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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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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](#)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 25th June 2023

Three times today we hear Jesus say, “Do not be afraid.”

“Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag,
And smile, smile, smile!
What's the use of worrying?
It never was worth while.
So, pack up your troubles in your old kit bag,
And smile, smile, smile!”

Then, when I was 25, I heard Doris Day sing:

“Qué será, será
Whatever will be, will be
The future's not ours to see
Qué será, será
What will be, will be.”

Thus, as worrying ages you, I live in the present of the present – and refuse to worry.

I use the “Serenity Prayer”:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will. Amen.”

All I need to do is “To do my best and leave the rest to God.”

Latest News from Father Vlad

During the Genesis Trustees Meeting on Monday 12th June, at Pimco, 11, Baker Street, aged 84, I was appointed Trustee Emeritus, having been a founder Trustee since 2001 when John Studzinski invited me – and Joy Browne – to be trustees.

I have been replaced by Matt Armstrong, aged 36.

On Tuesday 13th, I took a two hour walk with a man suffering mental problems. We went down from Stamford Brook tube to the Thames, along the riverside to Barnes Railway Bridge and back along the southern tree covered walkway to Hammersmith Bridge and back to our starting point. It was Ubuntu. Good for me friend and good for me.

In the afternoon I attended the inauguration of Sacred Heart Primary school, Teddington MUGA in part funded by my very long-range friends, the Patrick

Wednesday, 14th , I attended the 3.00pm SWIF-I committee meeting at SMU.

Thursday, I was guest at my alma mater, Clapham College, alumni lunch at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo.

Previous Homilies

Sundays 11th June 2023 - Corpus Christi

Exodus 16:1–36 describes how, to give them nutrition, God sent the Chosen People Bread from heaven - Manna, the bread of the immortals we read in Psalm 78 23-25 - as they journeyed through the desert towards the Promised Land.

Jesus offers us himself as our manna on our way to the final promised land, eternity, Paradise.

Jesus offers his whole life, all the PIES.

Physically, we should aim to act like Jesus, to live his virtues.

Intellectually, we should look at the world around us, as Jesus, to see people as Jesus sees them.

Emotionally, to love the SONG, self, others, nature and God as Jesus loves them.

Spiritually, to relate with God as Jesus does.

It is an invitation that is refreshed every time we receive holy communion.

Beloved Jesus, Yesh, as we take you on board our lives, may we all become more like you as we journey on our way to eternity.

Sunday, 18th June 2023 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." A kingdom is a state, heaven is life with God who is Love.

Proclaim that the state of love is at hand.

Proclaim - not by words - but by actions. Your life. That is our invitation at Baptism.

And what is Love? How does it look? Go to 1 Cor 13.

Love is patient and kind; am I? – not easy when I am tired and surrounded by annoying statements.

love does not envy or boast; do I?

it is not arrogant or rude. Am I?

it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, Do I?

Love bears all things, do I?

believes all things, do I?

hopes all things, do I?

endures all things.do I?

Love keeps homilies short.

This week, I won't give you a homework sheet to check your performance, but, when home, just encourage you to look at 1 Corinthians chapter 13. If you do not have a bible at home, please let me know, I have a few spare second hand one available.

The Universe Catholic

Father Vlad latest column on The Universe Catholic:

[Universe Catholic Weekly - 26th May 2023 - 'Play up, play on, for the Lord'](#)

Father Vlad on Radio Maria

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[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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