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From the Ridiculous to the Sublime

Over the next six years Cristiano Ronaldo will earn £106 million at Real Madrid. Not long before this announcement, the Holy Father declared this year to be a year of prayer for priests. He has chosen 2009 because it marks the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Vianney (also known as the Curé of Ars) who lived a life of complete contrast to the young footballer from Madeira. Writing of this patron saint of parish priests, Pope John XXIII highlighted his life of poverty saying that his was "a life that was almost completely detached from the changeable, perishable goods of this world." The encyclical points out that Vianney said "My secret is easy ... give everything away and keep nothing for yourself" and that, "There are many people keeping their money hidden away while many others are dying of hunger." And Ronaldo will start on £9.5m a year and get an annual pay rise of 25%! (Don't tell the Bob Crowe and the RMT the last bit...)

The year of prayer for priests will begin on Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. Our Archbishop invites all of us to attend the 1730 Mass in the Cathedral to mark the opening of this year which the Pope hopes will help priests live their vocation and mission with joy and fervour. As Cardinal Hummes, Prefect of the Congregation for Clergy says, "The challenge is how to understand to be a priest in this new time, not to condemn the world but to save the world, like Jesus, who did not come to condemn the world." It is easy to be overwhelmed by a post-modern, relativistic, pluralistic and secularized culture, but with your prayers, your priests could be filled with the missionary joy of wanting to bring Christ to the people of our society.

Fr Kevin

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, Sean McCormack, Colette Thornborough, Andrew Rankin, Susan Morgan, Ann Brien, William Graham, Wilma Woodstock, Richard Cobb, Jenny Dancaster, Tony McGrath, Rosemary Cahill.

Recently Deceased - Mary Ahearne.

Anniversaries - Jim O'Shea, Michael Murphy, Linda Leon, Austin Hatton, James Burke, Kathleen Lucas, Yolanda Cobb, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Xavier Texeira, Aubrey Schokman.

Mass Times

Sunday 6pm (Saturday) 8.30, 10.00, 11.30am
Monday 10am - Feria (Eleventh Week of Year 1)
Tuesday 10am - Feria
Wednesday 10am - Feria
Thursday 7.30pm - Feria
Friday 10am - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7pm - Requiem Mass of Mrs. Mary Ahearne
 RIP
Saturday 9.30am - Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary
Exposition & Benediction - Saturday 10 - 10.30am
Confessions Saturday 10 - 10.30am 5.15 - 5.45pm

First Holy Communion 'Sending Out' Mass

Congratulations to our young people who will be gathered together for our final 'Sending Out' Mass this afternoon at 2pm followed by a Corpus Christi procession and Benediction at 2.45pm, to which all parishioners are invited.

A group photograph will be taken and there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Many thanks to the parents who have helped to prepare the children for First Holy Communion and the teachers and catechists who have devoted so much time. Thanks to the ladies who made the beautiful flower arrangements. Thanks also to our musicians who have made our celebrations so joyful.

Fr. Kevin/Kay O'Connor

Mrs. Mary Ahearne RIP - The Requiem of Mary (Bridie) Ahearne will take place on Friday, 19th June at 7pm. Burial will take place in Ireland. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to Bridie's family. May she rest in peace.

London Oratory Schola Concert 21st June at 6pm

The choristers of the London oratory Schola are coming to help us celebrate the Feast of St. John Fisher with a concert including works by Mozart, Beethoven and the Beatles! Join us for a glass of wine in the hall afterwards. Tickets £5 per adult, £3 concessions. Tickets on sale after Masses both this, and next, weekend and on the door.

Patronal Feast of St. John Fisher - 7.30pm Mass on Monday, 22nd June. Fr. Andrew Wadsworth will be preaching. He will shortly take up his new appointment at Executive Director at ICEL (International Congregation for English in the Liturgy) in Washington. To conclude the celebrations we will be having a 'bring and share' social in the Parish Hall afterwards. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food to share - it would be lovely to have a good variety of finger foods. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. It is hoped to see as many parishioners as possible attend the Mass and social afterwards. If you are able to help set up tables beforehand, please phone Mary Evans at the Parish House.

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. You can hand into the Parish Office. 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.

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.

Mission Today Parishioners are invited to take a copy of the APF/Mill Hill Missionary booklet, 'Mission Today' which is available on the Papers table at the back of the Church.

Welcome Ministry Rotas starting **this weekend** are available for collection in the pigeon holes in the Church porch. Do please collect your relevant rota **this weekend**.

Readers & Special Ministers of the Eucharist Rotas starting **this weekend** are available in the Church porch. Do please pick up your relevant rota **this weekend**.

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. Everybody is welcome to come at any of these times.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th June starting at 7.45pm with the Rosary, followed by a quiz evening. All very welcome to attend.

Youth Mass The next Youth Mass will be on Sunday, 28th June at 10am, with rehearsal on **Thursday, 25th June** at 7pm in the small hall. Anyone who wants to play or sing and cannot attend the rehearsal should contact Jan on 8429 0954 and music will be delivered to you in advance. Further rehearsal at 9am sharp on Sunday morning.

Constable & Keats at Hampstead

A walk organised by the Parish Women's Group Sean Boyle will be leading a 2 hour stroll around Hampstead on Thursday, 18th June, ending with refreshments. Meet at North Harrow Station at 6pm or at Hampstead Station at 7pm. Cost is £5 (payable on the night) and there is no need to book in advance. All women in the parish, and friends, are welcome. More information from Katie on 8427 8925.

Parish Coffee Morning Next weekend after both the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Please come along and enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea (Fairtrade) or chocolate, cakes and biscuits. There is also a small selection of cold drinks and crisps. Meet up with friends for a chat, relax and enjoy some free time on a Sunday morning. We hope that more families will come to the new earlier session. There is also a raffle - you could win a bottle of wine, chocolates or other prizes. All profits go to charity.

Meet the Parish Council If you are interested in what the Parish Council does, why not come to the next parish coffee morning in the small hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses on 21st June. Members of the Parish Council will be there for to answer any questions you may have. Coffee, tea and home made cakes will be served as usual.

Traidcraft Stall will be open next weekend in the Church porch after both 6pm Mass on Saturday and 8.30am Mass on Sunday. It will then be in the parish hall during the coffee mornings after 10am and 11.30am Masses.

Catechists' Summer Conference

2009 The Agency for Evangelisation invites you to ***The Christ we proclaim***, a lecture on Friday, 3rd July 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Vaughan House, London SW1P (£5) or a lecture and workshops all day on Saturday, 4th July 10am - 4.30pm at All Saints Pastoral Centre, London Colney (£15 incl. lunch, tea & coffee). Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside at the opening liturgy on Saturday morning, which will also give him an opportunity to meet the catechists of the diocese. Main Speaker is Fr. John Deehan. To book a place please phone 020 7798 9150 catad-min@rcdow.org.uk

'From Education to Psychotherapy -

A Vocational Journey' An evening with Sr. Gabriel Robin CSA for young adults aged 18-38 searching for meaning in their lives, Friday, 26th June at 7.30pm in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral. Details: 01277 373838 or www.free2become.org.

Westminster Justice and Peace

Commission - 2 part-time vacancies

Communications & Administration Officer to support development of justice and peace issues. 15 hrs/pw.

Refugee/Migrant English Classes

Development Worker to build on our efforts to bring English speakers and newcomers together through informal language lessons in parishes. 21 hrs/pw. Salaries £10-£11 per hour (neg) Closing date 29th June. For full job descriptions and application packs please contact julieduancey@rcdow.org.uk

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

Vacancies - Tutors part time in the Activities Centre which offers over 20 courses to adults with person-centred planning at the core, in Ceramics/Photo-Journalism/Computers and Lifestyle.

Outreach Co-ordinators(2) East London & Central London working with families who embrace a person, of any age, with learning difficulties.

Closing dates for above 24th June.

For more information/application packs phone 8202 3999 www.stjoseph.org.uk

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, the installation of Archbishop Vincent Nichols, and various other articles of interest.

St. John Bosco Children's Camp The St. Vincent de Paul Society invite children to enjoy a week of excitement and fun at their summer camp during July and August. Further information from Tony McWilliams on 8868 3205. Closing date for booking 1st July.

Forthcoming Social Events

Barn Dance Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Young and not so young welcome. Admission: adults £5, children £1 to include a snack. For reservations contact Stephen (8863 1737) stephen.pal12@virgin.net or Eric (8861 6458).