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Seventh Sunday of the Year

18th/19th February 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 139): Leviticus 19:2-1, 17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23;

Matthew 5:38-48

Next Week: – Eighth Sunday of the Year Page 142: Isaiah 49: 14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Friendship Is The Noblest Revenge

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a new set of values. He has come to share a new vision, a fresh outlook, with those who choose to follow him.

If we share his outlook, his spirit, then joy should be ours and will mark us out as his followers. This joy will overflow into our relationships, our homes, our work and worship. Jesus calls us to be people of love, and this love is to be shared with everyone. No one is excluded.

Yes it's difficult to turn the other cheek - yes it's difficult to forgive someone who has hurt us. But today Jesus invites us to persevere in following him. Jesus was able to be an instrument of healing and peace and so can we. There are many opportunities each week for us to show the compassion and love of Jesus.

Nelson Mandela once said: "No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they learn to hate they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than it's opposite"

FR. JOHN

Sunday Mass: Saturday 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 & 5pm**

BINGO NIGHT & SUPPER

Saturday 25th February in the Parish Centre 7.00pm. A good opportunity to come together to celebrate our new parish centre and to raise funds to pay for it. This is a family night so please come along for a fun evening before Lent begins. Adult tickets £5. – Children under 12 free. Tickets on sale this weekend

PARISH NOTICES

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Eric Redman Arroyo, Elena Sasso and Leon Aathur Abbott who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

PILGRIMAGES

HOLY LAND

There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25th February at 12.45pm** in the Parish Centre.

LOURDES

West London Parishes pilgrimage by Coach to Lourdes from **Saturday 22nd July to Sunday 30th July**. Cost: £775.00 per person based on two sharing. Single supplement: £215 per person. Travel insurance: £36 per person. Pilgrimage will include 5 nights in Lourdes, overnight stays in Bourges, Ars and Reims. For more information and a booking form please contact Florie in the Parish Office.

Please keep in your prayers Fr Peter Sharp who was to lead the pilgrimage but has taken ill. However Canon Paschal Ryan and Fr Chris Vipers have stepped in and will lead the pilgrimage together.

If any youngsters aged 16+ would like to join the pilgrimage as Redcaps please contact Florie.

CELEBRATION BRICKS

We hope to place another order in the next few weeks, if anyone would like to purchase a brick please complete an application form and hand it in to the Parish Office.

'Celebration Bricks' can celebrate a birth, marriage, life of a dear one, an achievement, a blessing or simply YOU or your family leaving a legacy of your connection with this community. There are two options available: *Option 1 – single brick, two lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £50.00 a brick. Option 2 – double brick, four lines per brick – 16 characters per line – £100.00 a brick.*

FUNDRAISING

As part of our on-going fundraising for the new parish centre we would be very grateful for any unwanted items or gifts we could have as raffle prizes. Also many companies now have a charity budget as part of their social corporate responsibility, so perhaps you could ask your company for a gift voucher or donation towards fundraising. Perhaps you are a local business or trades person and could offer a gift voucher. All donations will be very gratefully accepted.

LENT CATECHESIS

We will be running a course during Lent called '**A Biblical Walk Through The Mass**'. This course is aimed at all those who would like to understand the Mass a little better and is also a great starting point if you are thinking about becoming a Catholic. Course will run for 5 weeks on Tuesday evenings **starting on 7th March** in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Parking will be available in the school car park.

OTHER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All are invited to St Dunstan's Church, St Dunstan's Road, Feltham on **Friday March 3rd** at 2.30pm for a service to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer. This year the Theme "*Am I Being Unfair to You*" has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

A seven week Spirit filled Seminar with renowned International speakers at St Michael & Martin's Parish Hall, Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 2EB. Every Friday **from March 10 to April 21**, 7pm-9.30pm. Please see noticeboard for detailed programme or pick up a flyer from the porch table.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

As part of the season of prayer and action '*Called to Serve the Sick*', Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Mass for bereaved parents at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday, 11th March at 2.30pm**. It's a time to remember, to pray, to give thanks, and to entrust deceased children to the Lord. All are welcome to attend. During Mass, after the homily, parents will be invited to write the name of their deceased child on a card and the cards will be taken along with the offertory to the sanctuary.

ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Mass for Matrimony will take place on **Saturday 3rd June 2017** at 3.00pm. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Florie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the **10th March 2016**.

REST IN PEACE

MARY BROWNLIE RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brownlie who died recently. Requiem Mass to be arranged. Please also keep in your prayers her family and friends who mourn her.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

11th/12th February: Envelopes £756.01; Loose: £907.04
Standing Orders: £665.00 **Total: £2,328.05**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 14/02/2017 = £95,618.94

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18th	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Christina & Augustine Stackpoole RIP Baptisms of Eric Redman Arroyo, Elena Sasso and Leon Aathur Abbott No Sacrament of Reconciliation The Intentions of the Power Family
Sun 19th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Desmond Reghelini RIP People of the Parish Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Sebastian Floriano Pereira (Intention)
Mon 20th	09.30	Tony Doherty RIP
Tues 21st	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Wed 22nd	09.30	Philip Humphreys RIP
Thurs 23rd	09.30	Vineetha Perera (Intention) and Joseph Perera RIP
Fri 24th	09.30	Sr Margaret Anne Barrett RIP
Sat 25th	11.00-11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Francisca Do Rosario RIP Baptisms Leon Kaleta, Tyler Leo Cory Chandler and Susie Rita Dowsett Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community Sacrament of Reconciliation Marlon Dias – Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 26th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	People of the Parish Maria Soares RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community Sr Teresa Whooley RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving		