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CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

YEAR B

13 SEPTEMBER 2015

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Whole Truth

In a world where everything must be said in 140 characters or less before it disappears from our devices in 10 seconds, one of the “victims” of sound bites is Pope Francis. He has a lot to say but it is best heard in its fullness. We only have to look at the misreporting regarding the *Year of Mercy* and the content of *Laudato Si* to see that—for example all priests of this Diocese have long had the faculty to absolve people involved in the procurement of abortions, and the Pope’s encyclical letter is about the sanctity of creation and human life from conception to natural death not about tree-hugging.

So why not see the man in action and get the full story? Next year, *World Youth Day* in Krakow offers just that opportunity. *World Youth Day* is an incredible, life-changing experience. Nowhere else in the world is there an event where millions of young people, from every corner of the planet, come together to celebrate their faith. It’s an event that was started 30 years ago by Pope Saint John Paul II and has been a source for awakening something exciting deep within the hearts of many pilgrims who go—a desire to know the meaning of their lives, to know their purpose in life. Life is seen with new eyes, illuminated by the light of God’s love and truth revealed in the Church.

Travelling with the Diocese, a programme is on offer from Monday 18 July 2016—Sunday 31 July 2016. Option 1 is for ages 16 to 35 for two weeks, including the Mission Week (Days in the Diocese) in Łódź, which will involve praying and working with other young people from another country and sharing how we live out our faith in the modern world. This will be followed by the *World Youth Day* week in Krakow where there will be catechesis with young people from other English-speaking countries (and the USA), prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. This whole package costs £750. Option 2 is for ages 18 to 35 and includes only the *World Youth Day* week in Krakow and costs £675. Accommodation at both sites is in students’ halls of residence and while the price may seem prohibitive there is plenty of time for us to do some fund-raising to subsidise the fares. After all, who could put a price on this testimony from one of the participants in Rio de Janeiro—"I realised that although sometimes you can feel desperately alone in your faith as a young person, attacked by viscous secularism, you are not alone. There are millions of young people who share the faith. This was the encouragement I needed to continue on the journey of faith. I do not feel alone. I feel togetherness. And I feel alive". And it is fun from start to finish.

So think about it. Pray about it. And talk to your not-so-youthful parish priest about it, because believe it or not, he is allowed to go. You know it makes sense. *Fr Kevin*

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: Josephine Nylon, Rev George Halycia

Those who have died recently: John Guckian

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nancy Hickey, Joan Angland, Mrs Beverley, Fes-tus S. Yesufu, Patrick Coughlan

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,162.42 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

Readers' Rotas. New rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor appeal and collection last week raised £1,357.99. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Children Society Annual Collection will take place after all Masses, next weekend.

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.

Journey in Faith. Do you know anyone wishing to become a Catholic or just interested in finding out more about our faith? Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? Each year we have our *Journey in Faith* series of meetings to bring people into the Church, prepare them for the sacraments or just help them understand the faith more deeply. We hope to begin these meetings in September. If you are interested please give names/contact details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael. Alternatively you can telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Parish Newsletter. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Thursday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcome you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection, rosary, talk based on scripture, christian meditation, healing prayers, blessed adoration, reconciliation 5:00pm, and Mass 6:00pm on Saturday 19 September 2015 at 11:00am to 5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Nearest Tube Station: Piccadilly Circus exit 2. For further details please see the poster at the back of the church.

Question Time to the Pulpit on 22 September 2015 at 7:30pm at Austin Forum, Augustinian Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, W6 8AU. Topical debate in which catholic priests from the Westminster Diocese answers questions posed by members of the public at Austin Forum. This is your chance to ask any question to a panel of priests about Church teaching and aspects of the catholic faith. Questions can be submitted in advance of the event to claire@austin-forum.org or message via the Austin Forum Facebook page. The panel is composed of Fr Paul Graham O.S.A., Provincial of The Order of St Augustine and parish priest of St Monica's, Fr Richard Nesbitt, Director of Vocations for Westminster Diocese and parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima, and Fr Gianni Notarianni O.S.A., Director of Austin Forum and parish priest of St Augustine's.

Living the Joy of the Gospel, Sr Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver on Wednesday 23 September 2015, 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £6. Coffee/tea provided (available from 9:30am). For further details telephone 020 8950 4000 or email bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk.

Divine Mercy Day of Prayer of Intercession for the persecuted church, the peace of the Middle East and the whole world - invoking the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham takes place on Saturday 26 September 2015, 9:30am to 4:30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Mass at 10:30am. All are welcome for all or part of this Day of Prayer. The urgency of this present moment and the need for our prayer and fasting cannot be emphasised enough. Please email Antonia Moffat for details of the programme at antonia4161@gmail.com. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

The Friends of the Holy Land invite you to a regional gathering on Saturday 10 October from 10:30am to 4:00pm. The venue is Our Lady and St Anne Parish Centre, South View Avenue, Reading RG4 5AB. The day will include a 20 minute film and an update about the current situation in the Holy Land, and the activities of the Friends in Bethlehem and other areas. The event is free, lunch is included. For more information and to book please telephone on 01926 512 980 or email friendsoftheholylad@btconnect.com.

Fifth Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Booking forms are available for the fifth Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 3–11 November 2015. Price £1,495.00 per person sharing; £275.00 single supplement. Full board. For further details please contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173 or email: geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	5:00pm-6:00pm	Post—Confirmation Group for girls meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!