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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Recently, I went to visit a friend in hospital in Willesden Green. I was morally sure that the person was a patient there. When the receptionist advised me that they had nobody with the name I gave them, I was bewildered. I had seen him there some weeks before. However, the receptionist said that she would check the records with staff and eventually discovered that the person I was seeking had been transferred elsewhere. I was truly overtaken by the kindness of the receptionist in going well beyond the call of duty to assist me.

I suspect we all have people we know that we care about. We want to ensure that they are treated well. The problem arises when those people with whom we should be considerate and kind are difficult. When people seem aggressive, rude, and ungrateful, our capacity to reach them tends to shrink. However, it is sometimes here we need to be more alert to our need for compassionate than usual. These people can be in great need of love in large measure because they have been hurt. They are like rose-bushes, beautiful but prickly.

The danger we sometimes fall into is that in a sense we judge the book by its cover and in that way we make a mistake. Again and again, I have found that some of those who appear most unattractive at first sight can have barks much worse than their bites. Being able to move beyond the surface is something we all need to cultivate. Otherwise, we can live side by side with people for decades and never really get to know them very much.

Let's not forget that when we ourselves are under the weather—when darkness and winter seem to overcome us—we surely appreciate a kind remark or a thoughtful gesture. These can give us reason to believe that we too are lovable and treasured. Few, if any, of us do not appreciate a kind word particularly when the day is dark.

Since I came to Our Lady Immaculate, I have been greatly impressed by the level of care that seems to operate here. On a day to day basis, people show concern for the welfare of each other. Among other things, they ensure that those who have difficulty for one reason or another in getting to church are not forgotten. They pray for such people, carry them Communion, make visits and much more. On a larger scale, there are

things like Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Justice and Peace, not forgetting the Lenten Project—all concerned with the less privileged.

As I missionary for years, there was tension in me when hourly I came across those who seemed less privileged than I was. Day in day out, I saw people on the edge of starvation with the feeblest if any shelter. Yet they often met you with a smile as if they had no worries. Yet they carried huge burdens. Among other things, I lived near a Mother Theresa Home (Missionaries of Charity) and was so often humiliated by the generosity and kindness of those Sisters. Their commitment to the less well off was something I can never forget. I mention here particularly their orphanage where they have about one hundred children who otherwise would be on the street largely because of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Surely, they bring light and hope to lives where otherwise these gifts would not exist. I am very happy that Mother Theresa herself will be canonized this year. What a great model for our times!

However, it has been noted that much of such care may be misdirected in so far as if justice were to prevail there should be no need for food banks or orphanages. If the social set up was properly balanced, this need for aid would not be necessary. This is an important consideration and should be an aspect of our witness and our advocacy with government and its agencies. Giving aid could simply be leaving those responsible off the hook. At the same time, we can use this as a kind of escape so that when we see beggars on the street we say to ourselves that this is not our problem.

In a sense of course that beggar at the railway station is our problem but how best to respond to it is not always straightforward. Perhaps we need always keep in mind the words of the gospel: As long as you did it to one of these least you did it to ME. These are very powerful, enormously challenging, words which I suggest should form the backbone of our lives.

Fr Brendan

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
FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 11th–16th July 2016	
Mon 11th 9.30am	Saint Benedict Holy Souls
Tues 12th 9.30am	Feria Arbey Lopez and Belisario (Nubia Carro)
Wed 13th 9.30am	Feria Welfare of Anthony Durkin (Rosemary Durkin)
Thurs 14th 9.30am	Feria Harry Golab RIP (12th anniversary)
Fri 15th 9.30am	Saint Bonaventure Odile Frogir RIP (Anna, Roman, Maria, Nubia)
Sat 16th 9.00am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Denis O'Regan (Joe O'Regan (son))
16th/17th July 2016 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	
Sat 6.30pm	Eileen Kaye
Sun 9.00am	Intention of Donor
11.00am	John Bull (Choir)
12.30pm	Baptisms: No Baptisms
6.00pm	People of the Parish
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm	

<p>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.</p> <p>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 Elbourough, 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, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.</p>

<p align="center"><u>REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH</u></p> <p>SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. Next meeting: 20th July To contact SVP please ring 07427922420. Junior SVP meets at 6.30pm.</p> <p>Justice & Peace Group meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.</p> <p>St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel Every 3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.</p> <p>Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.</p> <p>Monthly Syro Malabar Mass is on the fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.</p> <p>Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Knights of St Colomba every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.</p> <p>Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass in the RDJ room.</p>
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<p>Next Sunday's Readings: First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10 Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel Luke 10:38-42</p> <p>Collection: £ 1899. 07</p> <p>Today 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.</p>

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.

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Died Recently

It is with sadness we announce the death of John Bull. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Thank You for Your Prayers

Marie-Helene Cook thanks all those who expressed their sympathy and assurances of prayers for her mother, who died recently.

Justice & Peace Group

As announced in the newsletter our Justice & Peace Group is supporting Jesuit Refugee Service with essential toiletry articles. From this month onwards on the second Sunday of each month there will be a box at the back of the church for your contributions.

Finance Report

The financial report presented at the Parish Council is on the website.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Many thanks to all parents and children for your support for the Children's Liturgy Group this school year. After this weekend (Sunday 9 am Mass), we are on summer holiday until Sunday 11th September. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back then.

Survive-Miva (Missionary Vehicle Association)

There will be a special appeal by Survive-Miva speaker at all Sunday Masses on the weekend of 30th/31st July.

DEANERY/DIOCESAN/SCHOOLS/LOCAL EVENTS

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.

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.

LIFE: BRIDGES OF LONDON CHARITY WALK—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th.

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 dwalker@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.

