### OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August 2015



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#### **NEXT WEEKS READING**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Times
Readings:

1st Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7
2nd Reading: A reading from the

letter of St James 2:1-5 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

#### **Scripture Reflection**

22nd Sunday of the Year

Today we return to St Mark's Gospel, having ended our long sequence of extracts from St John's discourse on the Bread of Life.

Our passage which we hear today concerns itself with ritual purity. The Law of Moses prescribed a quite remarkable series of restrictions on behaviour, many of which had a good practical purpose. The forbidding of eating pork or shellfish, for instance, makes sense in a hot climate when such food detiorates so quickly and with such devastating effects.

Over the centuries following the time of Moses, the rules and regulations had become over-elaborated to the point where a devout Jew would lead a very complicated and busy life trying to observe all the minute regulations which identified him as a good Jew.

Now the point which our Lord is making is that, precisely, it was not the keeping of these regulations that made someone a good Jew, but rather the way that he or she behaved towards God and neighbour.

Let us be clear; our Lord is not condemning the faithfulness and love with which someone strove to observe the commands of his or her faith; after all our Lord will have kept them habitually himself. Rather he was putting them in their proper context, as the framework of the living out of faith, not to be confused with the content of the faith.

We ought not, also, to confuse this condemnation of 'merely human traditions' with the process of revelation that comes from Sacred Tradition. Sacred Tradition is the means by which the Church has handed on the faith from generation to generation, and this is vital for the life of the Church. Of course we do have 'human' traditions also, such as the tradition of not eating meat on Friday, or the daily Rosary, and these things are vitally important, providing we realise that they are not the substance of the faith themselves, but merely useful expressions of that faith, things that may deepen, and help to articulate the faith in our daily lives.

In the end, we believe that it is faith which justifies us, not the works we do; however a faith which has no works is no faith at all, as St James reminds us in his letter. So keep to the human traditions, but remember what they are for.



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#### St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus -

St Elisabeth Convent is a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, founded in 1999. Taking up the ministry of their patron saint the sisters of the convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. The convent patronizes 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies and provides a rehabilitation facility for females for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women. The Convent also provides the needy with comprehensive help: accommodation, meals and necessary medicines, arranges medical examinations for them, helps to restore their IDs.

To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Some of the people working in the workshops are those who lost all hope in realizing their potential due to various illnesses. But the Lord gave a talent to everyone and these people have skilled hands and the desire to work. Together with the sisters these people produce beautiful articles with love and prayer in the convent's workshops.

The Sister will be coming to Mass on Saturday 5th Sept and will be selling their goods afterwards—they are not cheap, but the quality is very good, and the cause is excellent. If you are able to accommodate the 2 Sisters and driver for one night please contact the Parish Office.

LUNCH CLUB: Wednesday September 2nd. in the centenary hall at 1pm. Menu for this month is, Cottage pie and vegetables followed by fruit crumble and custard. Coffee/tea and a raffle all this for £4. All welcome.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bridie Mullen who passed away recently. We pray for Jimmy, their children and grandchildren at this time.



#### Gift Aid

For those who are not already members, please consider signing up for Gift Aid. It is an easy way to continue to support the Parish in both charitable activities as well as the general upkeep. For every £1 you donate, the Parish receives an extra 25p. Forms are available in the Porch. Thank you.



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### THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL - Vacancy **SEN ADMIN ASSISTANT**

Required as soon as possible

The school is currently looking to employ an SEN Administrator to work in the SEN Department to provide high quality support to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) 15 hours per week, term time only. Applicants should have good interpersonal skills, be competent at IT especially in Microsoft Word and Excel and be adaptable. Assistance in the School General Office may also be required.

The salary payable is on the London Borough of Sutton support staff pay scale 3/4 (£18,045 to £21,552) pro rata. Application form and job description are available by downloading via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org where further information on the school may be found. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby by the closing date: midday on Wednesday, 9th September 2015. Interviews will be held Tuesday, 15th September 2015.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced DBS will be required

#### **Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend: Offertory: £837.25 (Gift Aid £290)

#### WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK



Sun 30th: NO CHILDREN'S liturgy until September
Mon: Teas & Coffees after Mass (Old Hall)
Tues: No Toddler Group until 8th Sep'15

Wed: 1pm Lunch Club

Sat: 10am Mass St Elisabeth Convent goods for

sale

Sun 6th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses

Teas & Coffee after 9am & 10:45am Mass



Children's Liturgy starts again next week Sunday 6th September

Some reminders about Children's Liturgy (running Term time only)

#### Liturgy for younger children aged 1 – 4 years of age

- I Only one adult per family should accompany the children to the liturgy.
- There will be a collection at every session.
- Your seat in the Church can be reserved by picking up asign from the table with the Hosts on.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.45am there will be a Youth Mass instead of an Children's Liturgy.

### Liturgy for the Older Children from Reception age 5 - the end of Year 3

- Children who have made their First Holy
  Communion should remain in the Mass. If parents really feel their child will benefit from attending the session please mention this to the Liturgist before Mass.
- Please ensure your child does not bring anything other than themselves through to the hall.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.45am there will be a Youth Mass instead of an Older Children's Liturgy. The children will do the roles of Welcoming, Offertory, Reading / Bidding prayers and choir at these Masses.
- All children who have made their First Communion can volunteer to become Altar Servers if they wish to or can join the Children's Choir.

We say a massive thank you to Charlotte Torre who now steps down as the younger liturgy group leader. Charlotte has been a Catechist for over 8 years and has lead her team for the last 3 years. She has done a fantastic job and lead her sessions with great enthusiasm. Charlotte has helped our children understand the Gospel readings with great fun. Enjoy her last session with us next week.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the Liturgy teams. If you are interested in helping please contact Nina Morro or Nicky Leaker at nickyleaker@live.co.uk (age 1-4's) or Michele Anderson (age 5-yr3) michele.anderson@btconnect.com



## Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista
Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver;
Jimmy Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret
Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth
Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose
Knight; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay;
Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop,
Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford,
Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison,
Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman, Maureen Kelly, Sheila
French & Val Williams.



#### Weddings

Congratulations to, Rossana Rizzo & James Pinckney, Gemma Stritch & James Leason who will be married this week.

#### **Second Collections**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for The Seminary Fund - this collection is eligible for Parish Gift Aid so please use for Parish envelopes.

#### **Pilgrimage to Fatima**

From 22nd November to 28th November 2015. Including all excursions for £629. Early booking is strongly recommended. For further information call Mrs Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301.



#### **Baptisms**

Alexander Brown will be Baptised next week.

Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 /2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please note that all Catholic children who will be in Year 3 or above in September 2015 will be eligible to make their First Holy Communion in 2016. We will have registration forms and details of the programme in September. Your children will need to be baptised and your family must be registered with the Parish.

Have you registered with the Parish yet? Forms can be downloaded from the website <a href="www.sacred-heart.co.uk">www.sacred-heart.co.uk</a>, (under Our Parish). There are also some hard copies at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Young via email on <a href="mailto:fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com">fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com</a>.

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(6 months notice required) - Fr Seán

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#### Gift Aid:

Peter Kelly 01883 330684 peterf\_kelly@o2.co.uk

#### **Chair of Parish Finance:**

Geoff Walker - ghw360@gmail.com

#### Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

Kelly Coyne: 07921 030991 kelly.coyne@btinternet.com

#### **Parish Youth Clubs:**

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)

Mel Flaherty

youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

#### 5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591 paul lovell@rocketmail.com

#### **Chill Club**

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)

Veronique Wood

#### St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday 30th	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:30am Mass	Rowland Coyne RIP (S&M Flanagan)
5:15pm Mass	Gabriel & Anna Mendonca RIP (D'Souza family)
Monday 31st	
10:00am Mass	Minnie & Harold Howlett RIP (P Howlett)
Tuesday 1st	
10:00am Mass	Patrick & Pauline Greene RIP (P Greene)
Wednesday 2nd	
10:00am Latin Mass	Patrick Joseph Breen RIP (A Breen)
Thursday 3rd	St Gregory The Great
10:00am Mass	Mary Duggan (A Breen)
Friday 4th	
7pm Mass	Abner Aston Andy Ints (AR Edward)
Saturday 5th	
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10:00am Mass	Seamus & Jim Horrocks (Mullen family)
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Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am
Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am
Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am
Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays: 9am - 10am & Saturdays: 9am – 11am