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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

4th/5th August 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 114: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Next Week: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year: Page 117: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:30, 5:2; John 6:41-51



Looking Beyond The Obvious

Someone once wrote:

“Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?
Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake’s farewell kiss upon the palm?
Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?”

Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life’s beauty, magic or meaning. Where we see only practicalities, others see possibilities.

The people who speak to Jesus in today’s Gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus accuses them of failing to look for anything deeper; they are really only there because they have been fed! They will only be convinced if Jesus can give them some physical sign. ‘Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert,’ they remind him.

But Jesus offers something more: bread from heaven; food that endures to eternal life. As disciples of Jesus we need to look beyond the obvious.

FR. JOHN

**Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm;
Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;
Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am;
Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am;
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am and 5pm**

Thank you for your generosity in last week’s collection:
28-29 July: Envelopes £815.16; Loose: £878.48; Standing Orders: £845.00 **Total: £2,538.64**

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Placia Marques who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Thank you to all those who have returned their application forms. If you missed the notice and would like your child to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2019 please see Fr John.

CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you for returning your application forms. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group are now on their summer break and reconvene on Thursday 13th September.

ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL CAR PARK

Apologies in advance as there may be disruption to access and parking in the school car park during the summer break. This is due to works being carried out in the school.

CONNECT@FELTHAM

Connect@Feltham provides a safe place for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities as well as learning basic cooking skills. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th August** starting with cookery from 10.30am to 12.30pm and Drama from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. They will be on a summer break after that returning September 4th.

LINE DANCING

The next Line Dancing session will be on **Monday 13 August** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. £4.00 per session. All welcome. The numbers have been a little lean the last couple of sessions - if this class is to continue please help support it.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY DAY 2018

This event will take place on **Saturday 25th August** with Mass at 2.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY. The main celebrant will be Bishop Patrick Lynch Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark. Please see poster on notice board for details of celebrations taking place locally

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF CARDINAL CORMAC

On the first anniversary of the death of Cardinal Cormac, **Saturday 1st September**, a memorial Mass will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 12.30pm. Cardinal Vincent will preside and Mgr. Martin Hayes will preach. All are welcome

GOAN ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

A pilgrimage led by the Goan Chaplain, Fr Patrick D'Souza will take place on **Saturday 1st September** to the Friary, Aylesford Priory. The event will take place from 11am until 6pm. Please see poster for details of local pick up points.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day and Evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2019 will be held on **Thursday, 27th September 2018**, 8.45 am – 10.15 am, 11.00 am – 12.20 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (tours last approximately 1 hour – no appointment necessary). Address by the Headteacher, James Mc Nulty at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 6th October** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and questions. The day will end at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A similar day has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 10th November** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and back to Church for practice in reading and projection of voice ending at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

PILGRIMAGES

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

We are planning a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine from **6th-9th September 2019**. The price per person is £499 including return transfer from Church, flight with hand luggage, all transfers, 3 nights hotel with breakfast and dinner. Single room supplement £100 for the 3 nights. Please see flyer on the noticeboard. If you are interested, please put your name on the sign up sheet as soon as possible.

A meeting will be held this **Saturday 4th August at 19.00** in the Parish Centre for all those who are interested in the above pilgrimage. At the meeting we will discuss the pilgrimage and hand out booking forms.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on **Saturday 22nd September**. It will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the pilgrimage this year will centre on the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. There will be a special blessing for families and the family home. The day will include a pilgrim Mass, picnic lunch, rosary procession ending with prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds. The cost per person is £20.00. Those who have expressed interest and signed your name, **to secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.**

ARE YOU GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you know you are going to be admitted in to Hospital, please contact Fr John for the sacrament of the sick either at home, in the church or any other convenient place. If you find you are already in hospital, the nurses may not ask you your religious needs, please request to see a chaplain and inform him/her that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see a Catholic chaplain.

WILL YOU CONNECT THE POOR WITH THE POWERFUL?

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided online or by post.

See www.cafod.org.uk/mpc or contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for further information.

"Love is civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." – Pope Francis\

REST IN PEACE

RITA BERGEMAN RIP

We pray for the soul of Rita Bergeman RIP who died recently. Please also keep her family in your prayers. Her funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 8th August** at 1.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ugowe & Obu Families in Thanksgiving Baptism of Placia Marques Sacrament of Reconciliation Felicity Fernandes RIP
Sun 5 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Alleluia & Diego D'Souza RIP Adefolake Paulina Badejo RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 6 th	09.30	Harry Haldane RIP
Tues 7 th	09.30	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Wed 8 th	09.30	Maia Wilson in Thanksgiving
Thurs 9 th	09.30	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Fri 10 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Sat 11 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation John & Soccorina Pinheiro – Good Health Sacrament of Reconciliation Deceased members of the Hocking Family
Sun 12 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	In Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family Patrick Maple (Intention) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Maura Norris RIP		