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"He was amazed at their lack of faith"

Who are the people that we tend to ignore or pass by? Many of us find it difficult to deal with beggars. It is easier to pretend not to see them and pass by. Some people tend to ignore people in wheelchairs, especially if they have somebody wheeling them or standing by. The conversation takes place with the person assumed to be the carer; wheelchair occupants are often treated as people who cannot speak for themselves.

People who serve us in shops or get us tickets for transport or leisure activities, they too can somehow disappear off our radar as human beings. We only really notice them when they are inefficient or all too human in their responses, perhaps a little like ourselves. Then we may ignore those who are closest to us in the household. As the saying goes, "familiarity breeds contempt", and we can too easily take our nearest and dearest for granted, not really noticing who they are any more of what is concerning them.

There is an argument that we would become overloaded if we tried to take on board the full humanity of all the people we meet. Yet if we let go of that recognition of the other as an important human being equal and equally worthy of respect, we can lose sight of our own humanity. And if we lose sight of our own humanity, we lose sight of Christ. Jesus has just been consolidating the early days of his mission with miracles of healing. In each case the faith of the recipient has been highlighted. Now he returns to his own home town of Nazareth to find that he is not acknowledged in either his wisdom or his power to do miracles. The reason for the people's disbelief is that they know who he is, and they have known him since childhood, and all the members of his family. This knowledge creates a prejudice within them that cannot accept that Jesus may have an extraordinary message or powers. He himself is said to be amazed at their lack of faith.

We still find Jesus where we least expect to encounter him. The gift of faith enables us to stay open to this possibility. Our assumption may be that we will find him in our churches, in holy, devout and respectable people. That is where we tend to look for him; and if we become set in our ways, we forget that he appears in the very ordinariness of our humanity.

First Holy Communion Group Photo 2009 See youth notice board at the back of the Church, return orders to Kay.

Sick: Chris Fernando, Peter Flaherty, Mary Riordan, Heather Kneipp, Sam Ryan, Michael Kunicki, Grace O'Shea, John Hodgson, Pauline Thornton, Con O'Donoghue, Elmo Joseph, Linda Sherwin, Joseph Pragasam, Christopher & Katherine Browne, Jennifer & Tony Roch, Mary Brampton, Frank Moran, Rifit Chukta, Michael Kelly, Clive Johnson, Brendon Lynch, Noel Johns, Canon Pat Davies, Aarti Taylor, Thelma Camberbatch, Neville Higgins, Betty George, Carl Jurgenson, Michael Byrne, Bo Claeson, Michael Savage, Colette Thornborough, Andrew Rankin, Susan Morgan, Ann Brien, William Graham, Wilma Woodstock, Richard Cobb, Jenny Dancaster, Tony McGrath, Bob Smith, Bernie O'Shea, Al & Rowena Fernandes.

Recently Deceased: Jim Alleman.

Anniversaries: Frank Tagg, Margaret Burton, Constance Donnelly, Agnes Cunningham, Cyril Fernandez, Mavis Furnell, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher, Anne Hickey, Richard Rossington, Ann Attwood, Margaret Bladun.

Mass Times

Sunday 6pm (Saturday) 8.30, 10.00, 11.30am
Monday 10am - Feria (14th Week of Year 1)
Tuesday 10am - Feria
Wednesday 10am - Feria
Thursday 7.30pm - Feria
Friday 10am - Feria
Saturday 9.30am - St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Exposition & Benediction - Saturday 10 - 10.30am
Confessions Saturday 10 - 10.30am 5.15 - 5.45pm

Sacrament of Confirmation 2010 - Applications are welcome from anyone who is currently in school year 8 or above for Confirmation in Spring 2010. Please see Kay after Mass.

First Holy Communion/First Reconciliation 2010 - Parents of children currently in school year 2 or above are invited to collect an application form from Kay after Mass this weekend.

Year 7 Pupils are invited to attend a social event on Saturday, 11th July 4.30pm - 5.45pm. Invitations have been sent out - if you have not received one, see Kay after Mass.

Apostleship of the Sea - Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries where wages are lower. They work in difficult and often dangerous conditions, suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day. The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain which reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AOS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work. There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the work of AOS- please give as generously as you can.

Welcome to our Parish If you are new to the parish, or have been away for sometime, welcome to our community. Please introduce yourselves to Fr Kevin or Kay after Mass and ask for a parish registration form. If you are already registered, it would also be appreciated if you could let us know of any changes to your details eg change of address, so that our files can be updated.

Suggestion Box The Parish Council and Fr. Kevin welcome ideas which would benefit our Parish. The box is in the Church porch, next to the pigeon holes. All suggestions will be considered, although we can't promise to implement them all. You can also contact Fr. Kevin through the Parish Office if you prefer.

Are you going into hospital? If you are admitted to hospital, or know someone in hospital, it would be appreciated if you could inform one of the Parish Team. If you, or a relative or friend are admitted to Northwick Park, please ask for the RC Chaplain and phone the Hospital Chaplaincy giving the name and ward of the patient 8869 2112.

Sick List If you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list, it would be appreciated if you could let Mary know whether that person should be taken off, hopefully because they are now better.

Mass Intentions It would be helpful if parishioners could give at least one month's notice if they would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention.

Daily Reflection Leaflets of today's Gospel are in the Church porch.

Books from Alive Publishing Parishioners are invited to take a copy of the summer sale book available from Alive Publishing on the Papers Table.

Saturday Religious Education

Classes Registration forms are available after mass for September 2009. Children at non catholic schools, year 1 and above are welcome to attend.

Peter's Pence Thank you for your very generous response - £705.43 was donated. The proceeds from the appeal will be sent to Pope Benedict XV1 who gives donations to the various charities of his choice.

St Edmund Campion Relic in our Church The Knights of St. Columba will be welcoming into our parish a relic of St Edmund Campion, the London Saint, from Monday 6th July -

Wednesday 8th July. It will be displayed in our church on during morning Mass and until 12.30 pm on each of these days. Parishioners will have the opportunity to venerate the relic at these times and to read some information about the Saint. The Litany of the Martyrs of England & Wales will be read after Mass.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Pilgrimage to Walsingham Coach leaves on Tuesday, 7th July at **7a.m.** Please bring packed lunch. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Details from Bridie 8868 2253.

Churches Together in North Harrow The AGM is at 8pm on Tuesday, 14th July at Rayners Lane Baptist Church. This is an open meeting to welcome all members of the CTinNH Churches to review the activities of the year with an illustrated report and discuss future events. The Speaker is Rev. Colin Sedgwick (Baptist). See poster and Pilgrims Progress newsletter in the Church porch.

Domestic Abuse and the Church There is a growing awareness in society that many adults are victims of abuse within their family or other close relationships. In the life of the church we may encounter signs of domestic abuse, but it is difficult to be sure or to know what to do. To help meet these needs, a domestic abuse awareness day with practical advice is being held on Saturday, 11th July 10am - 3pm at St. Bede's Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke. Cost: free tea & coffee provided, bring a packed lunch. Information from

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Eileen Stephenson 01329 835583.

Endeavour Parish Magazine The June/July issue of Endeavour is available today and includes articles on our Allen Hall student, Marcos, those recently received in the Church and the installation of Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

Pilgrims Progress The July edition is now available with details of the CTinNH AGM and other local events.

Brightlights Festival for young adults (16-30) at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon, from 10th-12th July. Inspirational speakers, live bands, Mass, Reconciliation, workshops all in a great, relaxed, outdoor, festival atmosphere. Campers welcome. More information: www.brightlights.org.uk, 01727 829231 bookings@brightlights.org.uk. Weekend ticket £25.

Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to Taize, France 8th - 16th August

Join Bishop John Arnold and other young adults (18-30s) from around the Diocese on pilgrimage to this unique Christian Community. It will be a 'holiday' with a difference, an opportunity to meet other young adults from the diocese and around Europe and the world. A time for prayer, space & reflection, and spend time with the Taize brothers. Take time out in 'sunny' Central France. Price £220. Further details from Dave Burke 7798 9357, davidburke@rcdow.org.uk, www.taizepilgrimage.wordpress.com

SPEC Gap Year Opportunity SPEC is part of the Agency for Evangelisation and provides ministry to children and young people through residential and day programmes for schools and parishes. SPEC are recruiting for their volunteer team for 2009/10. If you are 18-25 and would be interested in being a volunteer, please see the notice on the youth board at the back of the Church.

Banneux ND Pilgrimage Join us on the Feast of the Assumption for a few days of peace and tranquillity among the pine trees at the Virgin of the Poor Shrine in Belgium 13th/18th August. Cost £380 fully inclusive of travel, hotel (full board), and insurance. For details phone Maria Hare on 01895 420753.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancy Assistant to Works Manager (1 year fixed term) to support Works Manager and the maintenance team for Westminster Cathedral complex. 9am-5pm (21 hpw, flexible, £16,500-£19,500p.a. neg. Closing date 10th July. Job description and application form www.rcdow.org.uk or phone Julie Dauncey 020 7798 9167.

Forthcoming Social Events

Parish Chess Club will be held between 1pm-3pm in the parish hall on Sundays 5th 12th and 19th July. All ages and abilities welcome.

The Passage Annual Garden Party Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in central London by attending their Annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Wednesday 22nd July from 5.30-8.30pm. Tickets £25 to include drinks, buffet supper and live music. Book in advance by calling 020 75921856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk. All proceeds in aid the The Passage.