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Fourth Sunday of the Year

28th/29th January 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: (Missal Page: 130): Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week: – Fifth Sunday of the Year Page 133: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

*Blessed
are the Poor
in Spirit*

Essentials For Happiness

The Beatitudes are the badges of a true follower of Jesus. They open our minds and hearts to a new way of thinking and judging.

- **Jesus says;** *Happy are you who know your need of God; you who put your trust in God rather than in material things.*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who are gentle and kind. You who refuse to get on by trampling on others.*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who remember that the most valuable things in life have to be bought with pain and sacrifice.*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who have standards and values and are prepared to live up to them*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who can make allowances for the sins of others and whose greatness lies in your ability to forgive*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who have pure hearts, it is from the heart that all our thoughts, words and deeds flow.*
- **Jesus says;** *happy you peacemakers. You who spread understanding among people, who welcome the stranger and work for a just society.*
- **Jesus says;** *happy are you who make a stand for what is right. Your wounds will be honourable wounds, the essence of a true follower of Jesus*

The Beatitudes stand for what is beautiful and precious – peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity and humility. Everyone who tries to live by the Beatitudes is already living in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to Serenah Mary Kell Lloyd Smeath who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

On **Friday 3rd February** there will be a Coffee morning in aid of CAFOD after the 9.30am Mass.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Cake and Coffee Morning on **Sunday 5th February** after the 9am and 11am Masses – proceeds for the Parish Centre. Donations of cakes would be appreciated.

MARY'S MEALS Sunday 5th February



With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals will be at our church on the morning of **Sun 5th** please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (**no**

duvets or pillows please). Put all clothing/bedding into

tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 12 noon. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

There will be a meeting for all those going to the Holy Land on **Saturday 25th February** at 12.45am in the Parish Centre. We will be hiring a coach to transport us from Feltham to Luton Airport and back. The cost per person for the return journey is £15.00. Please could you pay this money to Florie in the Parish Office.

CHOIR LOFT TIDY UP

There is to be a 'tidy-up' of the Choir Loft including the store room within the next few weeks. If anyone has items stored in the Loft and would like to keep it, please stick a sign to that effect. All items that are unmarked will be recycled.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Bingo Night & Supper on Saturday 25th February

in the Parish Centre 7.00pm. This is 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 will be on sale next weekend.

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 in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Parking will be available in the school car park. Please see Bridget if you need more information.

OTHER

Do you feel a call to Serve God: Saturday 28th February at the Servite Church (opp. the Chelsea Westminster Hospital) Canon Stuart and the Vocations Team will be talking about that call to service. If you have ever felt attracted to serving God either as a religious brother or sister, a deacon or priest then why not come along. Mass 6.30pm followed by a short meeting. Further info: Tel: 0207 3495620; mob: 07515065696 email: vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk; Web: www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations/news/

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

OF LOURDES This year's Mass will take place at **2pm on Saturday 11th February**. Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside, the Mass will include the Sacrament of the Sick. no seat reservations or tickets. If you are bringing a wheelchair please let the parish office know by **3rd February** so that a space can be reserved.

Join our team of school volunteers

CAFOD is looking for volunteers to raise awareness of our work in Catholic primary and secondary schools in this area. You will help to inspire children and young people in how they can act in making the world a fairer place in conjunction with their faith. You can find out more at our Understanding CAFOD day on **Saturday 4th February** at Amigo Hall, Lambeth SE1. To book please call 0208-449-6970, or email jjarvis@cafod.org.uk. Volunteers will be accepted on successful completion of interview, training days and a DBS (Disclosure and barring service) check.

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**.

CAN A DIVORCED PERSON MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? To talk about this and answer any questions you may have such as: 'Do non-Catholics who have married before in a Register Office need an annulment to marry a Catholic?' 'Will it cost a lot of money?' 'If a marriage has been consummated can annulment still be sought?' Mgr. John Conneely, Judicial Vicar of the Westminster Tribunal, will be speaking about the subject of 'ANNULMENTS' on **Tuesday 28 February at 19:00** at Our Lady of Grace and St Edwards's, Chiswick.

REST IN PEACE

JANET DHLIWAYO RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Dhliwayo RIP who died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Tuesday 31st January at 10.20am** at Hanworth Crematorium.

Please keep in your prayers all the family and friends who mourn her.

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

Envelopes: £ 822.36 Loose: £809.99 Standing Orders: £785.80

Total: £2,418,15

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Money banked as at 17.1.2017 = £95,339.24

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28 th	11.00- 11.30 11.45 12.00 15.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Helen Abiegbe in Birthday Thanksgiving Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community No Sacrament of Reconciliation Luxman Goonewardena RIP
Sun 29 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Desmond Reghelini RIP Fran Ballantyne (Intention) Baptism of Serenah Mary Kell Lloyd Smeath Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 30 th	09.30	Belarmino Rangel RIP
Tues 31 st	09.30	Margaret Foley RIP
Wed 1 st	09.30	Celebrants Intention
Thurs 2 nd	09.30	Kathleen Hourihan RIP
Fri 3 rd	09.30	Eamon O'Brien RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Sat 4 th	11.00- 11.30 11.45 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation Benediction Eric Brumwell RIP Baptisms of Callum William Spencer-Bliss and Millie Hannah Kathleen Spencer Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 5 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	John Ring RIP Castelino & Francisca Fernandes RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Jewel Fernandes in Thanksgiving (21 st Birthday)
Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe in Thanksgiving		