

COMMUNICATION GAPS by Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa.



With advancement in medicine and technology people live longer. We now have various forms of entertainment and to some extent suffering and poverty are minimized. It has however brought some disadvantages. Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical “Charity in Truth” says, “One of the deepest forms of poverty a person can experience is isolation. If we look closely at other kinds of poverty

including material forms, we see that they are born from isolation...”.

In our modern and affluent society there is profound loneliness, alienation, absence, and communication gaps. Some children work and live far away from home and seldom see their parents. And at home the computer, computer games and television often take the centre stage. It is sometimes difficult to share meals together as a family. Consequently some people crave for the presence and loving care of their relatives or at least of a person close by. Those who work for the elderly often hear “My children do not come to visit me.” It is heart-breaking!

Christianity offers us a wonderful consolation that God is close by and is present in Jesus – ‘Emmanuel’. Jesus is always present in his church. ‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,...’. Mt. 18:20. We encounter him in Scripture and we receive him in the Eucharist. By his mysterious presence in the Eucharist, Jesus wants to remain with us as a friend and he wants to heal the wounds caused by alienation and absence. Whenever we feel lonely or have been disappointed on the human level we should turn to Jesus in faith.

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

- Sat** 5.30 pm Vigil Mass
Sun 8.00 am
9.30 am Family Mass
11.15 am Sung Mass
5.45 pm Youth Mass 1st Sun

ROSARY INTENTION For all in the parish on holiday, at home or away, that God’s peace may descend on them bringing the power of his love into their lives.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts God can do all things.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Weekday Masses

- Mon, Tues, Thurs.:** 7.30 & 10.00 am
Wed: 7.30 am, 12.30 pm,
Fri: 7.30, 10.00 am & 7.30 pm
Sat: 8.00 and 10.00 am

Reconciliation

- Sat** 10.30-11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm.
Also by appointment.

**20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C PSALTER WEEK 4**

Parish Mass Book

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 20th 20th Sunday Yr A PS Wk 4

OUTREACH - No 1 Showfields is a community centre serving the residents of Showfields and Ramslye since 1995. It was established to improve the life of residents from the two communities through various projects. The Community Centre offers a pre-school, cafe and library, and a variety of weekly clubs and groups for all ages. For more information visit the Number One Community Centre website

MONDAY 21st

12.15 pm Ladies' Lunch & Prayer Group - has now been cancelled.

TUESDAY 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY 24th St Bartholomew

SUNDAY 27th 21st Sunday Yr A Ps Wk1

OUTREACH Winter Shelter - Tunbridge Wells Churches' Winter Shelter provides a warm bed, nutritious food, friendship, care and lots of assistance with finding accommodation for up to 12 rough sleepers. It will be open for nine weeks. As well as needing volunteers while it is open, it also needs generous financing.

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Ladies' Lunch & Prayer group
12.15 pm Monday 21st August 2017

This meeting has been cancelled

Centre for Catholic Formation
Diocesan Day for Catechists
Saturday 23 September 2017

For all catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Workshop booking forms will be sent to parishes in the very first week in September. Please visit the brand-new website, same address: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk. The CCF would also be grateful if people would consider liking their Facebook page for updates and the latest news.

The Catenians Rosary Group
Following on from their work dispatching Rosaries to the Missions in Australia and Africa they are now concentrating on providing **plastic** Rosaries to prisons. Rosaries can be sent to: Michael Blackburn
164 Green Park Road, Halifax HX3
0SP. 01422 352559 or
Michael@jjbr.co.uk

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