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### **Welcome to Father Vlad's Newsletter!**

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

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### **The Universe Catholic**

Father Vlad latest column on The Universe Catholic: [The Universe Catholic Weekly - 30th June 2023 - The sporting pope](#)

### **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.

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 9th July 2023

“No one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Faith in God is a gift. A massive, wonderful gift. There so many God-blind folk out there whose lives are so much poorer than ours. The first fruit of faith is joy: a joy to live with God a joy to die to be fully with God.

A joy not to have to worry. A joy to see the good in folk. A joy to know my mistakes are forgiven.

The Vatican 2 Council document on “The Church in the Modern World” was entitled “Gaudium et Spes” – Joy and Hope. For me, the joy of hope.

On my PC, at Vaughan House, I have attached a quote from Frederick Nietzsche – try spelling his name! – it reads:

“I might believe in the Redeemer if his followers looked more redeemed.”

Ask yourself – and your friends, including your family – “How redeemed do I look?”

To adapt the WW1 song:

“Pack up your troubles in a life of prayer

so you can smile, smile, smile.”

### Latest News from Father Vlad

- Friday 23, went midday to Black Lion Pub, Hammersmith, to celebrate the life of Oli Daukes, whom I had baptised - son of Simon and Julie, at whose wedding at Farm Street I officiated - who died unexpectedly while on a skiing holiday with his dad, Simon.
- Monday 26 met Eddie Tulasiewicz 4.00pm in Ravenscourt Park so he could hand me the revised draft of “A Journey to Eternity – My Years in Opus Dei”.
- Tuesday 27 heard confessions - eleven in total - and then celebrated the 1.05 mass at St Mary Moorfields.
- Wednesday 28 Celebrated - as I do annually - the School Leavers 7.00pm mass at John Fisher School, Purley.
- Friday 30. Attended the 10.30 funeral - “The celebration of John Shanks’ life” - at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Rd, Feltham, TW13 5JH.
- There I reconnected with Maggie Shanks, now Maggie Tuffield, mother of John and her seven children, whom I knew well when I was still in Opus Dei. We will reconnect.
- 3.00pm Met with Eddie Tulasiewicz for the final revision of my “A Journey to Eternity”, volume 2. Eddie enabled the production of volumes 1 and 3.
- Tuesday 4th July, at 11.00am took the revised copy of AJTE -2 - my years in Opus Dei - to Eddie Tulasiewicz at the National Church Trust Offices, 7 Tufton St, London SW1P 3QB.

- Wednesday 5th, at 11.30 attended the 175th SMU Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee. I felt honoured - and chuffed- to have been invited onto that committee.

### Previous Homilies

#### Sunday, 2nd July - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

In chemistry, there are exothermic reactions that transfer energy into the surroundings,

And endothermic reactions that suck in energy from the surroundings.

Jesus's life was – bottom line - exothermic – living for others.

Living by giving is the finest way of living; both for you and the people around you.

When preparing my homilies, I ask myself, “how can I best help the congregation?” NOT” How best can I show how clever and erudite, I am?”

After a financially successful career – and at a certain age – folk often say to me “I feel it is time for me to put something back.”

Maybe you are already doing that with cash, advice, mentoring, encouragement – helping God make this world a better place. Can you do more? How?

This Kensington Square Chapel is one of my ‘star fish’. I hope I do make a positive difference. Being here, serving you, certainly enriches my life I hope I do that for you.

Then - like Jesus Christ - we can all be exothermic.

### Father Vlad on Radio Maria

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### 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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