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DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 29th AUGUST 2010			
✘ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C) ✘			
Sun 29	Saturday	6.30pm	✘ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	9.30am	✘ Mass: Welfare of John Cottiss
		11.00am	✘ Mass: Catherine Long RIP
Mon 30	St Margaret Clitherow	10.00am	✘ Mass: Mary Mahoney RIP
Tue 31	Feria	9.45am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	✘ Mass: Mary Rowley
Wed 1st Sept.	Feria	9.00am	✘ Mass: Arthur Ryan RIP
Thu 2	Feria	7.00am	✘ Mass: Connor family
Fri 3	St Gregory the Great	9.45am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	✘ Mass: In Reparation for abortion
Sat 4	Our Lady	10.00am	✘ Mass: John Colman RIP
		10.30am	Confessions
✘ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C) ✘			
Sun 5	Saturday	6.30pm	✘ Vigil Mass: Dec'd members Lee family
	Sunday	9.30am	✘ Mass: Pro Populo
		11.00am	✘ Mass: Martin Folan
		4.00pm	Rosary and Benediction

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WORD OF GOD

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

(Luke 14:11)



WORD FOR TODAY

In trying to exercise the virtue of humility we are not engaging in false modesty. We are simply recognising that all our gifts and talents come ultimately from God and it is to God that we should give the credit. To be humble is to be proud – of God.

We conclude our helping of trivia for you to take a look at. All you have to do is decide whether they are true or false. (We still don't have all the answers.)

*In Christian theology there are nine choirs of angels. From highest to lowest, they are: seraphim, cherubim, sopranos, dominions, tenors, powers, principalities, archangels, and chorus.

*One of the holiest Christian holidays is named after a pagan goddess. The name "Easter" derives from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, who governed the vernal equinox.

*Sugar is never mentioned in the Bible.

*Almonds and pistachios are the only nuts mentioned in the Bible.

*Catholics have more books in their Bible than Protestants.

*Jesus' first miracle took place at a funeral.

*When a priest forgives sins it is called absolutism.

*A vestry is a type of undergarment worn by a bishop.

*The bowl in which a baby is baptised is called a font.

*The thick cushions used in some churches for people to kneel on are called cassocks.

*Chrism is another name for the ashes that some Christians put on their heads on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent.

*The Mormon Church was founded in 1147 in Pontefract, Yorkshire.

*The word Pentateuch refers to the first five books of the Bible.

*The three disciples who went around most with Jesus were Peter, James and John.

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



John Fleming, Albert Pullen, Shirley Pemble, Elis Butler, William O'Brien, Danuta Oweczko and John Westerman.

May their souls and the souls of all the ✘ faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



AROUND the PARISH

PAKISTAN The situation in Pakistan continues to worsen; even where families are able to return to their land they find all their homes and possessions gone. We cannot imagine ourselves in such a situation, and the Catholic Agencies are working hard to alleviate suffering and give aid wherever possible. Next weekend we will have a special collection for the victims of the floods and we would ask you to spare as much as you can to help.

The VISIT of POPE BENEDICT

Take with you a copy of the leaflet produced in conjunction with the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, and that of Scotland. It is intended to give as much background information as possible about the visit of the Holy Father to this country next month. For more information have a look at the Papal Website (www.thepapalvisit.org.uk) which has been especially created to promote, support and provide information about the Holy Father's visit. There will also be a Catholic internet radio station broadcasting throughout the papal visit (www.heartgivesuntoheart.co.uk).

♦ Thank you to those who have booked places at the Hyde Park event. If you have any enquiries about the arrangements and about possible vacancies please ring Ann Fillery on 577625.

PAPAL VISIT: SPECIAL PRAYER BOOK

The timetable for the Holy Father's visit is now published along with a publication from *Magnificat*

containing the liturgies and events of the Papal Visit. Please pick one of these booklets up from the table in the porch. They are beautifully produced and contain prayers and information on the life of Cardinal Newman as well as the liturgies themselves. They are free of charge to enable us all to follow the events, whether we intend to visit one of the venues, or follow the services on radio or television.

WANTED If anyone has a small table top refrigerator they no longer need, please could they contact the church office. It will need to be of a standard to pass electrical tests as it will be used in the sacristy.

COMING UP During the week we look forward once again to welcoming Fr Paul from India who will be here for the month of September.

AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

VACANCY St John Fisher School has a vacancy for a part time mid-day meals supervisor, required as soon as possible. Please see the notice on the schools notice board.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS' DAY 11th September from 10am to 2.30pm in the Amigo Hall (on the right hand side of the main door of St George's Cathedral). A day when CAFOD supporters can hear first-hand accounts of the work which is being done in Rwanda. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided but bring your own packed lunch. See the notice in the porch or email Southwark@cafod.org.uk.

MALTA DAY-UK Saturday 11th

September. An annual celebration organised every September by the Malta High Commission and the Maltese people in Great Britain. Please see the notice in the porch.

WALSINGHAM Dowry of Mary pilgrimage on Sunday 12th September. Please see the notice in the porch.

DAY of RENEWAL At Aylesford Priory, Saturday 25th September. Please see the notice in the porch.

DIOCESAN DAY of PRAYER Saturday 9th October in St George's Cathedral. A day of renewal starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4.45pm. See the notice on the board.

FAITH IN FOCUS: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

A woman spent 45 minutes in the queue for confession. As she was leaving the box she said to the priest, "Thank you, Father. With my sins forgiven I'm as pure as a newborn baby now." The priest said to her, "That's pride. Get back in the queue!" There's a lot of prejudice about pride and humility. Some people think that humility means soft-peddling on the truth. So even though they may have won the Nobel Prize for Saving the World there are some people who feel that it's somehow indecent to admit it. They should actually take pride in it. This approach to humility often means that people fail to use their talents because they don't want to be considered pushy. There are lots of parishes where excellent readers and musicians, organisers and volunteers, just remain quietly in their

seats because they are reticent about using the God-given talents that they have. And "God-given" is the operative phrase. For humility does not consist in being the shrinking violet in the room, or in acting like some unctuous Uriah Heap character, but in being proud to admit our qualities, but acknowledging where our gifts come from. So humility is a type of pride in God, because humility means using our gifts and talents, being the real people we are, while at the same time giving glory to the source of all good things: God. The actual word "humble" has nothing to do with "humble pie" (which is really "umble" or offal pie) but everything to do with "humus", that good rich soil in which seeds can be planted and produce a rich crop. If a person is humble then they are more susceptible to the action of God working through them. So a humble person is one who is likely to produce lasting fruit. A humble person is one who makes things grow, one who is grounded. Gloating in your own strengths leads to a fall; glorying in the gifts God has given you leads to praise. That's why Jesus tells us today that those who exalt themselves will be humbled but those who humble themselves will be exalted. And that's something to be proud of!

ATTENDANCE Last weekend 392 people attended Mass in our church; the collection amounted to **£494.76**.

♦ Next week there will be a second collection for the victims of the floods in Pakistan (see above).