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7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 18TH / 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's readings are very challenging. What Jesus calls us to live in the Gospel is very different from the way society, or our own instincts, or as it says in the Gospel 'the world', tries to lead us. But sometimes it is not so easy to readily understand what the God is saying to us. What does it mean when it says 'be perfect as God is perfect'? The world often demands that we be perfect and many times we try to respond to that demand. We understand perfection getting everything right, to the highest standards, with no mistakes.... Is this God's version of perfect? When Jesus says turn the other cheek, give your tunic and your cloak, go two miles when you are asked to go one, do not turn away before someone ask you something, and love your enemies; this is a very different sort of perfect... and a very challenging one at that!



Jesus is giving us a new perspective, one that is not easy to understand or to live. It is a different type of perfection, a perfection in love. His criteria challenge our way of living, and offer us new values. He speaks about being generous with our time, our things, our love, to go *another mile* in our love for others.

It is a generosity that is based on trusting in God's love, we can be generous when we know that God sustains us, and we do not have to trust only on our possessions, our two tunics. Do we have situations where God is asking us to trust, to be generous, to go another mile?

The wisdom of God is different to our wisdom. When there are things we do not understand and when we go to Him looking for light, He widens our horizons. The peace He gives us a peace is very different from the world's peace. He gives the comfort that the world cannot give. Often, we are looking for quick answers to solve our problems but generally His wisdom goes beyond our specific problems. Instead, it is an answer for many situations, an answer who helps us to grow in our generosity, understanding, and even in our love for our enemies.

What a beautiful phrase and prayer from the Psalm, "*It is He who crowns you with love and compassion*". He crowns us with his love and his compassion. When we feel that we do not have enough love or patience or strength, He *crowns* us with his love and his compassion. He gives us that love and compassion that we lack so we can keep going.

In the 2nd reading St Paul says to the Corinthians: *you belong to Christ*. We can belong to our culture, our neighbourhood, our school, our job, but if we belong to Christ our life is lacking strong roots. It is the certainty that our life does not belong to the things that today are here and gone tomorrow. We have the capacity to adapt ourselves to new situations, new places, new people. In this experience there is something that does not change and it is Him. We have the certainty that He is on the journey with us.

Take care and have a good week,
Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays,
after 9am and 11am Masses.

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2022

For any enquiries, please contact Sr. Anabel on 07455544065 or the Parish Office.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session: **Sunday 26TH after 9am Mass**

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 25TH Feb 2023

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next session on Saturday 25th Feb 2023

RITE OF CHISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

A programme for adults who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.
Application Form at the back of the Church

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS

Application Forms at the back of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office or
Sr. Anabel.

WYD23 LISBON

"Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39)



We are going to the **WORLD YOUTH DAY!**
Lisbon, 1 to 6 of August 2023

The invitation is for young people 18+
We could look for sponsorships to be able to do
this experience

Please get in contact with Sr Anabel, FMVD,
wgparishsister@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT "LISTEN TO HIM"

Saturday 4th of March

11am to 2pm

More information, Sr Anabel G, FMVD
wgparishsister@rcdow.org.uk

We received the **Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent** where he invites us to:



"I put before you today three ways of refreshing and renewing your faith. They are these: a renewed focus on Jesus; a fresh readiness to bear witness to him; and, thirdly, a conscious effort to build community and compassion wherever you may be."

"My appeal to you, then, is very simple. This Lent, try to make a little more progress in prayer, in speaking of Our Blessed Lord to others, and in being a bearer to others of his compassion and love."

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!

Next session **21ST February, 2023**

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P
4DF from 12.30-1.30pm

Monday 20th February 2023

Every first and third Monday of the month.
Add your name to our mailing list for future dates and prayer sheets in advance via

Barbarakentish@talktalk.net
orjohanmaertens@hotmail.com

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

27 February – 12 March:

Making the small switch to Fairtrade supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet. On Tuesday 28 February, Fairtrade launches the Endangered Aisle. This will be a pop-up experience in Shoreditch, east London. It will be open to the public from 28 Feb-2 March. The Endangered Aisle will shine a light on the supermarket staples most at risk of becoming endangered from the climate crisis.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

Making an objection

The St Ann's low traffic neighbourhood trial has been introduced under an experimental traffic order and can run for a maximum of 18 months. This process allows a period of six months from the date the scheme becomes operational to make an objection.

'If you wish to raise an objection, you should set out the specific reasons and send your email to traffic.orders@haringey.gov.uk before 22 February 2023'

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on 3rd March

The theme this year is: *"This Lent, help families like Dristy and Rupali's fight the effects of the Climate Crisis".*

Envelopes will be available from weekend of 25/26th February.

Fast on the 3rd March and give generously on 4th and 5th March, 2023

CARBON FOOTPRINT SURVEY

Please note, Daniel and Anne will be carrying out a Carbon Footprint Survey next weekend.

Measure your Carbon Footprint at

<https://www.carbonindependent.org/index.html>

Please complete the form and return it next weekend when you attend Mass. Thanks for your support.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION SOCIAL EVENING TEA PARTY

Friday 17th March 2023

7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Ticket – £5 per person

Tickets will be available next weekend at the back of the church.

THANK YOU

The Fernandes family wishes to thank everyone from St John Vianney who attended and offered their condolences, donations and flowers.

The Fernandes Family are very grateful.

SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

There are several ways of supporting those who are trying to help our brothers and sisters in this tragic situation.

The following are ways in which you can help.

***By using our contactless keypad at back of the church; or
Donating through***

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Or donating to

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS

People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off.

More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers

<https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the souls of:

Teresa McManus, RIP

[Widow of the late Joe McManus]

Who died on 2nd February 2023

Her Funeral Mass on

Friday 3rd March 2023 at 9:15am

And

Henry Francois, RIP

[widower of the late Anastacia Francois]

Who died on 12th February 2023

Funeral arrangements to follow.

We remember their families and friends in
our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Entrance Antiphon

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart
will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the
Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

First reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18

Psalm 102

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and
my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Communion Antiphon

*I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in
you and be glad, and sing psalms to your
name, O Most High.*

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Henry Francois [widower of the late
Anastasia]

Teresa McManus [widow of the late Joe]
Johanna Mary Geoghegan [mother of Philip]
Maximiano Fernandes [Candy's husband]

RIP Anniversary

Barry O'Donovan
Bridget Agnes O'Flaherty
Pamela Faulkner
Paolo Di Vetta
Tyrone Riley
Val Eaves

Special Intentions:

The Francois Family
The McManus Family

And for the sick and those in our parish

Michael J	Kim
Monica	Ann
Bridget	Merle
Ivy	Sheila

**NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE LISTED
IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 9.15am
Ash Wednesday: 9:15am and 7:30pm
(distribution of ashes)
Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays after Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

**Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk**

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*