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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

As we read the newspapers or watch the television, we cannot but be aware of a great preoccupation with security. Of course, we have good reason with so much violence and the threat of so-called terrorist attacks. There has developed a great sense of insecurity where once all seemed well.

On another level, there is an underlying insecurity in terms of our possessions which something like Brexit may enkindle—the value of our money. This is surely important and we are reminded of its significance day in day out. On occasion, I have found myself without money up-town and it is surely not a good feeling. Everywhere you look, there is need for money or its equivalent—travel card, credit card or whatever.

There is also the tendency to look up to people who appear wealthy—she's a million-heir; we note the posh car that somebody is driving and all this signals people of importance. Think of the show on television: **The Apprentice**. How those candidates are tested on their ability to get to the top of the market. We see them arguing and blaming each other. The race to make it—to have more and more—is a tough one.

So, today, most will agree that our lives are very much surrounded with a desire to have—whether it is a big job, big house, big car or whatever. Having possessions is very central.

Yet, our readings this weekend seem to emphasize something different. We are told that the disciples were sent out with almost nothing. They surely did not seem to do any management courses nor were they men and women with something equivalent to today's university degrees. They were it would appear simple people with very little protection. At times they were encouraged to become as lambs among wolves. For sure, as a former parish administrator, that is how I felt when I had to undertake building projects. I didn't have a clue. Thank God, the contractor was a good person.

The point of our readings is perhaps not to set out to be gullible but to underline that, while management courses and building skills of course are valu-

able and necessary, one should not place too much emphasis on these. We need to have a balance and it is all too easy to err on one side or the other. Similarly, money in today's world is important and we have collection after collection but we need to avoid seeing the trees for the wood. Money is important but it should not be allowed to colour our vision of life.

I am reminded of a recent meeting with a classmate who has been for many years a very 'successful' parish priest. I was happy to be able to pass on a great compliment from a highly placed person who told me how he looked forward to listening to this parish priest's Sunday homilies. To my amazement, my friend smiled and guessed who I was talking about. Then, somewhat to my amazement, added: "Brendan, thank you and I often get nice comments like that and I suppose this is good but do you know it matters almost nothing to me."

I knew he was saying something from the heart because he could see beyond this praise and acclaim. He was communicating indirectly that his treasure was somewhere else as he had come painfully over the years to know what is truly of value. Whether one becomes prime minister, head chef, gains a cardinal's hat, or even becomes bishop of Rome, we need to put such in perspective of a second of life's day where the presence and power of the Lord is what really makes the difference. Of course, we need props and material support but if the Lord does not nurture, we labour in vain. We need to be rooted in Christ.

Fr Brendan

2nd/3rd July 2016

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Sheree Ann Aitken - Thanksgiving
(Catherine Yap)
- Sun 9.00am** James McGrath (Patrick Grogan)
- 11.00am** Holy Souls
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Brah Rough
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

4th–9th July 2016

- Mon 4th** **Feria**
9.30am Holy Souls
- Tues 5th** **Feria**
9.30am Tony Fazak (Mrs Fazal)
- Wed 6th** **Feria**
9.30am Monica Tett (Cafe)
- Thurs 7th** **Feria**
9.30am Holy Souls
- Fri 8th** **Feria**
9.30am Intention of Stella Tremenheere
- Sat 9th** **Feria**
9.00am Holy Souls

9th/10th July 2016

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sea Sunday

- Sat 6.30pm** Karen Hoey RIP and Paul Mattie
(Jack and Mary Hoey and family)
- Sun 9.00am** Thanksgiving– Gloria (Antionette)
- 11.00am** John Bolan (Carmel Blair)
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Rico Denzil Cruz
Matilda
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. We remember also all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:

Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Jim Creighan, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Jenny Elborough, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Monica Tett, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. **Next meeting:** 6th July

To contact SVP please ring **07427922420**.

Junior SVP meets at 6.30pm.

Justice & Peace Group meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel
Every 3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro Malabar Mass is on the fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room).

Union of Catholic Mothers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the RDJ room until further notice.

Knights of St Colomba every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.

Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass in the RDJ room.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Collection: £ 1592. 30

Collection for Peter's Pence: £ 237. 76

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there is a **Second Collection** for Apostleship of the Sea. This is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. However the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from family and loved ones and often work in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

BAPTISM IN THE PARISH

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am –11.00am in the parish hall.

Please speak to the priests first and then register for the sessions as early as possible. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the preparations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and collect the Baptism Registration Forms and the forms to be completed by the Parish Priest and the God Parents. No dates for baptism can be arranged until both preparation sessions are completed.

The Good Samaritan

This great parable of mercy is one of the most challenging stories in the Gospels, where Jesus takes his own people's favourite enemy—the Samaritans—and turns one of them into a teacher and merciful hero. In the parable Jesus challenges his listeners to think again about those whose personal or social identities they deeply despise, those people who are rejected not because of their behaviour but because of institutionalised prejudice against them.

Being part of a particular group, social or religious or political, can enlarge our world, heighten our sense of belonging and help us form our own identity. One of the principal ways any group defines its identity is by asserting its difference from other groups: that pride in difference shows itself in flags and badges, beliefs and attitudes, rituals and traditions. Whatever the nature of the group- a tribe,

a religion, a nationality, a political party - loyalty within the group can foster the growth of its members. Sometimes, however, the price for intense loyalty is hostility to outsiders, to those who don't belong to the group.

We know from our own experience the weight of inherited hostility against people who belong to the wrong crowd, an outlook that is often supported by a magical confidence in one's own crowd. We know that to accept some people in their difference is not only an act of love but also an act of defiance against the bigotry that sometimes passes for religion. Jesus tells us that we must be disloyal to those who would educate our hate. If religion needs hate to nurture it, who needs that kind of religion? Jesus comes to challenge our hate and promote our mercy.



Vincent van Gogh, Good Samaritan

“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life, All her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how much she shows merciful and compassionate love.”

Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 10)

PRAYER

My dearest Lord,
 be thou a bright flame
 before me,
 be thou a guiding star
 above me,
 be thou a smooth path
 beneath me,
 be thou a kindly shepherd
 behind me,
 today and for evermore.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Union of Catholic Mothers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th July at 8pm in the RDJ Room. We will have a Discussion Evening. Please write out the questions that you would like discussed and hand them in at the meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
July			
Tues	5th	8.00pm	Liturgy Meeting
Tue	12th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	17th	SVP Coffee Morning after 9am Mass	

Asylum seekers who come to JRS for help are destitute. Not permitted to work, no access to public funds or benefits. Thus they are entirely dependent on charity, friends or wider family in the UK. Most are in insecure accommodation in hostels, 'sofa surfing', the night bus and sometimes on the streets. According to a British Red Cross Society survey, many in this situation eat only one meal per day. While trying to sort out their asylum claim or appeal, their main stresses are loneliness, separation from family, language barriers, trauma from their previous country, journey or experience here. The JRS have a scheme whereby they distribute essential toiletry articles, whereby the asylum seekers can maintain a little dignity and take care of themselves.

Our parish Justice & Peace Group would like to support this scheme by having a monthly collection of the following items, in large sizes: Shampoo, Shower gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Body Lotion, Shaving Foam, Sanitary towels (pack)

All items should be new or as new, i.e. not opened or damaged. We plan to have the first collection at all Masses for the weekend of 9/10th July, then on the second weekend of each following month. A box will be in the narthex to receive your contributions. Even one of the above items would be gratefully received if you cannot manage more.

PLEASE HELP THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE
 MANY THANKS FROM THE OLI JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Catholic Children's Society

Following the agreement of Archbishop Peter Smith we are introducing our services to schools and parishes across your Archdiocese. The CCS is part of the Church's family of families and in the manner described in *Amoris Laetitia*, we are constantly enriched both by the giving and receiving of those families we support and by those who support our work. We look to further develop our relationship with parishes, schools and families across the Archdiocese.

In January 2016 we launched a Crisis Fund to help children and families experiencing poverty within the Archdiocese of Southwark. This innovative and highly successful project which has already helped thousands of children and families across the Westminster diocese in recent years is already responding to applications from Southwark.

The Crisis Fund provides support for children and families identified by either a Parish Priest or Headteacher as being in immediate need. I would encourage you to make use of the fund to assist any family that you may already know to be in need and invite you to ask your parishioners' to alert you to a family needing help of the CCS family through the Crisis Fund.

*To request our simple one page application form, which also explains the straightforward application process, simply contact us by e-mail reception@cathchild.org.uk - please note that this is the CCS WestRichard Challoner Sports Ground on Saturday 2ND July from 1-4pmminster email address— or call 020 8969 5305
God Bless. Dr. Rosemary Keenan
Chief Executive of the Catholic Children's Society*

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Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Due to some families moving abroad and out of the area in general we have some places available in our current Year 4 and Year 5 classes. If you are interested in applying for a place, please phone the office on 020 8399 9854 for further information.

Yours sincerely, Mr. T. Sheehan, Headteacher

Olympic Fun Day

Richard Challoner School, Manor Drive North, New Malden on Sunday 10th July from 12pm-4pm. Lots of fun and activities for families along with music, interesting stalls, BBQ, Tombola etc.

The Passage

"Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 15th July, from 6.00pm—8.30pm. Tickets at £35 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper, prize raffle, and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL Tel: 020 75921856 Email: tickets@passage.org.uk See also www.passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage."

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Year of Mercy - 19th-26th August. This year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith. Bookings are now being accepted. Please speak to Fr Edward, Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages for booking forms. It would be great to have a group from the parish in this Year of Mercy.

Join us for this popular biennial walk to enjoy spectacular views of the city and support LIFE. Walkers set off from Tower Bridge at 2pm and finish at Lambeth Bridge where refreshments will be provided. You can take part in this event by being a walker or a sponsor. Sponsorship money raised will go to LIFE to help mothers and their babies. For information and sponsorship forms please contact Therese Walker at dwalk-er@visuals.plus.com Telephone 020 8390 1080

LIFE CONCERT SATURDAY - OCTOBER 1st

You are invited to come to a concert to celebrate 30 years of Kingston LIFE Group. This will be held on Saturday October 1st at 7.30pm in St Joseph's parish hall, Montem Road, New Malden. John Stratford (tenor) and Michael Bevan (pianist) will entertain us with a selection of classical and light music. There will be refreshments and cake after the concert. Everybody is welcome. More about these events later, but do put the dates in your diaries.

Day of Renewal at St George's Cathedral

8th October 2016, 9.45am—4.45pm The day is organised by Southwark Diocesan Service Team for Charismatic Renewal.