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YEAR B

30 AUGUST 2015

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PAP

There is an old saying that the British Army marches on its stomach. My experience tells me that the source of life for our land forces is acronyms or as I used to call them TFLA's—three or four letter abbreviations. For example, no-one has a weapon these days—instead they have a GPMG which stands for general purpose machine gun etc.

Over the summer three couples have approached me about imminent weddings which they wanted to celebrate in the Catholic Church. This is wonderful news but they had each left it rather late to organise all the things that were necessary.

For a start, the Church should be given at least six months notice of a wedding because a whole heap of time-sensitive paperwork must be assembled. Recent certificates of Baptism and Confirmation are required and declarations of freedom to marry must be sworn. It is also a requirement that couples have proof of attendance at a Catholic Marriage Preparation Course so that they are fully prepared—these events don't happen every day and nor can priests drop everything and run one. Additional paperwork and permission from the Cardinal is required when the wedding is to take place outside of the Diocese of Westminster, and/or when one of the parties is not a baptised Roman Catholic, and/or when it is to be celebrated in a church other than a Catholic one.

As with the three cases this summer, we were approached when everything has been arranged down to the filling of the vol-au-vents. Rest assured that everything got done in time but it did cause the couples unnecessary anguish at a time that should be joyful.

Hence my new acronym for any of you thinking about marriage or when you hear about it in your family or among your friends if at least one of the parties involved is a Roman Catholic—PAP.

P: Proposal (Will you marry me?)

A: Acceptance (Yes.)

P: Priest (Go and see your parish priest **NOW** before you do anything else.)

Interestingly, this is especially important when the couple feel that their marriage cannot take place in the Church—in all sorts of seemingly impossible situations solutions may be available. This could also apply to the convalidation or "blessing" of marriages which took place elsewhere because of the same thought.

PAP. Our own TFLA. Remember it. Keep this newsletter. And carry on chaps. *Fr Kevin*

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am,
6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays: One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

Those who are sick: Robert Clare, Michael O'Callaghan, Josephine Nylon

Those who have died recently: Mary O'Sullivan, Paul Killeen, Marlene Maria Lenihan, Fr Raymond Legge, Fr Norman Wrigley

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Doran, Dorothy Bernard, Maria Margarida Lopes, James & Kathleen Murphy, James Henry, Jeremiah John Scanlon

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,600.84 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy. New rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy.

Tea/Welcomers Rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy. The tea rota will be bi-weekly and welcomers' rota weekly. If you would like to sign up its not too late. Please either give your details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677. Thank you.

The family of the late Robert Stewart wish to record their sincere gratitude to all those who offered help, sympathy and encouragement during their recent sad loss. God bless you all.

Irish Migrant Questionnaire. Niamh McHugh is a geography student at Loughborough University and is researching Irish migrants. Could you please take a moment to complete one of her questionnaires today to assist in her research. The questionnaires will be on the table at the back of the church. If you have any questions telephone Niamh on 01923 518 917.

Little Sisters of the Poor will be carrying out an appeal next weekend with a collection after all Masses. *The Little Sisters of the Poor* are a registered charity based in London, caring for the elderly. Sister Maria/Mary will speak after all Masses to explain more about their project. Your support is much appreciated.

Stitch Amazingly Sewing Workshop. Are you someone who would like to learn to be creative with fabrics and a sewing machine or are you even a budding fashion designer? Whether you'd like to explore and have fun with sewing within a small group of like-minded people, or are aiming to have your name in lights at *London Fashion Week*, why not take that first step and join *Stitch Amazingly's* sewing workshops at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Willesden Green. Places are limited. The starting date is Tuesday 8 September 2015, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you would like to know more, please contact Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564 or visit the website at info@glendaluke.co.uk Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 5-9 October 2015. Cost £500, which includes airport transfer and full board at the Agena Hotel, insurance, trips to San Pierre and Bartes. For full details please call John O'Sullivan on 020 8459 0279 or email osullivan7@virginmedia.com.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Mary O'Sullivan of Churchill Road will take place on Thursday 3 September at 11:00am followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium East Chapel at 12:30pm

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Blessing of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursday 3 September at 6:00pm at Corpus Christi Church, Covent Garden London WC2E 7NB. Bishop Alan Hopes, the bishop of East Anglia, is coming to celebrate Mass and to bless the new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady, Mgr John Armitage, Bishop Robert Byrne, Auxillary Bishop of Birmingham, and Bishop Michael Barber, Bishop of Oakland, California will also be present. There will be an opportunity for you to join the *Walsingham Association* that evening – and to be a part of a branch of the Association at Corpus Christi, no matter where you live. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World, Pat Gaffney (*Pax Christi*) explores making change happen for a better world on Saturday 12 September 2015, 10:30am—4:00pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts WD23 4EE. Telephone 020 8950 4000 or email bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk.

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by the Marian Fathers is organising *Divine Mercy Pilgrimage* to St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9PA on Saturday 12 September 2015, 11:00am—4:30pm and *Divine Mercy Retreat* at the Roman Catholic Church of St Sebastian and St Pancras, London NW9 0NG on Sunday 13 September 2015. Please see the posters at the back of the church.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School open evenings for admission in September 2016 for first form (year7) will take place on Thursday 17 and Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Sixth Form (year 12) open evening for all external applicants, Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 October 2015. Please visit the website at www.cvms.co.uk for full details or telephone the school on 020 7603 8478.

The Covent of Jesus and Mary Language College open evening is on 21 September 2015 at 3:30pm—6:30pm and open mornings from 29 September 2015—9 October 2015 at 9:30am and 11:00am. For further details please telephone the school on 020 8965 2986 or visit the website at www.cjmlc.co.uk.

Parish Diary

Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group meeting in the Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!