

20 January 2008 – Second Sunday of the Year

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May that peace that Jesus gives be in our hearts and may we have the courage and generosity to share it with others.

Education Sunday: Today we are reminded of the great work done by all who educate our young – parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, catechists, youth leaders and so many others who teach, help and influence the young in our families, Church and society. Jesus commanded his disciples to ‘*Go and teach all Nations*’.

Praying and working for Christian Unity, peacemaking and education are all essential dimensions of the work of the Church. May our reflection on these be a reminder to us all that being a Christian carries responsibility for the good and welfare of all society and the whole world. May we be inspired this week by these words from St Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians: ‘*We appeal to you brothers and sisters; be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient to all. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*’.

Fr Matt Blake, Prior

150th Anniversary of Apparitions in Lourdes

To mark this very special anniversary Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor will celebrate a special Mass for the sick on Saturday 16 February at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass.

Parish Mass for Sick and Elderly

We will have our own Mass for the sick and elderly on Saturday 9 February at 12.15pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during this Mass. Please encourage all who are sick and/or elderly to come to this Mass.

Feast of Santo Niño

The Santo Niño Group of the Carmelite Church, Kensington, invites you to a Concelebrated Mass in celebration of the **Feast of the Santo Niño** (Divine Infant of Prague) on **Sunday next 27 January at 2pm** in this Church. There will be a reception in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

Today is Education Sunday. There will be a special collection after all Masses for the **Catholic Education Services**.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From 18-25 January we celebrate the **100th anniversary of the week of Christian Unity**. We ask you to pray especially for Christian unity during this week. Our Church will be hosting a special event of prayer and celebration on Thursday next 24 January at 7.00pm. I hope as many people as possible can come to support this event and to welcome the members of the other Christian Churches in Kensington who will be joining us. It promises to be a very prayerful and inspiring evening, and our choir, led by our organist Bruce Ogston, are preparing a very special musical treat.

Talks on the Gospel of St Matthew

This year almost all our Sunday Gospel Readings are from the Gospel according to **St Matthew**. There will be two talks introducing this Gospel on the following dates:

Tuesday 5 February and Tuesday 12 February

Time: 7.30-9.00pm. These talks will be led by Fr Matt.

There will be two further talks in March led by Fr Iain, dates and theme to be announced later.

Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill

On Wednesday next 23 January at 8.00pm you are invited to a one-hour meeting at the Priory, chaired by Fr Iain, on the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill. The point of the meeting is to become aware of the implications of the Bill. iainmatthew@yahoo.com Tel: 07776 457 392

Parents’ Meeting

On Sunday 10 February, after the 10 o’clock Mass, we are having a **Parents’ Meeting** for all those who have children presently enrolled in pre-Communion, post-Communion, First Communion and pre-Confirmation classes. It is an overview of our Religious Education Programme being carried out in our Church. It will be hosted by Fr Iain and will take place downstairs in the Parish Centre whilst the children are in class. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits, and parents can collect the children from class afterwards.

On Thursday next 24 January there will be a Funeral Mass at 12.15pm for **Estelle Barnes R.I.P.**