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Fifth Sunday of the Year

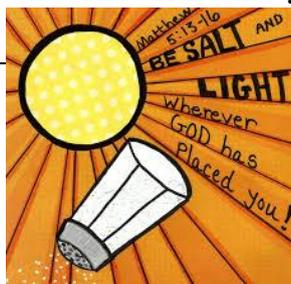
8th/9th February 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 133: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;

Matthew 5:13-16

Next Week: The Sixth Sunday of the Year: Page: 136: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10;

Matthew 5:17-37



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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 & 5pm

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items **in writing** by Wednesday of each week. Verbal notices will not be accepted.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

The Dedication of a Church

Last Saturday I was privileged to attend the Dedication of a newly built Church, in my family's home parish in Borough Green, in Kent. Consecrations of newly built Churches are rather rare these days, so I thought it might be interesting to share the outline of the Rite with you. The responsibility for dedicating Churches in any Diocese lies with the Bishop since he has the "care of the particular Church". In this case, as the parish is in the Archdiocese of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson, who is known to many of us, from his time in this area of our own Diocese, was the Consecrating Bishop. As Archbishop John pointed out, this was a first for him as well. As the *Praenotanda* for the Rite of a Dedication of a Church makes clear "The rite for a dedication of a Church is rightly considered to be among the most solemn of liturgical services. {Thus} it stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple, built from living stones".

The Consecration takes place during Mass. Before Mass, the tabernacle is emptied, the altar is left bare. As the Instruction points out: "The Altar of a Church, around which the holy people gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Christ Himself, who is the priest, victim and the altar of His own sacrifice".

The Consecration liturgy takes place after the Creed and consists of the Prayer of Dedication and the Anointings. The relics are placed in an opening in the altar which is then sealed up after which is said the Prayer of Dedication, calling to mind the life of the Church and the Sacramental life which is and will continue to be celebrated there: "Lord send your spirit from heaven to make this church an ever holy place and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ. Here may your children gathered around your altar celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb and be fed at the table of Christ's Word and Body." (From the Prayer of Dedication).

The Altar is then anointed with Sacred Chrism in four corners and then in the middle with the sign of the Cross. The four walls of the Church are anointed – these remind us of the four Gospels and the four corners of the world. The Church is not simply a building or place – it is from there that we go out to evangelise "go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News". In most Churches you will find four consecration candles on the four walls where the anointings are made. It is customary to light these on the anniversary of the Church's dedication. The Chrism is spread across the altar and then the altar is incensed before being dressed in the usual way with altar cloths and candles, both in the usual place and at the place where the consecrations were made and Mass continues as usual.

To be present at the consecration of a Church reminded me of how successive generations of the faithful are connected through the celebration of each and every Mass. In our own parish the Church and High Altar were consecrated by Bishop Gerald Mahon during Mass at which Cardinal Heenan presided, on 12th November 1971. On the anniversary of this great event in the life of our parish, we can remember the countless numbers who have worshipped here and contributed to the life of our community and look forward in joy as a community strengthened and nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Father John Louis

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

Salt is necessary for living because it gives flavour and preserves. Through our faith our lives receive meaning and through baptism we are kept from corruption. Salt is therefore the perfect image of our faith. We are to keep this gift safe for our own good and that of the others.

Act

St Paul invites us to season our conversations and speech with salt, that is, not to use harmful words. Watch your words and avoid things which destroy the other. Make comments which will build him or her up.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome Carlson Crasto, Akiro Thirugnanam and Esita Dias who were baptised at the weekend and our congratulations to their families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **TUESDAY** GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 11th February** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next preparation session is on **Thursday 13th February** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 15th February** at 10am in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be travelling to Zimbabwe shortly and having a Coffee morning this **Sunday 9th February** to raise funds for the Zimbabwean orphans after the 9am and 11am Masses.

ANOINTING DURING MASS

On **Tuesday 11th February** the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the 9.30am Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th February** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Meet at the Presbytery on **Wednesday 12th February** at 6pm. Last week was great fun, do join – no musical experience necessary.

The London Gospel Choir sing-a-long is on **March 14**. Please contact Jordan for further details.

BIBLE STUDY – PRAYING THE PSALMS

This exciting course starts on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Jordan for details.

POND CLEAR UP

The Friends of Feltham Green: Clear up at Feltham Pond//Green on **Saturday 15th Feb** between 10-1pm. All equipment will be supplied, please wear sensible shoes/clothing and children supervised at all times. A wonderful opportunity to contribute to the beauty of the area surrounding our church, as good stewards of creation, this is a witness to our faith.

BLESSING OF BIBLES

In preparation for Lent the Blessing of Bibles will take place at all Weekend Masses on **22nd/23rd February**. If you have a Bible at home, bring it along. If you don't have one and would like to purchase one, we have some samples in the Repository. Please write your name and contact number on the sheet as to the Bible you would like and we will order it for you. Hurry as these have to be ordered by 14th February.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Day of Reflection has been planned for all Eucharistic Ministers for **Saturday 14th March** 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 and Stations of the Cross after Mass. 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. If you missed the last meeting, it would be a good opportunity to come along to this meeting. All welcome.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available to see families applying for admission to Nursery School on

Saturday 21st and 28th March – 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 21st April – 3.30pm-4.30pm

To book an appointment please put your name on the list in the Church porch. There are a maximum of 20 appointment slots. On the day of your appointment please come with your child and wait in Church. Make sure you bring your child's Baptism Certificate and your Certificate of Catholic Practice

NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEER MEETING

A follow up meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 22nd February** at 1pm in Church.

CAFOD FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Coffee Morning to promote Fair Trade products after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday 23rd February**, proceeds to CAFOD.

PALM AND CROSSES

If you have Palms and Crosses from last year or previous years, please bring them to Church the next time you come to Mass and place them in the box in the porch up to 23rd February. We will burn them to make up ash for use on Ash Wednesday.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

"The SVP are distributing **11,500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support."

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL...

.. is seeking part-time invigilators for their summer exams. Please refer to their website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – YEAR OF THE WORD

For details of talks, workshops on the above please see the noticeboard.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB, FEBRUARY HALF TERM –

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - On **Friday 21st February**, from 11am-2pm Caritas Westminster will be running the Feltham Family Holiday Club. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home all for free. Caritas rely on volunteers to make the clubs happen, so to make sure they can run again in February they really need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on **Friday 21st February, between 9am-3pm** here at St Lawrence's please email cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to let us know. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church and hand to the Parish Office. You can also get in touch if you would like to attend the club with your children.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2020 AT 3PM

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating the anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, church and place of marriage, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Katherine & Alex Soares RIP Baptisms of Akira Thirugnanam, Carlson Crasto and Esita Dias
	17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 9	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Josephine Gibbons RIP Breda Roche (Intentions) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Ona Janaviciene RIP
Mon 10	09.30	Anton Pereira RIP
Tues 11	09.30	Sean Keaveney and deceased members of the Keaveney Family RIP
Wed 12	09.30	Diego D'Souza RIP
Thurs 13	09.30 18.00	Deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 14	09.30	In Thanksgiving Sujata & Surenthiran Family
Sat 15	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Lily Coutinho RIP Baptism of Greydon Rodrigues Sacrament of Reconciliation Maurice Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 16	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Eamon O'Brien RIP Maria Nangombe RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiege (Intention)

Thank you for your generosity in collection last week:

1-2 February: Envelopes £764.26 Loose £1,110.70
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