



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH (Vol 8: Issue 137)

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2022 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR C

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Reflection: "The Crowd" were a very prominent feature each day during the 3 years of Jesus' public ministry. They were so impressed by His undeniable aura, and they never tired of listening to Him. For

His part, Jesus was always concerned for their welfare e.g., taking pity on them if He saw them looking hungry, having been much of the day in His presence.

What of the significance of 'the crowd' in our times? Crowds can influence how people will behave – some will be buoyed up or carried along in the general noise; others will perhaps clam up and be rather ill-at-ease. Recently, there have been at least 2 world tragedies involving crowds: in **Seoul (South Korea) about 154 people lost their lives as a vast crowd, out to celebrate Halloween, made their way towards a very narrow passage. In **Gujarat** in India, a similar number lost their lives on an apparently repaired swing bridge over a river. **2 absolute tragedies, undeniably!****

One senses an inherent difference between 'The Crowd' in the Gospels, and the excessive crowds of our times. 'The Crowd' that were drawn to Jesus were in no doubt as to why they had amassed themselves – they loved to hear Him, to learn from Him, to have Him heal their sick and infirm. Their number was much more finite e.g., in Jesus' 2 recorded feeding miracles – about 5,000 and approximately 4,000 respectively, and all in very open space.

The crowds of the 2 recent world tragedies would appear to have had no such established objective in mind. In **Seoul, what was really being celebrated on Halloween? In **Gujarat**, what exactly was the draw to try out a swing bridge already so overcrowded?**

In the past 3 years or so, excessively crowded gatherings have fuelled the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., pop festivals & sporting events).

Often in daily life, we will be much safer in our own space, unafraid to be alone with our God.

Saturday 5th November 2022

Confessions: 10.30 – 11am & 5.45pm – 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass: Ann Lakes R.I.P.70th would have been 24.9.22

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

7.30am: Adoration

8.30am Mass – People of the Parish

11.00am Mass – Thanking God for His Blessings ... (Nneka's)

Monday 7th November 2022 Dedication of St. George's

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Nathan Baddoo R.I.P.

Tuesday 8th November 2022 FERIA

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For the grace of sincerity of heart (AA)

Wednesday 9th November 2022 Dedication (Lateran)

8.30am: Adoration

9.15am Mass – For the spiritual & temporal wellbeing of Irene's neighbour (IF)

Thursday 10th November 2022 Pope St. Leo the Great

8am: Adoration

9.15am Mass – That 3 brothers through Jesus their brother...

Friday 11th November 2022 St. Martin of Tours

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For J & S (for the fruition of their dreams)

Saturday 12th November 2022 St. Josaphat (Martyr)

10am Mass – For the intentions of Rita & the Cherif family

Confessions: 10:30-11am & 5:45-6:15pm

6.30pm Mass – In thanksgiving to God for everything (IF)

READINGS FOR 6th NOVEMBER: 2 MACCABEES 7: 1-2, 9-14

2 THESSALONIANS 2: 16 – 3: 5 LUKE 20: 27-38

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"TOUGH TIMES NEVER LAST, BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO"

(DR. ROBERT SCHULLER)

Autumn Fundraising: For October & November, we have re-run the 2 months of fundraising as in the past 2 years. It was very well supported then and much appreciated, and not least because in both years it was not possible to stage an annual bazaar. This will be **the final one** in this format because 2022 is our definitive 60th birthday year (and this initiative invites parishioners to contribute **£60 in cash**, to mark that numeral). The draw prizes will be as per last year i.e. £500, £300, £200 respectively, and provided **from donations**. **THE DRAW IS ON NOVEMBER 30th**.

Update: **54** envelopes taken out of the 100 available. **22** envelopes returned & honoured, so far.

Bazaar: needed please: a) **AUCTION ITEMS**. b) **BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL**. c) **RETURN OF RAFFLE TICKET ENVELOPES** (SO FAR, **56** HAVE BEEN RETURNED FROM THE **146** ENVELOPES TAKEN). d) more parishioners ready to take an envelope and to promptly return it, duly honoured.

2ND COLLECTIONS AT THE SUNDAY MASSES THIS MONTH ARE FOR OTHER CAUSES.
e.g., **NEXT WEEKEND THERE IS AN ENVELOPES COLLECTION: ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL.**

First Holy Communion in 2023: Registration evening will be in the side-chapel at **7.30pm** on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10th**. Parents of the candidates (Years 3 & 4 at school) should bring to this meeting their child's Baptism certificate (plus a copy). Preparation dates will begin in January.

New Addington Foodbank: Many thanks for your contributions. Special thanks to Richard (Francis) who faithfully takes them to the Foodbank on Tuesday evenings. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 **& higher**; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year (Diamond Anniversary) as a parish. 2020 marks 60 years of our church being built, before its final unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners not currently members are encouraged to join. You have paid tax on your weekly-giving to the parish. We can claim this back from HMR & C, at no cost to you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE HEALTH ISSUES: Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Grace Sebastian-Price, Sally Grante, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Alexandra Munn, Ann Gavigan, Caroline Morrison, Cathy Joyce, Peter Enohoro, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Pat & Chris McRedmond, Monica & Pat Courtman, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Ainsley Carr, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Toni Kilonzo, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, George Peach, Edith Mack, Mary Johnston, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Teresa Holmes, Mike Cogavin, Salvatore Basilio, Rebekah Stone (16), Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, Enis Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, Mike Slattery.

29th/30th October: Attendance: 259 1st Collection: £493.40 Gift-aid: £238.70 Loose: £254.70
2nd Collection: £151.72

Many thanks for your customary all-round weekly generosity.

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