

NEWSLETTER

13TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

Mark 5: 21-43

During his time on earth, Jesus revealed the mind of God to us. We have learned haven't we, that God hates sin but loves the sinner, he hates sickness but he loves the sick, he hates death but loves the dying. In our Gospel, we learn how he responded to the plea of a father who feared for the life of his twelve-year-old daughter. We are also told how Jesus cured a woman who had been suffering for some length of time. God of life was watching over them both. Johann Sebastian Bach named one of his Preludes for the Organ, 'God's time is best' It's always is for all of us.

You might be suffering right now-burning with anger at someone who has hurt you, or you might be unable to forgive an old hurt, or a bit depressed. Have a conversation with the woman who had been in pain for twelve years, she is telling you to touch Jesus' cloak as she did. Imagine doing that. It's not magic but a meeting with Jesus asking for his help: touching God carries its own healing power. Prayer at times could feel like touching only the hem of Jesus' garment but it is authentic when like the woman, you tell the Lord 'the whole truth'. In ways that might surprise you, 'the truth sets you free' (John 8:32).

What strikes us about this reading is that Jesus is willing to help those who are in need. Jesus is sensitive to where people are and to what they need and is most practical in his concern for us. If you wish to dwell with Jesus being like this for you now, you might let him be tuned into where you are in a sensitive way. Equally, you allow yourself to be with him as one who is attuned to your needs and does not impose His desires on you.

The woman was at 'the point of death' her condition was getting worse but Jesus confronts human hopelessness. The needs of the sick and the faith of those concerned evoke a compassionate response from Jesus. He is tender to the two women, He calls one 'Daughter' and the other, 'Little girl' (meaning little lamb). In my need, I too can turn to him and find healing. That healing will focus my heart-my negativity, bad moods, hurtful responses, lies, the hardness. He is always trying to help me grow in love. Then I can in turn become a tender and healing presence to those around me.

Fr. Christopher

On Abortion

The Greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is a war against the child.

The mother doesn't learn to love but kills to solve her own problems.

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use any violence to get what they want.

St Teresa of Kolkata

27th - "We pray for our Government, that their willingness and ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"

**ON TUESDAY, 29 JUNE WE WILL CELEBRATE A FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL
MASSES AT 9.15am & 8pm**

MASS INTENTIONS

June 26th, 2021

6pm - Ints of Sick & House-bound

June 27th, 2021

9am—Pro Populo

11am— Krzysztof Miazek
RIP

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

Confession on Saturday between
5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

Every Saturday

from 5pm until 5.45

Spiritual
Communion

Jesus!

My God and my All
my soul longs for thee.

My heart yearns to
receive thee in

Holy Communion, come, O
Lord.

Bread of heaven and food of
angels to nourish my soul
heal my body and to rejoice
my heart

come most lovable friend of
my soul,

to inflame me with such love
that I may never again be
ever separated from thee.

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading—Wisdom 1:13-15: 2;23-24,
Psalm 29; 2, 4-6, 11-13, response v 2
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 8; 7, 9, 13-15;
Gospel - Mark 5; 21-43;

1st Reading— Ezekiel 2: 2-5,
Psalm 122; response v 2
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 12; 7-10;
Gospel - Mark 6; 1-6;

Faith in the Midst of Affliction

To speak of faith often involves speaking of painful testing, yet it is precisely in such testing that Saint Paul sees the most convincing proclamation of the Gospel, for it is in weakness and suffering that we discover God's power which triumphs over our weakness and suffering...., Christians know that suffering cannot be eliminated, yet it can have meaning and become an act of love and entrustment into the hands of God who does not abandon us; in this way, it can serve as a moment of growth in faith and love. By contemplating Christ's union with the Father even at the height of his sufferings on the cross, Christians learn to share in the same gaze of Jesus. Even death is illuminated and can be experienced as the ultimate call to faith, the ultimate *Leave your country* (Gn 12:1), the ultimate 'Come!' spoken by the Father, to whom we abandon ourselves in the confidence that he will keep us steadfast even in our final passage.

Nor does the light of faith make us forget the sufferings of this world. How many men and women of faith have found mediators of light in those who suffer! So it was with Saint Francis of Assisi and the leper, or with Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her poor...., In drawing near to the suffering, they were certainly not able to eliminate all their pain or to explain every evil. Faith is not a light that scatters all our darkness, but a lamp that guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey...

In Christ, God himself wishes to share this path with us and to offer us his gaze so that we might see the light within it. Christ is the one who, having endured suffering, *leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection* (He12:2). Suffering reminds us that faith's service to the common good is always one of hope- a hope which looks ever ahead in the knowledge that only from God, from the future which comes from the risen Jesus, can our society find solid and lasting foundations...Even

if our dwelling place here below is wasting away, we have an eternal dwelling place which God has already prepared in Christ, in his body.

Pope Francis

“Fear leads us to look at the difficulties, the awful problems and not to look at the Lord... How often we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns into him! How often we leave the Lord in a corner, at the bottom of the boat of life, to wake him only in a moment of need! To-day, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart. May the Virgin Mary, who in her life never stopped trusting in God, reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to him each day.”

Pope Francis

On Christian Perfection

There are three things which characterise the life of a Christian, action, speech, thought. The origin of every word is thought. After thinking comes speech, which reveals in words the idea which has conceived in the mind. After thought and speech in third place comes action, which realises the thought indeed. So, when in the course of life, we are brought to think, to speak, or to act, it is a good rule to keep a careful eye on those divine epithets by which the Lord is conceived or named, that our action, word or thought may never miss the implication of those lofty titles.

What then ought that man do who has been thought worthy to bear the great name of Christ? What else except to examine carefully in himself his thoughts and words and deeds to see whether they one and all tend towards Christ or are foreign to him. It is very easy to make such judgments. Any action thought or words that involves passion is out of harmony with Christ and bears the mark of the devil, who makes muddy the pearl of the soul with passions and mars the lustre of that precious jewel.

That which is pure of every inclination to passion tends towards the source of tranquillity, namely Christ. If a man draws from him his thoughts, as though drawing water from a spring which is pure and confined, he will reveal in himself the same likeness to his pattern as there is between two sorts of water, that which is in a gushing stream and that which is drawn from the spring and confined is a jar. Purity has only one nature, both that which is in Christ and that which is seen in the one who shares in him: Christ is like the spring which gushes out, the one who shares in Christ draws from him, as it were, and brings beauty of thought to his life. And so, there is a harmony between the hidden inner man and the outward appearance when decency of life is joined with thoughts which are inspired by Christ.

That, in my judgment, is the perfection of the Christian life, to share in all the titles used to describe Christ, in soul, in word, and in the habits of our daily life, so as to reveal the name of Christ.

St Gregory of Nyssa

YOUR HEART IS MY REPOSE

MEDETATION; At that moment, Jesus suddenly stood before me, coming I know not from where, radiant with unbelievable beauty, clothed in a white garment, with uplifted arms, and He spoke these words to me, My daughter, your heart is My repose; it is My delight. I find in it everything that is refused Me by so many souls (Diary, 339)

MY PRAYER RESPONSE; Lord Jesus, through the intercessions of St. Faustina, may my heart be a place of repose and delight to You! May You find in my heart everything You desire.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY?

Well, that's wonderful: congratulations on your coming marriage. We hope and pray you will have many happy years together.

The process for arranging a marriage is fairly straightforward – provided you start in the right place – which is with me. It doesn't matter where you intend to marry or who is going to conduct the service, the documentation starts with me.

But, please, contact me early in the process – don't go steaming ahead with all the other arrangements and contact the Church last of all.

Above all, be careful of so-called 'wedding planners'. Do not believe what they have to say about Church requirements; they frequently give misleading advice.

To start the process off, just send me an email or call the office to arrange a first appointment. During our meeting I will get to know your circumstances better and then be able to tell you what further information you need to supply and what else you need to do. I will tailor the process to your situation.

Fr Christopher

The London Jesuit Centre in central London is looking to appoint:

a Housekeeper (permanent, 35-hrs/week, £525/week;

responsible for leading a team of cleaners/housekeeping staff)

And a Receptionist (permanent, 6-hrs/day, 2.00-8.00pm, £390/week).

AREA BISHOP'S P.A. Bishop Nicholas, our Area Bishop, is looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to provide him with administrative and secretarial support. The hours of work are **17.5 hours per week** (4-5 weekdays, negotiable upon appointment); salary **£19.11 per hour**. Closing date: 1st July. The job description may be found at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/pa-to-auxiliary-bishop-archbishops-house/>

St Edmund's Church BBQ

THE EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. YOU CAN BUY A TICKET NOW.

Tickets now on sale after every Mass or from the office. Please, buy your ticket as soon as to help us to buy adequate amount of food.

£10 for an adult

£5 for OAP

Children under 16 - free

Thank you, BBQ Organizers

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Fr Christopher Silva

Parish Priest,

Mrs Katherine Woznicka

Parish Secretary

The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Those who might be in Need

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help. Thank you, Fr Christopher

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – **Next baptismal courses will be SEPTEMBER.** Please, drop an email to the office to reserve your space during the next course. Later we will need your email address to invite you to join the session. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH. If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: loose: £171.13 envelopes: £186.00 total: £357.13
Standing orders in May £2385.

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could send your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

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