

NEWSLETTER

GIVING MY LIFE

If I empty myself, that's when I am most Christlike. the empty of the cross, it's the form of God and it's how I become Christlike.

The waiting room of a Doctors surgery, can at times be behind and the receptionist would say, you have come to see Dr. Peris and I or others might reply 'I am here for my blood test or a routine check-up. While's waiting I may read a magazine from the table. The nurse calls you over she might say, 'I am afraid it's not good it is 'Cancer'.

On hearing this news, the patient is distraught and you could feel the patients pain and trauma the nurse tries to comfort. By such words as 'You know, I tell patients the cells in the human body that benefit themselves are known as cancer' and this is exactly what my late father would say to any patient that came for advice on hearing such news.

On hearing such news, the whole waiting room is silent and patient cannot see anyone else and on leaving the patient is suddenly unsteady on her/his feet and all they can think of, 'cells in the human body that benefit themselves is cancer'. So in conclusion, cancer is the cell that refuses to die to self.

Fr. Christopher

LOVE IN ACTION

These past five weeks we have looked at Catholic Social Teaching.

The topics we covered:

Week One: Dignity (The main thread and, in a certain sense, the guiding principle...of all of the church's social doctrine, is a correct view of the human person and of their unique value' St John Paul II)

Week Two: Solidarity and Peace (Solidarity, is not a feeling of vague compassion...it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself...to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all'. St John Paul II)

Week Three: Preferential Option For the Poor: (Our Faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members' (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel)

Week Four: Care of Creation: (The book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman entrusting them with the task of filling the earth and subduing it, which does not mean exploiting it, but nurturing and protecting it, caring for it through their work' Pope Francis)

Week Five: The Dignity and rights of Workers (There is no worse material poverty...than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work' Pope Francis)

On the Weekend of 3rd /4th November we will be looking at; Community and Participation, after Half Term. In the meantime could I encourage you all to go through the flyers and prayer cards and think about each of the topics covered thus far.

11th November immediately after the 11 am Mass we gather in the School Hall for the Workshop lead by Caritas Westminster. Where you would decide as to the Mission of the Parish should be going forward. Tea's and Coffees will be served in the School Hall. Please, join us.

Thank you.

Fr. Christopher

MASS
INTENTIONS20th October

6pm—John Mulroney RIP

21st October

9am - People of the Parish

11am— Ints of Fr Brown Ward

For weekday mass intentions, please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment

Holy Hour
Every Saturday
at 5pm

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE WILL BE ON MONDAY, 29TH OCTOBER WITH A SECONT SESSION ON MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER. BOTH PAR-ENTS HAVE TO AT-TEND BOTH SES-SIONS. THERE IS A £10 FEE. THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR HALL AT 7.30 PM. PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading; Isaiah 53: 10-11,
Psalm - 32: 4-5, 18-20, response v 22
2nd Reading - Hebrew 4: 14-16
Gospel - Mark 10: 35-45

1st Reading; Jeremiah 31: 7-9,
Psalm - 125: response v 3
2nd Reading - Hebrew 5: 1-6
Gospel - Mark 10: 46-52

REFLECTION

Joseph was loved by Jacob as he was the son of his old age and was resented by his brothers and he suffered persecution. Here we see, as the brothers sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver the Lord was betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Joseph's coat of many colors would be symbolized by the Lord's coat of salvation. Joseph was taken to Egypt, the Holy Family would seek refuge in Egypt from Herod who wished to have the child killed. In Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people: 'For you are a people consecrated to Yahweh your God, and Yahweh has chosen you to be his own people from all the peoples on the earth' (Deut 14:2). In Joseph's suffering, we could read Israel's own history and in Isaiah, we read of the 'Suffering Servant' which the Church applies to Christ can also be interpreted as applying to Israel as well. Thus marking out the Jewish people for a unique place in the history of salvation carrying the weight of suffering. 'It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God' (Hebrews 10:31). Since the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 66, the Jewish people in exile had to face everything from the misunderstanding (Saint Gregory in his Great bull of 598 underlined Christian responsibility to protect the Jewish people attempted to rectify) to genocide that was as witnessed in the twentieth century Holocaust). It seems anti-Semitism is a recurrent manifestation of evil which is hard to eradicate, and we see, it is deeply and regrettably rooted within the political process.

After the Second World War and its aftermath, The Second Vatican Council faced up to the horror of anti-Semitism in the document 'Nostra Aetate' (In our own time). The Church's relationship with the Jewish people is described as a common tradition, and while admitting and apologising for past failure, states: *'in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with Jews and moved not by political reason but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, and displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone'* It's stating the obvious, Jesus was a Jew and for us Christians a deeper understanding of the traditions and Jesus's upbringing provides us with insight into the nature and framework of the Incarnation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states; *'when she delves into her own mystery the Church, the People of God in the New Covenant discovers her link with the Jewish People'* and it builds on the understanding in the Letter to the Romans, *'it was they who were adopted as children, the glory was theirs and the covenants; to them were given the Law and the worship of God and the promises. To them belong the fathers and out of them, so far as physical descent is concerned, came Christ who is above all, God, blessed forever'* (Romans 9: 4-5).

The patrimony that we share between the Jews and Christians is that we are both messianic- the difference is that the Jews wait for the first coming of the Messiah, we, on the other hand, wait for his Second Coming. We have a common understanding of the purpose of God's self-revelation, as the Catechism teaches us; *'in the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession, his sheer gratuitous love'* (Catechism). This theme is taken up by Saint Peter, *'But you are a chosen race, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation, a people to be a personal possession to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were a non-people and now you are the People of God'* (1 Peter 2:9-10). Both Jews and Christians should witness to the nature of God's love.

In practical terms, we should try to understand the formation of Israel in the Old Testament. This would shed light on our own faith and into focus Jesus's bringing. Recall the words of our Lord, in Matthew's Gospel, *'In truth, I tell you, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, is to disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved'* (Matt 5: 17-19). We should recognize the insidious nature of anti-Semitism which often hides in negative attitudes to the existence of the State of Israel. Many parallels can be drawn between *'polite'* prejudice against Catholics as well as Jews-when these are experienced, it shouldn't go unchallenged. St John Paul II said, *'What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defense and promotion has been entrusted to us by the Creator'*

Fr. Christopher



THE CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND.

PLEASE, REMEMBER

AND DO NOT BE LATE FOR YOUR MASS.

17th November 18

Would all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and All Catechists put this date in your diary. Fr. Javier will be here at 10 am to speak to all of you about 'Understanding Scripture'. It's a good way, for us to prepare for Advent/ Christmas. Could I ask you please, to RSVP without delay to Chris Murray, as we need to know the numbers? Many Thanks.

Fr. Christopher

Dear Friends,

You would have noticed, as you entered the Church the painting of the Divine Mercy above the Lectern. It's a gift to the parish by the members of our Polish Community. I thank them for their generous gift to us, and I am sure, that, many of you would avail yourselves to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the Church. I have fond memories of my time in Krakow where I celebrated Mass in the Chapel where our Lord spoke with St. Faustina. Once again I thank the Polish Community for their generosity. May God bless you all. The picture will be consecrated this Sunday at 11 am Mass.

Fr Christopher

With the painting Jesus gives himself to us as the King of Mercy. He himself revealed the Chaplet of the DIVINE MERCY to Sister Faustina and asked her to pray the Chaplet unceasingly. **"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."** (Diary 687)

"Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."

"... My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior." (Diary 1541)

John Higgins RIP

Father Tom Pyke of Christ Church has kindly agreed to intern John Higgins ashes in their Garden of Remembrance. This kindness has been extended to John because of his many friendships across many different communities and his special status here on the Isle of Dogs.

The interment is currently to take place on **Sunday, 18th November 2018 at 1pm**. It will take place in the **Garden of Remembrance at Christ Church, 151 Manchester Rd, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3DR**.

Christ Church is opposite the Isle of Dogs Sub Post Office and lies in-between St. Luke's Primary School and George Green's Secondary School. The local bus routes are the D7 and 135, alighting at either the southbound Isle of Dogs Police Station (Stop C) or the northbound George Green's School (Stop K).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION

Those of our Young people who wish to make their Confirmation. The course will commence here at St. Edmund's on Saturday 3rd November 2018 (4-6 pm). Booking forms are now available on a table in the porch. The final date for the forms to be submitted will be 21st October 2018. Thank you

First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation and First Communion Course will begin here at St Edmund's on Wednesday 5th December with the Parents Meeting (7 pm). Booking Forms will be available from 9th September 2018 and the final date for the submission of the forms is 11th November 2018 to the parish office. Thank you

Fr Christopher



Rosary Group Meeting Month of the Holy Rosary 07th, 14th, 21st, 28th October

**Meet by the statue of Mary,
after 11am Mass, every Sunday**

*A plenary indulgence may be gained by
praying a full Rosary in Church or as a family*

*There will be a new theme
for our rosary prayers each week*

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available
Prayer Meetings held every 1st Sunday of month
Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

NEW PARISHIONERS — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

BLESSING OF HOMES — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

BAPTISMS — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – Next baptismal course will be on Mon 29 October & Mon 5 November 2018 - 7.00pm.

Please, call the office to reserve your space. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

WEDDINGS — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere.** Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or note either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL? — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to peterturner@rcdow.org.uk or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to added to the distribution list.

LOOP SYSTEM — The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES for present financial year

are now ready for collection in our If you notice any misspelling in you name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on millwall@rcdow.org.uk. Also, if you want to donate by envelopes, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you.

During the week the boxes are available form the office.

Katherine

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: 374.49, envelopes: 433.29, total: **807.78**

Thank you for your Generosity WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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