej Domagalski, Jane and Martin Estall, Margarita Mickericiene, Yvonne Faulds, Sheila Walsh, Pat Fulford, Guy Green, Pedro Castrence, Eleo Kayrouz, James McGee, Andrea Shepherd, Elizabeth Doherty, Michael O'Brien, Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Evie Durkin, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Emma Rees, Rhian Knappgate, Brenda Killeen, Peter Groves, Amandina Marsella, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Nicky Bushell, Tom Tyler, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, 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 and Vic Carrion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2015 are available at the back of the church. Please complete the form and either hand it to one of the priests or post it through the Presbytery door. You will then be contacted via email confirming your place on the programme. All forms need to be submitted by **31st July 2014**.

CONGRATULATIONS-

To Fr Tom, who celebrates his first anniversary of ordination to the priesthood next Sunday 20th July.

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

PRAYER SPONSORS

If you were a prayer sponsor for a child on the First Holy Communion programme this year, please visit the RDJ Room after Mass and collect your 'Thank you' note. Each envelope is addressed personally to their prayer sponsor.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:

We shall be having our annual Summer Party on Tuesday July 15th at 8pm in the Old Chapel. Please bring some finger food for a shared table and bring a friend.

This will be our last meeting until September.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

From 23rd November to 29th November 2014 for £619. Flying from London Heathrow with Air Portugal, includes half board accommodation in Lisbon, all excursions and full board in Fatima. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027 301

DATE FOR THE DIARY- FR ANTHONY'S LEAVING CELEBRATION

This has been booked for **Friday 26th September**. Mass will be at 7pm followed by a celebration in the Hall afterwards. More details to follow shortly.....

OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

The Old Chapel Appeal is progressing very well and we have now raised almost **£20,000**, which is **28%** of the required £70,000 total. Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed so generously. Please keep your donations coming in.

Last Saturday (5 July), Fr Tom led a group of enthusiastic Parishioners on a gruelling walk along the River Thames to Richmond Bridge, around Richmond Park and then back along the River to Tolworth. Six walkers, including Fr Tom, managed to complete the full **26 mile walk** in an incredible **8 hours and 20 minutes**. Another three walkers managed to complete slightly shorter, but still very strenuous walks. Fr Tom, and all of the Parishioners involved should be congratulated for their good spirits, despite walking through an hour of torrential rain! Fr Tom said that he enjoyed the walk and that he found it harder to stop than to keep going.

Please, please make all those blisters worthwhile and sponsor us, either online (**JustGiving site : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>**), or by cheque or cash (Sponsorship forms are again attached to this week's Newsletter).

Fr Anthony and Fr Tom are keen to find stories about the Old Chapel for inclusion in the next Parish Grapevine Magazine publication. Were any of your family involved in the original construction of the Old Chapel? Were any of your family married or baptised there? Do you have any stories about the Old Chapel that you would like to share with the rest of the Parish? Please contact Elspeth (Elspeth.casey@rbs.com), who would love to hear your story.

Access the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>) for further information on this important Appeal, including details on the ways in which you can donate

MISSING TABLE CLOTHS

We are still missing a number of tablecloths that went missing around 4 weeks ago. If you have them, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

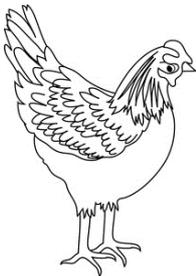
WEBSITE UPDATE:

Pictures and write up from parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – Part 2 (Gallery)

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, please complete a 'new parishioner form' which is available from the back of the church and put it through the Presbytery door, or hand it to one of the priests.

HOME NEEDED FOR 4 CHICKENS AND RUN



Unfortunately Fr Anthony's new home in Canterbury does not have a garden so he is reluctantly having to find his chickens a new home. If anyone would like to take them on, please see Fr Anthony. The 'Eggloo' and run originally cost £300, but Fr Anthony would

like a donation to go to the Old Chapel restoration fund from whoever adopts his 'girls'.

Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords

The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING

Catholic Speed Dating is finally here! Come along with friends and enjoy the chance to meet lots of other like-minded people. Register with Claire at claire@austin-forum.org beforehand and come along to Austin Forum, Hammersmith on Sunday 28 September at 7.30pm, £5 only.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2014



The last few weeks have been a treat for anyone interested in sport, but has that got anything to do with the Church? The Church is interested in sport because it is concerned with the whole human person, recognizing the effect of sporting activity on the person's formation, relationships and spirituality. Sport is an educational and cultural good, in which human beings are revealed to themselves, and understand the deep value of their lives. It is also a modern 'Court of the Gentiles', or a precious opportunity for meeting between different types of persons, believers and unbelievers, in which it is possible to experience the joy and challenge of sharing life with different cultures, languages and religions. This month we are asked to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention

"...That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel- 16th July

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word "sister" is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. Mary helps us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to remember that we all belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.



Mandela Day 18th July

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

Nelson Mandela

The overarching objective of Mandela Day is to inspire individuals to take action to help change the world for the better, and in doing so build a global movement for good. Ultimately it seeks to empower communities everywhere. "Take Action; Inspire Change; Make Every Day a Mandela Day."

From campaigning to change an unfair law to knitting squares for blankets, there is something that everyone can do on this day.

Christian Writers Association & Catholic Association of Performing Arts Drama Showcase Competition

For this playwriting competition the ACW will be looking for 15 minute dramatic pieces – your piece can stand alone or be a section of a longer play. The theme will be "Saints and Sinners" but can be interpreted in any way you wish.

There will be six winners, with one overall winner. The winning entries will be performed as a 'script in hand' reading at the Club for Acts and Actors (www.thecaa.org), near London's Covent Garden, on 20th November 2014 in front of an invited audience. Feedback and suggestions for development can be given by the audience to winners. The deadline will be September 30th 2014. You may submit more than one entry. The entry fee will be £5 per submission to help cover actors' expenses. Judges' decisions are final.

More details to follow on the Association of Christian Writers website www.christianwriters.org.uk/drama-showcase