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Pentecost Sunday

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ON BEING CHRISTIAN



The solemnity of the Pentecost is an opportunity to reflect upon what it means to be a Christian. So often, we take our Christianess for granted and go about our life in such a secular fashion that it could conceal our Christian calling. We could be faithfully fulfilling our religious and liturgical observances, yet be falling short in living our Christian spirituality. I would like to reflect on our 'being Christian' through the words of

the ancient Church Father, [Pseudo]Dionysius. He acknowledges that every created being exists eternally in the mind of God and is created through God's "emanating love." Thus, each of us essentially comes from God as "an effect of the out-flowing nature of the Divine Essence." God is "at the centre of everything and everything has it for a destiny. It is before all things and in it all things hold together. Because it is there the world has come to be and exists. All things long for it." God is the essence of each of us, failing which we would have no entity.

As created beings, we are ultimately divine rays of Jesus himself. Reflecting upon the divine presence in the human being, Dionysius reminds us that, "The divinity of Jesus is the fulfilling cause of all, and the parts of that divinity are so related to the whole that it is neither whole nor part while being at the same time both whole and part. Within its total unity it contains part and whole, and it transcends these too and is antecedent to them. This perfection is found in the imperfect as the source of their perfection. But it also transcends perfection, and in the perfect it is manifest as transcending and anticipating their perfection. [...] It is Being pervading all beings and remains unaffected thereby. It is supra-being beyond every being [...] It is the measure of all things. It is eternity and is above and prior to eternity."

Therefore, created beings have a purpose in God's design and are invited (in union with Jesus) to grow in the order proper to them, always desiring/yearning for the Divine. All creation is standing "in assembly around Jesus" and embarking "upon the most blessed sight of him," whereby "in the infinitely pure receptacle of their souls they receive the fullness of his spiritual gifts."

Being faithful to the divine essence and allowing the divine essence to reveal itself, through us, is our original calling. We are called to be images of God in all respects, reflecting the glow of God, the primordial light. God's light, as in a ripple effect, needs to be passed on to the others.

To facilitate the passing on of God's light we are assisted by the Holy Spirit, descended upon the apostles on the feast of the Pentecost. The Pentecost is considered as the official birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit brings the Church into existence, enlivens it and facilitates its growth. The event of the Pentecost has great significance for our 'being Christian.' The outpouring of the Holy Spirit offered the believers the spiritual gifts. They are: Wisdom to make God the centre of one's life. Understanding which is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message. Knowledge to explore God's revelation in faith. Counsel to choose and follow God's plan. Fortitude to know and to do what is right. Piety which means true devotion. Fear of the Lord is the feeling of awe and amazement of the all-knowing, omnipresent God.

These gifts of the Holy Spirit are a "sacred light which clears the fog of ignorance from the eyes of the mind." The Holy Spirit not only illumines the mind, but also renews the powers of their minds. It helps bring about a conversion, which is a restored loving participation in the Being of God.

Dionysius views this our return movement to be absorbed into the Divine, when we complete our earthly journey. He calls it the "divinisation of the created beings" wherein the created being will be assimilated into God's Being. Our call to 'be Christ of our status and calling, to strive to witness to the Divine Presence' is to recognise our source and origin, and conscious in us.

Fr Simplicio

NOTE FROM FR STEVE



Listen kindly to the prayer and petition of your servant O Lord my God; listen to the cry and to the prayer your servant makes to you today.
[1 Kings 8:28]

I am a great believer in the power of prayer to bring about healing, wholeness and peace.

Many thanks to you all for your prayers for my mother at this time.

CONFIRMATION

Forty seven of our young parishioners received the gift of the Holy Spirit from Bishop Pat during a wonderful and uplifting Mass on Thursday evening. Thank you to all the altar servers who continue to carry out their duties so well and to Rosie's Choir whose singing so enriches the celebration.

Thanks as ever to Deacon Sean and his dedicated team of catechists who work so hard over a long period to prepare their groups for this big step, and to the black cat who strolled confidently across the Sanctuary during Bishop Pat's Homily!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - SATURDAY GROUP

This Saturday, 8 June, twenty seven young children, all of whom have been attending the Saturday Catechism class make their First Holy Communion.

Congratulations to them and to their families for attending the class once a month for two years so that they are fully prepared for this sacrament. Thanks are due to all their catechists and helpers.

Enrollment details for next year's classes will be in the newsletter in September. Please watch out for this as the register is closed before the classes start.



The next two planning meetings for International Day are on the 14th and 27th June. The meetings will be held in the mezzanine of the Hall between 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help in the run up to this event and on the day itself.

If you are able to help please contact Sandy Misquitta on: misquittas@outlook.com or 07779619701.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

The Church and other Christian bodies work hard with NHS hospital trusts to provide a good chaplaincy service in NHS hospitals, and the work done by chaplaincy teams is regulated by contract. There are very good teams at the hospitals in London to which people are admitted, including Catholic priests and deacons (the new lead chaplain of the Kings Trust which runs the hospital at Farnborough is a Catholic deacon).

This means that it is the responsibility of these teams to see you and minister to you when you go into hospital – it's their job. So when you are admitted you should ask the ward or the hospital switchboard to contact the RC chaplain. If it is urgent he is on call, 24 hours a day (one of our clergy provides this cover one night a week at the PRUH). While it is helpful if you let the clergy here know, the most important thing is to let the chaplaincy team know at the hospital.

Switchboard numbers are: PRUH - 01689 863 000, KINGS - 020 3299 9000, LEWISHAM - 020 3228 6000
Ask for the Chaplaincy.

Tuesdays from 7.45 @ St Edmund's Hall

Alpha – Come, eat, see, listen, talk....

Week 8

11th June 2019

How can I resist evil?

Week 9

18th June 2019

How and why should I tell others?



ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Details of any forthcoming walks are displayed in the porch with full contact details



JRS UK GOSPEL CHOIR

Friday 21st June

19:00 – 20:30

JRS UK, 2 Chandler Street,
London, E1W 2QT

Admission is free and all are welcome!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Join us to celebrate Refugee Week with a special performance from the JRS UK Gospel Choir. The choir will be performing contemporary gospel pieces, alongside some well-known favourites.

Directed by Magdalena Supel from Soul Sanctuary, all the members of the JRS Gospel Choir are refugees and people seeking asylum; who are supported by JRS UK. Each Wednesday afternoon the choir gathers to practice and rehearse, and they come together to share with one another.

Matilda Tonkin Wells, who helps to co-ordinate the choir, explains, "Singing with others is a great way to be in community – it's all about listening to each other, finding rhythms, harmonies and grooves! The JRS Gospel Choir is an opportunity for our refugee friends to come together through music as well as being an important space to make friends and just be!"

Everyone is welcome to join us for the concert – please do invite your family, friends and colleagues. The concert starts at 7:30 pm, with arrivals from 7:00 pm, and the concert will finish at 8:30 pm.

Admission is free and all are welcome! Light refreshments will be provided.

LAW SURGERY

Takes place this Monday 10 June in no 11 from 7.00pm. Please come early. The lawyer leaves after the last person waiting has been seen.

SIGNPOSTS – HOW TO BE A CATHOLIC MAN IN THE WORLD TODAY

Monday June 17 – 7.30 – 9.30 pm

The Polish Church of the Merciful Jesus.

6-8 Oliver Grove, South Norwood, SE26 6EJ

(The church is set back from the road down a short alley way)

This is an introductory session to which you are invited to bring your wife or partner. Refreshment will be served, to include Polish delicacies.

Sessions will be in English led by John Woodhouse and Adrian Rownicki and will start in September.

Contact John for more details 0790 8888 586 by text or johnwoodhousecat@gmail.com

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group

CAFOD

Just one world

SOUTHWARK SUMMER PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 22 June around Hartley in Kent, looking at the new Climate Change campaign, 'Our Common Home'.

All are welcome to join in this gentle walk through fields and woods with stops for prayer and reflection. Full details are on the poster in the porch. Lifts and pick ups available for the less able.

Organisers are on 020 8466 9901 or email southwark@cafod.org.uk

StED

The next issue of StEd will appear at the end of this month.

In next weekend's parish newsletter we will be detailing areas of the parish where it is not being delivered, so please look out then as we are short of people to do this. (The Shortlands area is particularly thinly covered).

REFRESHMENTS AFTER TUESDAY MASS

Every Tuesday morning after the 10.00 am Mass, parishioners are encouraged to cross over the road to no 11 Village Way to have tea or coffee together.

This is arranged by the Rosary Circle and is a lovely way to keep in touch with old friends and make new ones. All ages are welcome

Sherry Weddell – From Christendom to 'Missiondom'

Keynote: Changes for the Parish – 8.00pm - 9.15pm

Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, explores how the parish can still be a relevant and effective means of evangelisation.

Join the discussion at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for students and can be booked via the St Mary's University website, or by

emailing jamesaholland@outlook.com

We also still have spaces for the whole day symposium, details of which can be found here: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2019/06/symposium-on-the-parish>

BROMLEY MENCAP

We have received a Certificate of Appreciation from Bromley Mencap for the sum of £182 that we sent to them which was raised by the collection at the Good Friday Children's Service.

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER GARDEN PARTY

Several raffle prizes are still to be collected:

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00316

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And ticket 387 for the Doll Raffle

Please contact the Claver Convent if you have one of these tickets 020 8313 3915

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE FORECOURT - LEAVE IT FREE FOR THE PRIESTS

Masses this week

Sunday 9 June

Pentecost Sunday

Collection for CaTEW

8.00 am	Church	For the people
9.30 am	Church	Patricia & Michael Hanrahan RIP (Childrens' Liturgy)
11.00 am	Church	Patrick Chambers RIP
5.30 pm	Church	Deborah Gradass
7.00 pm	Church	Jeremy Smith RIP (anniv)

Monday 10 June

Mary, Mother of the Church

8.15 am	Church	All persecuted born & unborn children in the world
10.00 am	Church	Margaret Fennessy RIP
7.30 pm	27 VW	Adoration

Tuesday 11 June

St Barnabas, Apostle

8.15 am	Claver	No Mass today
10.00 am	Church	Kathleen Farrell RIP

Wednesday 12 June

Feria

8.15 am	Claver	No Mass today
10.00 am	Church	Audrey Brown RIP
7.00 pm	Church	Wellbeing of Victoria Fenton

Thursday 13 June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

8.15 am	Claver	No Mass today
10.00 am	Church	Dec'd relatives of Maria & George
8.00 pm	Claver	Adoration

Friday 14 June

Feria

8.15 am	Claver	No Mass today
9.00 am	Challoner	Fr Huebert Miranda RIP
9.10 am	St Mary's	No Mass today
10.00 am	Church	Monica Grima RIP

Saturday 15 June

Feria (Our Lady)

8.15 am	Claver	The forgotten Holy Souls
10.00 am	Church	Ints of Rossi & Keane families
6.00 pm	Church	Eddie Dowling RIP

Confessions today from 10.30 am to 11.30
and from 5.00pm - 5.55pm

Sunday 16 June

The Most Holy Trinity

Collection for Day for Life

8.00 am	Church	Keane family
9.30 am	Church	For the people
11.00 am	Church	The Staudt family RIP (Latin)
5.30 pm	Church	Rosemary Lee (birthday)
7.00 pm	Church	Michael Mukoro

The Rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday from 9.40 am
and there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the
10.00 am Mass until 11.30 am.

DIARY DATES

Meditation every Monday in no11 from 5.30 - 6.15 pm
Open door for the bereaved on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon in no11
Law Surgery every second Monday of the month at 7pm in no11

JUNE

Mon 10 Law Surgery in no 11 from 7.00pm
Sat 22 First Holy Communion Mass for children from St Mary's School. 10.00 and 12 noon.
Sat 29 11.30 Celebration Mass for Claver Sisters 125 years and Silver Jubilee of Sr Mercy.

JULY

Sat 6 Parish International Day
Sat 13 Contemplative Saturday 11.00 am - noon in no 11.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 28 Fundraising Auction

Readings for The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8: 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



COLLECTION

The collection last weekend came to £2,125.97 with a further £1,038.21 given through ChurchSuite and Standing Orders.

The collection for World Communications Day came to £890.85

There will be no Masses at the Claver Convent this week.
Fr Ashley is away on the St Mary's School trip and Fr Steve may need to be with his mother at short notice.

We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Hill, George Davies, Geraldine O'Connor, Peter De Souza, Fr Gary Gill, Mick Hill and Anthony McGee.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Mary Brady, Colette Dungey, Francis Weal, Anne Shaw, Dee Beechinor-Collins, Cathy De Lacey, Jeremy Smith, Anne McCabe, Mireille Tilbrook, Frances O'Grady, Audrey Brown, Bob Pearson, Edna Cleary and Paddy Hayes.

We pray for the sick: Rosalind Bennett, Bernice, Emma-Jane, Fr Leon Carberry, Carmel Cardiff, Arthur Cromwell, Christine, Giacomo Dillon, John Dillon, John Dommett, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, David Edwards, Ann Elmer, Chris Grant, Hans Halpin, Eileen Hayes, Andrew Jansen, Jerry Jacob, John, Eddie Mitchell, Orla O'Regan, John Quaife, Siobhan, Louise Williams, Charlie Wynn, Patricia Weal.