

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 12th October – Sunday 18th October 2020

**Monday** 10:00am Mary Ogle R.I.P  
**Tuesday** 10:00am Fr David Rea R.I.P  
**Wednesday** 7:00pm Intention of Grace  
**Thursday** 10:00am Martin Russell R.I.P  
**Friday** 10:00am Pat Moriarity R.I.P  
**Saturday** 6:00pm Peace in the World  
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Sunday** 8:30am People of the Parish  
10:00am Food for All  
12 noon Intention of Dan Ho

## Fr Jack

*Another familiar parable.*

Let us just take a few simple lessons from today's gospel.

How you dress coming to church is not important, you may say, Christ is more interested in the spirit in which you come. True. "But the dress often proclaimeth the person."

Church going must never be a fashion parade.

But there is a garment of the mind and of the heart and of the soul – the garment of expectation, the garment of humble penitence, the garment of faith, the garment of reverence – and these are the garments of which we ought to approach God. It is too often the case we go to God's house with no preparation at all; if every man, woman in our congregation came to church prepared for worship, after a little prayer, a little thought, and a little self-examination, then worship would be worship indeed – the worship in which and through which, things happen to people's souls and in the life of the church and in the affairs of the world.

*People prefer moralistic religion to mystical spirituality.*

**Prepare your mass..... Read the readings.**

## WE ARE BACK..

We need to get our church rota of cleaners up and running again. Just one or two people kept the place clean for the last 8 months. Many thanks.

Please, your help will be appreciated:

1st Saturday of the month.....Hawa Campbell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.....African Community  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.....Filipino Community  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.....Marcelina Maloney

## Learn this by heart and use in relation to yourself:

My soul magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;  
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;  
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name;  
And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.  
He has shown might with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has given help to Israel, his servant,  
mindful of His mercy  
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

## Help Protect Unborn Babies

A cross-party group of MPs have proposed an amendment to the Abortion Bill. This will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot should not be grounds for abortion in the UK. If you can, please help by visiting [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

## THE POPE'S NEW ENCYCLICAL

A wonderful work from the Pope and well worth spending time with: [a call to our better selves](#)  
You can download it, or if you wish, order a copy from CTS. *Essential reading for any Catholic.*

It is a reminder that simple virtues like love, compassion, kindness and openness to the stranger are essential ingredients to the healing of our common woes.

## FORMS FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR 2021 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM FR. JACK

FOR SALE.

Light oak book shelves 4 foot by 6 foot tall,  
in perfect condition, £50 ono. See Fr Jack.