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Monday 29th July – Sunday 4th August 2019

Monday	10:00am	Terence Blackburn R.I.P
Tuesday	10:00am	Peace in the World
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
	7:00pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	10:00am	Int of Jennifer Luchmun
Friday	10:00am	Special Intention
Saturday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	<i>Eighteenth week in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:30am	Priest's Intention	
10:00am	The Homeless	
12 noon	In Thanksgiving	

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,
but can be organised anytime,
text 07909 140867**

All Catechists

A date for your diary; the Diocesan Day for Catechists this year is Saturday 28th September at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR. More details to follow in early Sept.

Each decision we make is motivated by Love or fear. To choose Love is to follow Christ.

Laudato Si (continued)

12. What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (*Wis 13:5*); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (*Rom 1:20*). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

— Max Ehrmann, 1927