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15th Sunday of the year

11 July 2010

1st reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses encourages the people to observe the commandments and laws of God by assuring them that the Word of God is within them.

2nd reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Paul uses a liturgical hymn to proclaim that in Christ everything is created and continues to be sustained.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Unselfish and unlimited love shown to one in need is the mark of true discipleship and the key to eternal life.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Sanctus: 428 Acclamation: 434 Agnus Dei: 453

Logic, insight, method

"Where God meets man you get mystery" (Bishop Grant). Where you get mystery there are things clearly grasped and things which lie beyond – and some of these may come clearer in the course of time. The mind presses to grasp something more clearly and insights come. Some are silly ideas and some prove themselves wrong in the course of time. So someone said all creation is God's gift and so it is all grace. It got clarified that grace is "supernatural". Someone said well "speculative error is not the same as heresy". The heretic is so sure he can no longer learn from the Church.

Logic is a matter of deduction. You have a starting principle. "All sacraments confer grace". The question comes, "do they all confer it in the same way?" If not how do I work out the differences?

Method is the answer to the question, "how do I work something out?" Different sorts of question require different sorts of methodology. So a scientific question might lead to a hypothesis leading to an experiment leading to verification. But a historical question requires a different method – for example reading all the relevant papers you can get your hands on: the purpose is to reconstruct what was going on at some moment in the past. Some questions seem beyond one: how should we deal with the debt crisis? What method should one adopt? Perhaps asking what other people think and sorting out questions which arise when positions contradict each other is a start. Where we are not expert we have to rely on the expertise of others. When one thinks of it, life is full of questions and how well we live depends on how we find answers to them. How do I find a job, a spouse, should I go to the doctor?

When it comes to a religious question maybe one needs to find a way to read one's own heart. Am I growing closer to the Lord in the way of loving him with all my heart, my strength, my mind? Or am I growing "neither hot nor cold" in my religious state? Am I becoming more capable of just drifting off? How do I reflect on my own conversion? It has occurred to me that frequency of prayer has something to do with the constant sense of devotion rather as if you puff a fire it tends to blaze up?

Is my sense of devotion marked by joy? Is it a useful way forward to ask how I experience joy in my life? Could it be increased? Could one ask the same question of each of the fruits of the spirit, love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, fidelity, self control. Perhaps a lack in some area here might invite one to the sacrament of reconciliation.

A logical approach might answer clearly the question, am I in a state of grace? If A, B, C, then I am. A methodical approach would seek insight into one's own life and how it is being mysteriously enfolded by meeting God.

TVR

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners
Visitors are most welcome

Parish News

Philosophy this Tuesday at 8 pm in Damien House. TVR

Pope's visit

Let us pray this will bring a blessing to our country. TVR

Papal Visit 16-19 September

We will be praying the Official Prayer (which is printed on the opposite page) at the end of each Mass and Service of Word & Communion immediately before the Blessing. We'll all need to be prepared to witness to our faith by answering questions from people in every walk of life as the Papal Visit approaches.

There are some great resources available to help us and more coming soon. The blue A5 booklet 'The Pope in the UK: **Heart speaks unto heart**' gives comprehensive answers to some simple questions about the visit itself, the call of faith and its unfolding in daily life and the role of the Catholic Church. It includes 10 questions, ranging from why the Pope is meeting the Queen to the contribution of the Catholic Church to British society and why the Pope will be beatifying Cardinal Newman. Also available online at <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk> More information from [Joanna](#)

Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries: In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

At IHM Antoinette Parry, Elizabeth Tantou, Hubert Grant Scarf, Eve Jelonek, Gladys Houghton.

At St Anne's Albert Sansome, Kate Mimmagh, Richard Corbishley.

Seasonal Intentions: During this season we are asked to pray for the following intentions.

Christian/Jewish relations, esp on 9 August (St Benedicta);

Victims of Persecution/Oppression;

Europe, esp on 11, 23 July, 9 August;

Human life, esp on 25 July;

Seafarers, esp on 11 July.

Official Prayer for the Pope's visit

God of truth and love,
your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light
to all who seek you with a sincere heart.
As we strive with your grace
to be faithful in word and deed,
may we reflect the kindly light of Christ
and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.
We pray for Pope Benedict
and look forward with joy
to his forthcoming visit to our countries.
May he be a witness to the unity and hope
which is your will for all people.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church — pray for us.

St Andrew — pray for us.

St George — pray for us.

St David — pray for us.

Diocesan Summer School

'The Missionary Church' at Milton Keynes from 27-30 July. You could attend every day or just some days. More details <http://www.nores.org.uk> or from Joanna.

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Bingo at Great Missenden

SVP members are running a Bingo session on Sunday 18 July at 3 pm in Damien Hall. This will be followed by a cup of tea and a cake. If you would like to attend, please contact Diana Dove, Keyna Godward or any member of the SVP Society. Everyone is welcome. Transport will be provided if required.

Farewell to the Betts family

Bill's tour here finishes this week so he, Jennifer, Jack and Joey leave us to return to Florida. We hope they enjoyed their stay and thank them for their contribution to parish life. We wish them a safe journey and God's continued blessings in their new posting. Maurice Roberts

Anne Roberts Foundation of hope

for children (supporting Belarussian children's hospice)

Please sponsor Mel Peirce running in the London 10K on Sun 11 July. Donations gratefully accepted – can be sent or given to me or left in pigeon-hole. Please make cheques out to the charity.

St Anne's Hall

I am happy to report that all major works will have been completed by end July within our available funding. We plan to open for hire from start September. One Sunday early in August we will open the Hall after Mass so that parishioners can take a decent look inside. But this isn't all! Apart from sorting out the administrative arrangements for the ongoing operation, there is still a lot to do to before we can claim that the renovation is truly complete. A few examples; floor covering for toilets and kitchen, decking and steps outside the French doors, roller blinds for windows, replacement furniture, removal of the old oil storage tank etc etc. So we are back on the fund raising trail! First up in a series of events is a Summer Garden Party on Sat 31 July 4 to 7 pm in the superb garden (two acres mostly lawn with the village stream running through) of The Red House next to Barclays Bank in the centre of Wendover; tickets £10 from the Clock Tower or Marguerite Spain. And this is more than just a nice party for fund-raising! It is the celebration of the return of the Hall to active service within the community. I look forward to seeing St Anne's turn out in strength to make it a really memorable occasion. Mike Spain

Wendover Support Group (WSG)

A huge amount of support is available to those affected by the recession on the internet. WSG is providing access to computers and the internet starting on Wednesday 21 July. This will be from 2 to 3.30m each Wednesday at the Wendover Christian Centre. If you know someone who might find this helpful, please let them know. If you would like to go on a rota to support this activity please contact John Shaw.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Very many thanks for the recent donation of £1,000 towards school funds.

All connected with the school are very grateful for the continued support of the Parish Priest and Parishioners of The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Anne's. Without such support, at a time of financial stringency, it would be more difficult to provide the level of service that the children of our constituent parishes deserve. God Bless you all. Yours most sincerely, Michael Corcoran, Headteacher

Hall Bookings

Damien Hall

Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre Sue Abbott

This week's services

| | Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden | St Anne's Wendover |
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| Mon 12 July | 8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & |
| Tue 13 July St Henry op mem | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary |
| Wed 14 July Bl Richard Langhorne op mem | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer |
| Thu 15 July St Bonaventure | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction | 10.15am MASS & Rosary |
| Fri 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel op mem | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction |
| Sat 17 July | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS | 11 am Confession |
| Sun 18 July 16th Sunday of the year | 11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish) | 9.15 am MASS |