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6TH FEBRUARY 2022

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Daniel writes:

There is the general perception that one of the first things Jesus did in his public ministry was to call his apostles. The understanding, therefore, is that the apostles did not know much about Jesus when they were called.

In Luke's gospel, however, there is a small nuance. Jesus did perform a significant number of miracles before calling his first apostles. In the Gospel passage we heard last Sunday Jesus visited his hometown, and people initially welcomed him because of the things he had done in Capernaum (Lk 4:23).

Strangely enough, Luke does not say what exactly happened in Capernaum, so chances are that he had a lapsus in his story line – but let's keep that between you and me. After his visit to Nazara, he goes (again) to Capernaum, where, among other things, he heals the mother-in-law of Peter (Lk 4: 38-39). But he heals many others too, so many, in fact, that the following day the whole town is looking for him (Lk 4: 40-44).

This Sunday however, after all the things Jesus had already done, we find him preaching to a great multitude, while Peter is somewhere in the background cleaning his nets. Maybe he wasn't impressed with the healing of his mother-in-law, but what about all the other healings and exorcisms Jesus had performed in his presence? How come Peter looks so cold, distant and uninterested in Jesus's presence?

Bearing in mind that Luke is the only one who presents the events in this order, we must assume that he was making a point. And my theory (and not only mine) is this: Peter had not experienced that Jesus was there for him yet. Surely, everyone was benefitting from the miracles of Jesus, but really and truly Peter had not benefited yet. That is why Jesus's presence meant so little to him, and why he was more interested in cleaning the nets and in entertaining his own thoughts, exhausted and frustrated after a long night, because despite his expertise and many efforts, they had caught nothing.

But Jesus noticed that they had caught nothing, and he noticed that Peter is frustrated and exhausted. So Jesus asks him, to put out into the deep waters. There were other fishermen with him, at least another three, but this time he asks Peter because Jesus wants Peter to realise that he was there for him too. It was enough for Peter to see his nets full of fish, to understand that he had been wrong all this time. Now he knows that Jesus loves him too. Now he knows God had eyes for him too.

But there is more, because oddly enough, now that they have the greatest catch of fish of their entire career, they leave everything. And in that way Luke was leaving another message for us. That miracles are only instruments. Peter did not really need the fish, just like we don't need a lot of the things we want. Peter only needed one thing: a proof that God loved him.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 5/2 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	John Colgan Deceased Friends of Nora O'Brien	ANN RIP
Sun 6/2 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	5 TH SUNDAY IN OT Gunnerysbury	Bridget Meikle, Bridget Noonan, Kitty McLean and Joe Johnson Mary O'Brien – Birthday People of the Parish Concepcion de la Cruz Roseann Fernandez Margaret Foley	ANN INT INT RD ANN ANN
Mon 7/2 10.00am 11.00am	Feria	Louise Suruim Funeral of Patrick Hogan	ANN RIP
Tue 8/2 10.00am	Feria	Moya O'Sullivan	RD
Wed 9/2 10.00am 6.00pm	Feria Comboni Convent	Paul Morris Lucie Alleaune	RD RD
Thur 10/2 10.00am	ST SCHOLASTICA	Holy Souls	RIP
Fri 11/2 10.00am 1.45pm 6.00pm	Feria PIME Convent	Margaret & Bat Fitzgerald Funeral of Michael Hayes Alexander Paszkowski	ANN RIP RD
Sat 12/2 10.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Feria Grove Park	Kay Gleeson Baptism Doctor Ian Sparling Kanan, Najibi & Sfeir Families	INT ANN RIP

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Mick Hayes, Joseph Martial, Patrick Hogan, Philip Romain, Ena Mulhall, Eulalie Raymond, Moya O'Sullivan, Aishling Murphy, Josephine Mortlock, Aline Souza Alves Colpani, Thomas (Tommy) McCarthy, Rita Gregory. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: John Colgan, James Murphy, Catherine Hynan, Bridget Meikle, Bridget Noonan, Kitty McLean, Joe Johnson, Roseann Fernandez, Margaret Foley, Louise Suruim, Margaret & Bat Fitzgerald, Doctor Ian Sparling, Mary O'Keefe, Margaret Fudge and Nell Sims. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.135:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 6: 1-8**

Psalm: **137: 1-5, 7-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

Gospel: **Luke 5: 1-11**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.139:

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 17: 5-8**

Psalm: **1:1-4, 6**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20**

Gospel: **Luke 6: 17, 20-26**

COVID SAFETY IN CHURCH:

- FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED, not legally required.
- HAND SANITIZER / HAND-WASHING
- GET BOOSTERED / VACCINATED
- LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE MASS is recommended
- ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID/FLU, please stay home!

COMBONI SISTERS 150th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION – 2022 is the Sisters' sesquicentenary being founded in Verona in 1872 for mission in Africa. They are celebrating internationally whilst also raising the profile of the current need for the continuation and development of the missionary imperative they have lived so generously over 150 years. Various celebratory events are planned for London and Chiswick including a Mass and Reception on a Thames cruiser emulating the journey of the first Sisters accompanied by the then Fr Daniel Comboni up the River Nile to the interior of Africa. Firstly, however, **the jubilee year will be launched in the parish this Sunday 6th Feb when we will hear a word from one of the Sisters after all Masses.** The Comboni magazine will be distributed afterwards. A 150th Birthday Fund will also be established so that over this year contributions can be made to assist the Sisters in their projects.

FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - we will have our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food which may be brought and left in the box at the back of the Church. There will be a cash collection after all Masses today.

HOLY WATER AND SIGN OF PEACE RETURN – The Bishops' Conference have issued new guidance for churches which have been agreed with Public Health officials and current regulations for England. Holy Water has returned to the Holy Water stoups and the tactile Sign of Peace may be restored. The scientific consensus is that the main viral transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol, and thus facemasks in churches are still beneficial.

LAST WEEKEND OF CRIB OFFERINGS AGAIN! – The crib was due to come down last week but the help needed for the job is now coming on Tues 8th Feb and thus we have a second 'last weekend' of the crib! We therefore have another weekend of Crib Offerings to go to the Westminster Catholic Children's Society to help disadvantaged children and families locally if anyone wishes to contribute before the crib finally does disappear. Offerings both for candles at the crib and for the charity can be made in the 'Crib Offerings' marked candle safes beside the crib.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 7th Feb. Contact John O'Brien:07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

ALLEN HALL SEMINARY MAGAZINE – the latest edition is available at the back of the church, please take a copy.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE – available at the back of the Church, price £5.00. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'Papers'.

A DAY WITH MARY – This takes place on Sat 19th February at Holy Apostles Church, Winchester Street, SW1V,9.45am-5.30pm.

VOLUNTEER for CAFOD - We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: In the parish, highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty. In local schools – delivering assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application. If you'd like to know more, please contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk

PARISH FUNERALS:

Very sadly, many parish families are suffering the death of a loved one at this time; friends and neighbours are enquiring about funeral arrangements. Let us spiritually accompany the deceased and the bereaved with our prayers, participating in the Lord's assistance - *"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted"* (Mt 5:5).

Patrick Hogan - 7th Feb 11.00am Requiem Mass
Mick Hayes - 11th Feb 1.45pm Requiem Mass
Philip Romain - 15th Feb 12.00 Noon Requiem Mass
Joseph Martial - 18th Feb 11.30am, Requiem Mass
Josephine Mortlock - 7th March, 12.00 Noon Requiem Mass
Eulalie Raymond - 8th March 12.30pm, Requiem Mass

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB – meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. A friendly group who play duplicate bridge and usually finish around 10.00pm. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL JOB VACANCY - Sacred Heart are looking to appoint an experienced Administrative Assistant for our busy Student Services Centre. The closing date is noon 7th February. Please see TES for further information. [Administrative Assistant, London - Tes Jobs](#)

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL: GOLDEN TICKET FOR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. If you have a son in Years 2 or 3 who loves to sing then the world's greatest Catholic Choir would be delighted to hear from you. Every year six boys enter Year 4 as new choristers and all receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries where necessary providing education at a top independent school as well as the opportunity to sing and tour in a world famous choir. Fr Michael has four such 'Golden Tickets' if interested or also find out more at www.choirschool.com

GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS READY FOR THE SPRING? A NEW Garden Enterprise at Caritas St Joseph's Centre facilitates the employment of young adults with learning disabilities by engaging them in all aspects of garden maintenance. In addition, the Garden Enterprise can provide garden design services, and supply garden furniture made out of recycled wood by adults with learning disabilities. To discuss your garden maintenance and design requirements, please contact Gail Williams, the Centre Manager, gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

RETRouvaille - Covid 19 - a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing **3rd to 6th March 2022** call or text +44 788 729 6983. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org or visit www.retrouvaille.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS : Weds Feb 16th meet 6pm at The Monument, Fish Street Hill, EC2R 8AH. Nearest tube: MONUMENT. We'll learn about the Great Fire and walk along the river to the Tower of London. **Fri Feb 18th** meet 3pm steps of St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. We'll walk to Smithfield and then down Fleet Street to St Bride's church, with its crypt telling the story of Roman and Saxon London. **Sun Feb 20th** Meet 3pm main gate, St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Nearest tube: Strawberry Hill. We'll discover the story of St Mary's and walk along the river to Richmond. The walks are led by Joanna Bogle, historian and author. No need to book, just turn up! Suggested donation £5.00. Children accompanied by an adult with responsibility for them. Each Walk lasts 1-2 hours, Wear suitable clothing and shoes We walk whatever the weather! Contact us on catholichistorywalks@gmail.com

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The **Tuesday morning** post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and the **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome! Please note there is **NO** coffee morning on Friday 18th February in the Parish Centre.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ONLY CHRISTMAS CARDS – Please drop your religious cards through the Priests' House letterbox or hand them in to the Parish Office. Either the whole of the card or just the picture half can be given in and then they can be turned into the prayer cards used on the next Christmas Tree, through the kind labours of volunteers.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£4703.01
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£251.98

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