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“And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it”

A sound you hear in the Filipino jungle is the whine of the chainsaw. Illegal cutting down of trees by rich lumber companies is a major industry. One morning in October 1991 a young priest, Fr. Nery Satur, was driving his motorbike down a jungle road on the island of Mindanao when he was picked off by a sniper and killed. It was an act of revenge, and a warning, too. In church Fr. Nery had denounced the tree-cutters. Bare hillsides meant soil erosion, he said: the soil clogged the rivers, the rivers overflowed and his parishioners were drowned. The rivers carried the silt down to the ocean and killed the fish, and deprived poor fisherfolk of their living. All this, he said, was against the law of God.

On new of his murder, his bishop, Bishop Rosales, hastened to the scene of the shooting. Then he hit the national headlines. He publicly condemned the big business interests a which had treated human life so lightly and so cruelly. He closed own every church in his diocese on the following Sunday. “There will be only one Mass” he said, “it will be at the cathedral: it will be the funeral Mass of this heroic young priest.”

That bishop, a few years later, was made an archbishop, and was called to Rome on the feast of St. peter and St. Paul to receive his pallium. (a woollen mini-scarf which denotes a bishop-in-charge-of-other-bishops). The pallium had been laid overnight on St. Peter’s tomb, and was conferred by the Pope himself. At that moment, was Archbishop Rosales thinking of young Fr. Nery, murdered in the jungle for preaching the Gospel?

This story illustrates today’s scripture that the Catholic Church is a blend of Peter and Paul. Peter stands for the teaching, coordinating and governing that is undertaken by the Pope and also by our local bishop. Paul stands for the adventurous and missionary spreading of the Gospel, finding the words that suit the local circumstances, taking the risks, applying the Church’s age-old teaching to the particular scene.

The Holy Spirit was with young Fr. Nery when, in the name of justice, he publicly blamed the rich loggers, and the following morning paid the price on that dirt road through the trees. And he was equally with Archbishop Rosales years later in the sunshine of St. Peter’s Square when the Holy Father put the pallium round his neck. It is the same Holy Spirit who invites all of us, priests and people, to live our life in the Church and be proud of her and loyal to her. And it is the same Holy Spirit who gives us the certainty that the Lord will rescue us from all evil attempts against us, and bring us safely to his heavenly kingdom.

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, Bob Smith, Bernie O’Shea, Al & Rowena Fernandes, Jim Alleman.
Anniversaries - John Dellamura, Annie Fernandes, Bernard Harris, Julie Goulding, Sean Rynne, John O’Mahony, Muriel O’Connor, Mary Malone, Maria Kowalewicz, John Rossington, Annaie Schokman.

Mass Times
Sunday 6pm (Saturday) 8.30, 10.00, 11.30am
Monday 10am - Feria (Thirteenth Week of Year 1)
Tuesday 10am - Feria
Wednesday 10am - Dedication of the Cathedral
Thursday 7.30pm - Feria
Friday 10am - St. Thomas - Apostle
Saturday 9.30am - Feria
Exposition & Benediction - Saturday 10 - 10.30am
Confessions Saturday 10 - 10.30am 5.15 - 5.45pm

Peter’s Pence There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for Peter’s Pence. The proceeds from the appeal are sent to Pope Benedict XV1 who gives donations to the various charities of his choice.

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 this weekend.

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

School 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.

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

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.

Suggestion Box The Parish Council and Fr. Kevin welcome your 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.

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st July starting at 7.45pm with the Rosary. We will then have a speaker talking about Child Protection.

Conservation and Use of Community Space

A Rocha is a Christian organisation concerned with caring for creation and transforming communities through local conservation projects. Churches Together here in North Harrow are organising an event with A Rocha for 6th October. If any-

one would like to be part of this, there is a meeting at 8pm on 30th June at Elmfield Church. The secretary for the group is Jenny Briggs briggs42@btinternet.com

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

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. Book now for special £25 weekend ticket.

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.

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. See details on youth board at the back of the Church or phone Tony McWilliams on 8868 3205. Closing date for booking 1st July.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single practising Catholics meet up, either one to one or through social events. For more information phone 0161 941 3498, visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Fitzaid 2009 Charity sponsored bike ride and Pilgrimage to Cathedral towns in the Northern France 8th - 16th June. See cathedrals, towns and major sights e.g. the Bayeux Tapes, visit the Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, raise money for food, medical

and other supplies needed by children and poor communities in Peru. Registration pack or more information from Gianni Palermo 020 7636 2744 or Michael Wolinski 020 7724 7074.

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.

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.

House to Rent in French Pyrenees. Comfortable accommodation to rent with all facilities, sleeps from 6 to 16 people. Based in Bareges, regular bus service to Lourdes. Situated close to shops, restaurants and mountain walks. For more information contact Marie Leaney on +44(0)1509 214 626 or visit www.baregesapartments.com.

Forthcoming Social Events

Parish Chess Club will be held on the following Sundays between 1pm-3pm in the parish hall. Sundays 28th June, 5th 12th and 19th July. All ages and abilities welcome.