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Welcome to Father Vlad's Newsletter!

Let's stay in touch for updates on events and special seasonal messages!

I will be glad to stay in touch, but if you prefer not to receive these messages, please unsubscribe below. Thank you.

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Latest writing from Father Vlad

"A Journey to Eternity" is in three parts. The first is here-below. The third has been published already. The second - my years in Opus Dei - should come out later this year.

In due course, all three will be there for you to read.

If you would prefer a hard copy, just drop me an email with your postal address and volumes 1 and 3 will arrive in your letterbox, soon.

[A Journey to Eternity - The Early Years 1939-1959](#)

Sunday 28th May 2023 - Pentecost

In the Ascension Day gospel (Mt 28, 20), Jesus Christ reminds his disciples – that is you and me – that he is with us always; “yes, to the end of time.”

You see, Jesus had to go so the Holy Spirit could come by. However, though God is Three, God is also One and thus Jesus stays with us in the Spirit and – indeed – together with The Father.

At the start of every mass we pronounce “In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” – to remind ourselves that life has five dimensions: three spatial – height, width and breadth – the fourth time and the fifth the divine dimension.

We are not forced to be aware of the fifth but “To live life to the full” (Jn 10,10), we need to enjoy that fifth one.

As Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, how about making a new year’s resolution to “live life more fully on that divine dimension?” – by working on developing your sense of God’s presence. It will enrich your life.

Little things can add up to a lot.

Latest News from Father Vlad

- Tuesday 16, 11.30 Concelebrated at the funeral mass of Fr Henry Young - with whom I had been on the CVMS staff 1973-85.
- Having been chaplain to The Papal Knights since 1985, at 4.00pm I celebrated mass for their Committee in the Westminster Cathedral Crypt.
- As their Parish Priest was unwell, on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th, feast of the Ascension, I celebrated masses at the Heston Parish of Our Lady Queen of the Apostles. The Thursday mass was attended by the pupils and Staff of The Rosary Primary school, neighbours of the Parish Church in one of whose houses I have my flat.
- Tuesday 23rd at St Mary's University, Twickenham, I concelebrated mass with Bernt Ivar Eidsvig, Bishop of Oslo, Norway, who was at SMU researching possibilities of sending his seminarians to London rather than Rome.
- Thursday 25 welcomed Bob Sims of The National Churches Trust to Vaughan House. As the NCT fundraiser, he is seeking to increase donations as an anonymous benefactor said that, if they raised £500,000 this year, he would match the half a million pounds raised. And, on the same condition, repeat that every year. Go to their website "The National Churches Trust" to see how you could help.
- As Vice-President Marketing, on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th I visited our Hydrasyst stand at the Innovationzero exhibition at Olympia.
- With locations all over the world, Hydrasyst utilises 'PurePulse' technology, an on-site water filtration and recycling system that feeds low pressure wastewater through hollow-fibre ceramic membranes to quickly remove impurities. The high level of heat retention means minimal energy is required to reheat the recycled water. Saves water, saves energy, massively reduces carbon footprints of laundries. Great for the planet. For more details, take a look at carbonregistry.co.uk

Previous Homilies

6th Easter Sunday - 14th May 2023

Today, the Spirit of Truth, The Advocate appears on the scene.

The Holy Spirit as we call her: I say 'her;' because Ruach, Feminine in Hebrew, Pneuma, Neuter in Greek, Spiritus, Masculine in Latin. Translators are traitors! In Genesis we read that we are made to the image and likeness of God and that God created humanity male and female He created them. QED, as we used to say in maths.

Ruach is with you, she is in you.

But, being well mannered and sensitive she does not shout or draw attention to that divine presence.

We need to stop, sense and respond to what we feel we need to do.

Some people I have come across, found the strength of that divine presence only when they passed through a crisis, a really tough time. Broken hearts – cracked - allowed God in.

Though many people love me – and around 180 read my fortnightly Newsletter, it is only when I think of them that I am emotionally moved.

Prayer - conscious contact with God - can do wonderful things to the way we look at the world around us and feel.

Next Sunday, thanks to my christening – entering into the life of Jesus, The Christ - I will say, as He said, "Father, all I have is yours", and speak of the consequences of this fact.

7th Easter Sunday - 21st May 2023

obliged to look after it as well as I can.

What that means, you can find on my website under the Blog named “An Art of Ageing Gracefully.”

I take care of the physical through my exercises, diet and enough sleep.

The Intellectual, through my writings. Apart from my fortnightly column for the Universe Catholic Weekly, I am writing a book currently called “Christianity and Sport through the ages.”

The emotional by staying in touch with as many of my friends and allies-in-life as possible. Being there for them.

The Spiritual by talking with Yesh - that is Jesus Christ to you – throughout the day.

How about you?

Take a look at your PIES and ask how you are taking care of them - perhaps have a chat about them with you Spouse or- if you dare – your children.

Next Sunday is Pentecost. Jesus tells us that “As the Father has sent me, so I am a sending you.”

We have a vocation, an invitation to play our part in shaping a more Christian culture where we live.

The Universe Catholic

Father Vlad latest column on The Universe Catholic:

[Church has always made the case for sport as a key part in society.](#)

Father Vlad on Radio Maria

Father Vlad podcasts on Radio Maria England are available! Please follow this link to access all podcasts.

[Father Vlad's Radio Maria podcasts](#)

Don't forget to buy Father Vlad's book Life Squared!

As I approached my 80th birthday, I wanted to find out what I really thought about life. Writing this book has crystallised my experiences. I now know better what I have learned and what I think.

Now, that I'm coming to the end of my life, I have finally learned how to live. Time's slippage nudged me to act on my dream of passing what I have learned on to others.

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