

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 7th August 2016

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Scripture Reflection

The longer form of the gospel (Luke 12: 32-48) contains three parables. (1) The parable of the bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. (2) The parable of the householder waiting for the thief who comes at night. (3) The parable of the servants waiting for the master to return. Essentially they make the same point. The disciples have been asked to maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness. This key idea in the Gospel can be understood and expanded in the light of the salient points found in Pope Francis's homilies targeting the youth given at the World Youth Day in Krakow at which Fr Lylie attended. Pope Francis tells the two million young Catholics that life loves strikers who have a goal. He warned the young pilgrims that without a sense of purpose they are forced to an early retirement. He also drew a clear distinction between happiness and consumerism. He reminded the young not to be carried away by the fleeting comforts of consumerist culture. He also reminded them that they are not called to be 'couch potatoes': but to lead a vibrant and fulfilling lives – and not to allow others to determine their future. He told the young faithful that they are not called to 'vegetate' in life but to leave a mark on the world. 'When we opt for ease and convenience, confusing happiness with consumption, then we end up paying a high price indeed: we lose our freedom'. He said. Drawing their attention to God's mercy which was the theme of the World Youth Day celebrations Pope Francis admonished young pilgrims in the following words. 'Dear Friends, do not be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness and peace....'



Communion and Confirmation 2016-2017

The **final** date for enrolling your son/daughter for either Communion or Confirmation will be September 18th from 1.30pm-3pm. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. All you need is a copy of your child's **BAPTISMAL** Certificate and **£20** registration fee. Many thanks to the Catechists for all their work.



Canonization of St. Teresa



Pope Francis will make **Mother Teresa** a **Saint** on September 4th in Rome. We join the Missionaries of Charity in celebrating this great day for their Congregation and for the whole Church. At the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday September 11th we will gather as a Parish with the Missionaries of Charity to thank God for the gift of our new saint **Teresa of Calcutta**.

Farewell

This Sunday we bid farewell to Brother Elvis who has been part of our Community since June. Elvis will travel back to Rome where he will continue with his studies.

We thank Elvis for all that he has done in the Parish since his arrival and for his warm, friendly presence. We wish him well as he continues his spiritual journey to become a Oblate Priest.



Funeral Notices

Douglas Hippolyte, formerly of Sequoia House, Friday 12th August at 12.15pm followed by a burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 2pm.

Tom Coyne late of Mazenod Avenue and Bushey. Funeral took place on Thursday 4th August. If you wish to sympathise with the family, please contact Tom's son Niall on 07788643244.

Baptisms

We welcome the following children into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Kala Lal Bergendorff, Sophia Pantelly, Max Moran, Ethan Pinto, Adrian Tremel Carter Joseph.**



If you would like your child to be baptised, please come along to the Parish House on Monday mornings between 9.30am—1pm to discuss the programme with one of our Parish Sisters.



Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2016

There are limited spaces left if you would like to join the Oblates in Lourdes this September. Fr Michael will lead our group this year. The dates of the pilgrimage are from 17th till 22nd of September. This year we also have a package for assisted Pilgrims, a nurse will accompany those who are not able bodied, details are available from Noreen in the Parish Office on **0207 624 1701.**

Alternatively, you may also travel **by coach** with Fr Paschal from Thursday 15th - 24th visiting many shrines in France on the way. For more information on this trip please contact Pat Denning on **020 8804 7678 asap.**

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Tom would like to invite ALL Eucharistic Ministers to a meeting on Wednesday September 28th at 7.30pm in the Parish House. It is very important that ALL ministers attend this meeting to look at forming a new Rota and identifying areas of training for them all. It will also be an opportunity for the Parish Team to thank you all for your dedicated ministry in the parish.



Would you like to become a Catholic?



Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic? Or were you never confirmed and as an adult would like to be confirmed as a full member of the Catholic Church? If you would like more information about this programme, please collect an application form from the back of the Church and return it to Fr Terry in the Parish House as soon as possible.

Church Opening/Closing

Please note that the church will open at 8am and close at 5pm weekdays. The Church will close directly after evening weekend services and funeral receptions. We have made this decision for security reasons. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Wednesday Club

Can all members meet at 1.30pm this Wednesday in the Church car park. Fr. Terry has another exciting trip planned for you to an Art Gallery. There are no more spaces left for this trip.

Fr Paschal

Please keep **September 10th** free as we gather with our very own Fr Paschal Dillon to celebrate **60** years as an Oblate Priest. He will preside at the 6pm Mass that evening. We will then move into the hall for a party!



Parish Night Out

Fr Terry is organising our next Parish Night out for **Saturday September 3rd** at 7.30pm in Vila Ronnel on Birchington Road. The menu is simple, garlic bread, chicken in a basket with chips and salad, followed by ice cream.

It's only **£12** a head. To reserve a place please contact the Parish Office and pay your **non-refundable** deposit of **£5**



Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

17th October 2016
from Gatwick for £599 per person (£60 single room supplement)

includes flights, luxury transfers, five nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, full Irish breakfast and dinner each day, entertainment, heritage excursions and guided tours. For more information please contact Patricia on 01702 561757 or email patricia@gotrouvaille.com Go Trouvaille is an agent of Travel Assistance International—ATOL 4634

Pensioners Advice Service

There will be no advice service for Pensioners on Wednesdays for the month of August. The Advice service will resume on the first Wednesday in September. If you have an emergency, please call 0207 428 0471.

Thank you to Margaret from Irish Elderly Advice Network for providing such a marvellous service.

Can you Help Trace A Parishioner

If you know Edward McCarthy (Ned), who has a brother called Michael please let us know. Many thanks.

Kilburn Credit Union

During the month of August there will only be **ONE** collection point for the Credit Union each week. We will be available on Tuesdays from **9.30am-11.30am**. Back to normal hours in September.

Saturday Club

Our Saturday Club, for adults and children with additional needs, will meet on Saturday August 13th at 11am and we will be going on a magical mystery tour!

Congratulations

Many Congratulations to Karen Casey & Samir Jamal who were married here on Friday 5th August. May your lives be blessed with happiness and may you grow in love with one another and with God.



Bicycles for Sale

We have two bicycles for sale, 1 brand new and the other nearly new. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



A Television Wanted for Care Home

A Small television is required by a resident in a local nursing home, please let the Parish Office know if you can assist. Many Thanks.

Tea/Coffee after the 9am Mass

We invite all those who attend the **9am** Mass to join us in the Parish Hall for Tea at the end of Mass today. Please try to make an effort to join us as we try to find ways of building up our community.

Thank You

We appreciate your continued support of the Parish and Diocese. Collection for 31st July £2689.00
Building Fund £944.00

Food for the Poor & Needy

We are extremely grateful to the donations of food items which we distribute to the poor and needy of the Community. There is no need to wait until the first Sunday of the month to donate food, items can be left at the Presbytery any time.
We can only accept items that can be stored long term. Please do not leave any items in the Church.

Our Priest's Name Their responsibilities

Fr Michael O'Connor	Parish Priest
Fr Terry Murray	Prison Ministry, Youth Ministry, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Baptism, Homeless Shelter,
Fr Lylie Fernando	JPIC, English Classes Church Cleaning
Fr Tom Devereux	Eucharistic Ministers, Housebound, Altar Servers

Try and make at least 3 people
smile each day.
Beginning with yourself!

Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517
Manager: Anna Redmond
Assistant Manager: Mags Conway

Opening Hours:
Monday /Tues/Wed /Thurs from 4.30pm
Friday from 4pm;
Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon

Music Every Monday & Saturday Night

Sat 6th Aug
Ardee in Lounge

Mon 8th Aug
The Ballroom of Romance
with Pat & Mustang

Fri 12th Aug
Line Dancing in Hall from 8.30pm

Mon 15th Aug
The Ballroom of Romance
with Tony Kearney

Sat 20th Aug
On the Tear in Lounge

Mon 22nd Aug
Ballroom of Romance with
Pat Hayes from Ireland

Bank Holiday Weekend
Sat 27th Aug
McGinty in Lounge
Sun 28th Aug
Pat & Mustang in Lounge
Mon 29th Aug
Ballroom of Romance Two Sound Men

Fri 2nd September
The Big Celtic Night from 8pm
Music by
Anto Morro
Saoirse & Blackstairs Rebel
Admission by ticket only