

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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May Devotions – The Most Blessed Virgin Mary

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes and said: "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us"

As he is about to leave this world, Jesus asks that the Father to keep the disciples true to his name, to help them to be one as they – Father and Son – are one and to know true joy. Just as the Father sent the Son, so the Son sends the apostles into the world that they may bear witness to the truth. We are 'in the world' but do not 'belong to the world'. Does this mean that Christians are only tourists passing through without any involvement in the world? Certainly not.



Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: 8.45am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by Confessions until 11.30am

5.00pm – Chris Farnsworth-Jones - RIP

Sun: 8.00am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – Kitty Reddy – Birthday Intention

11.00am – Bridget Ward - Anniversary

5.00pm – Intentions of Lloyd & Laces King

Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon: 8.45am – Church opens with Exposition

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – For the Holy Father's Intentions

Followed by Exposition until 12 noon

Tue: 8.45am – Church opens with Exposition

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – Evette Simon – Anniversary of Birth

Followed by Exposition until 12 noon

Wed: 8.45am – Church opens with Exposition

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – Mary Boe - Sick

Followed by Devotions to St Joseph

Followed by Exposition until 12 noon

Thu: 8.45am – Church opens with Exposition

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – Private Intention (GC)

Followed by Exposition until 12.00 noon

Fri: 6.00pm – Church opens with Exposition

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Intentions of Hanna Kas Barsoum

Sat: 8.45am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

9.00am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

10.00am – Secular Clergy Common Fund

Followed by Confessions until 11.30am

5.00pm – Chris Farnsworth Jones - RIP

CONFESSIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 15th May – 10.45am to 11.30am

Saturday 22nd May – 10.45am to 11.30am

Confessions are heard in the Sacristy at the front of the church – either face to face or anonymously. Always prepare for confession by making an examination of conscience.

The Church urges us to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. Do try to fulfil your Easter duties by Trinity Sunday.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Nursery – Admissions September 2021

If you wish your child to be considered for a place in our Nursery you are cordially invited to present your documents at the School Office for consideration by our School Governors.

Applicants for September 2021 are those born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018

Please bring the following documents with you:

Child's Baptismal Certificate, Child's Birth Certificate, TWO proofs of address ie: Council Tax bill, Mortgage or rent agreement, UK driving licence or a utility bill (less than 3 months old).

Application forms are available from the School Office – return when completed.

School: office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk,

Or call 020 8804 2396

MASS FOR THE HEALING AND RECONCILIATION OF FAMILIES

Friday 21st May 2021 at 7.30pm

There is nothing magical or superstitious about praying for the healing of families. Pope Francis has said "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church" and "since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, there is no better place for families to find healing." **Uncovering of family history:** The healing of the family tree and its problems will be important – please make out a family tree and try to identify the behavioural problems within it.

9 Day Pilgrimage to HOLY LAND 12th to 20th May 2022

The price is £1,897 per person, half board, for 9days/8 nights. This includes 3 nights in Bethlehem, 3 nights in Jerusalem and 2 nights in Tiberias. Return flights from Heathrow and transfers. Not included is insurance, lunches and gratuities. For an itinerary please pick one up from the sacristy. Early booking is essential.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh - RIP
Ernest Ndolor – RIP. – Evette Simon – Anniversary of Birth. Margaret Creed – Anniv of Birth Eliston Carron – Recovery. Elvira Calsado - RIP. Anna Nakalanzi – Sick Sarah O'Sullivan – Sick. Craig Paul - Anniversary Eunice Ndubuisi - RIP. Katherine Spicer - Anniv. Alf Cockran – RIP. Kate Ward – 14th Anniv. Andrew Musumba – RIP Evette Simon - RIP & Willie Simon –Unwell. Thomas Robert McGuire – RIP. Paddy Ward – Anniv Tommy Ward – Sick. Madeleine Hill – Recovery. Eileen Daly – Anniv. Intentions of Margaret Kiggala. Chris Jones - RIP Gladys Hibon – RIP. Marie Claude Belle-Etoile – RIP. Sheila Adetoju – RIP. Donald Mbeutcha – Sick. Anna & Gerardo Spagnuolo – Ints. Gerard Durueke - RIP

SYCAMORE

Sycamore – 'HOLY SPIRIT PATHWAY

A weekly 'Do It Yourself' at home course for Easter 2021

Week 6 – 16th May: THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH – "Film 18"

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/holy-spirit-pathway-6-weeks/>

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-The dignity of the human person
-Christian teaching about family and society
-Speaking the truth – following conscience

THY KINGDOM COME

Global prayer initiative
Ascension to Pentecost

Cardinal Vincent Nichols writes:

"It's the Holy Spirit that transformed what we call the 'chaos' into the 'cosmos' – the ordered world." "In caring for the world, we care for each other. In caring for each other, we care for the Creator and show Him our respect." "May 'Thy Kingdom Come' be a prayer from our hearts that the Holy Spirit transforms us into servants of the word and of the created world."

For the Holy Father's Intentions

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



CROWNING OF OUR LADY

Sunday 16th May at 11.00am

Please join us as we honour Our Lady and please bring your Rosary beads for blessing.

Pope calls for a marathon
Month of Prayer
for an end to the pandemic



During this month of May the Holy Father encourages us to pray the Rosary every day for an end to COVID-19 around the world.

We pray the Rosary every day in our church – join us as we pray for the Holy Father's intention and an end to this terrible pandemic.

REPOSITORY – Parish Shop

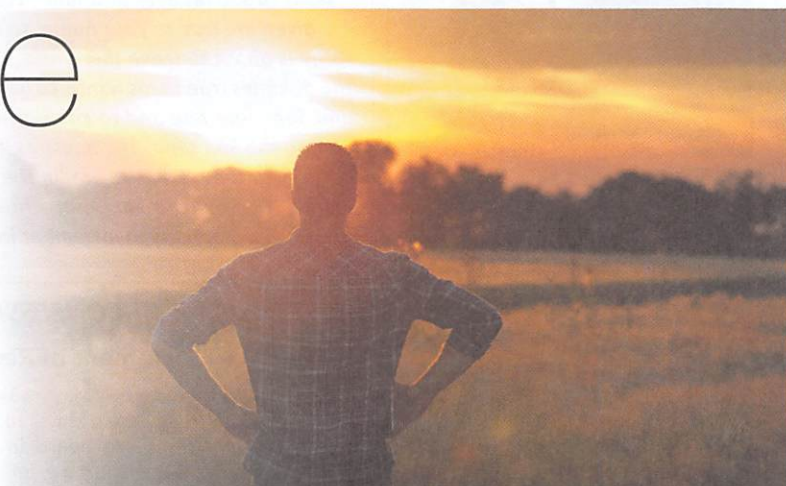
Please visit our parish shop. We have a good display of devotional items. Statues (sleeping St Joseph), crucifixes (make sure you have one on display in your home), rosaries. Occasion Cards, medals, Holy pictures. Holy water bottles, Rosaries. And much more – have a look around.

SUNDAY PLUS

Your word is truth – is it?

Bringing the past up to date

by Fr Denis
McBride C.Ss.R.



One of the ways we try to make sense of the present is by consulting the past. When we try to figure out why things have turned out the way they have, we often search the past for an explanation. So, ancient voices are listened to with a new attentiveness and old texts are consulted with a new eye. That human effort of making sense of the present by rereading the past is one that was used widely in the early Church.

The activity of bringing the past up to date is one in which we all engage from time to

time. We review the past in the light of a new experience and in the process we begin to see a shape to our story. Certain people and dates become more important; an encounter once regarded as forgettable is seen to be directly related to what is happening now. We begin to see how our previous history contains pointers to our present situation, how everything is connected. A pattern slowly emerges. Things begin to make sense.

In today's first reading Peter is claiming the past as a reinforcement of the present. A past,

once skimmed over, now becomes part of the Church's sequence of references; what was said before becomes personal territory. The past takes on a new significance because of what is happening now. As the past throws light on the present, so the present captures the full meaning of the past. In that sense we can see how the past is not dead: it just bides its time until the full truth can be discovered.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.

True or false?

by Martin Delaney

As an actor, I am forever looking for the truth. In fact, the nature of an actor's job is "to raise the level of consciousness in the world by holding the mirror of truth to it", a wonderful acting teacher once taught me.

In our work, we are led by the word. Every clue, every hint, every detail that we mine for building our characters, comes from the script. The truth that we search for, embedded in this writing, is ever important; it is unchanging – just like God.

What happens when we drop the character and walk away from the role? For me, this is where the truth of a different word really

counts. Our authenticity beyond the set is important because it is here that I practise love. It is here that I try to live in God, in order to receive God in me.

As an actor I observe human nature – but it needs the grace of God.

Martin Delaney is an actor, writer and personal development coach. He is best-known for his work in Oscar-winning *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Now You See Me 2* and George Clooney's *Catch 22*.

Word of God, may my human words reflect your divine message of love. ☪ Amen.

Lean on me

by Sr Janet Fearnis
FMDM

"Lean on, when you need a friend, call me, I'll be there.

Lean on, when you have a load, call me, I'll lend a hand.

Lean on, when you're down and out, call me, I'll lift you up.

Lean on, lean on, lean on. Call me, call me, call me..."

... and how many of us felt deeply moved when a hospital choir sang "Lean on me"? They sang at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps sometimes stretched beyond their limits as they provided care for others.

In many care homes, one or more staff moved into the home in order to look after our loved ones whom

the lockdown prevented us from visiting. Because of their love, my mother declared, "I'm so happy, I could dance."

On World Communications Day, let us communicate our heartfelt gratitude to those wonderful people who asked us to call on them in our hour of need. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sr Janet Fearnis is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

"We are united by faith in Jesus Christ, the one Saviour, who set us free by his precious blood and his glorious resurrection. We are united by our desire for his word that guides our steps."

Pope Francis

Today:
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11-19

Monday:
Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday:
Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11

Wednesday:
Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11-19

Thursday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday:
Acts 25:13-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday:
Mass in the Morning
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Next Sunday:
Vigil Mass
Genesis 11:1-9
Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Joel 3:1-5

Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39
Mass During the Day
Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Encountering Christ
Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 16th May 2021 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for 16th May 2021 (John 17:11-19): Sharing Christ's joy to the full

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

3 Reflect



After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Surprisingly, this wonderful final chapter of Jesus' discourse after the Last Supper comes in the Sunday readings only on this Sunday (in each year of the three year cycle). In the whole discourse (John 14-17) Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time of the Church, after his death and resurrection. In this final chapter, however, he is speaking of his death itself, or rather of his consecration by his death. How exactly it is the actual words of Jesus we do not know, but it is a great prayer which is fully in accord with what Jesus would have been thinking on this daunting occasion. The prayer centres on the Fatherhood of God and the coming of the Kingdom or Kingship of God by the sanctification or consecration of the world, especially in the sanctification of the disciples, praying also for the deliverance of the disciples of Jesus from evil (as in the final petition of the Lord's Prayer). Fully in view of his own approaching sacrifice Jesus prays that by his own glorification his disciples also may be consecrated. The prayer is also a fitting preparation for Pentecost at which the Church is consecrated by the coming of the Spirit.

What do I bring to others? Is it Christ's joy?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 16th May 2021



First Reading: *The Twelve Tribes of the New Israel*

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. 'In the book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. 'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

During Eastertide we have been working through the Acts of the Apostles, listening to the progress of the earliest community. Now, on the final Sunday before Pentecost, we suddenly return to the very beginning, the very first incident after the Ascension. This is important for three reasons. Firstly, it shows the importance of the apostolic body, the Twelve. With the defection of Judas it was still important that there should be that number. Not only is it a good solid number, three times four, but also it is the number of the tribes of Israel, and the apostolic community is the continuation of the Chosen People. Secondly, but still in the same sense, it fulfils the scripture, as Peter points out. The early Christian reflection in the New Testament on the events of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is constantly linked to the scriptures, and a multitude of details is shown to be 'in accordance with the scriptures'. It was obviously important for the community to know that everything that occurred was running according to the will of God for the Christian community as it was expressed in the scriptures. Thirdly, the witness of the Twelve had included the earthly life and ministry of Jesus as well as to the final events of his life; we need to know about these in order to see that Jesus was proclaiming and bringing the Kingship of God by his teaching and his healing.

What difference does it make to me that I belong to the Church?

Second Reading: *God lives and loves in us*

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

To conclude the series of readings about the love which God shows to us, and which we in our turn should show to one another, comes this lovely Trinitarian reading, obviously also preparing for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The love of Father for Son is an eternal factor, technically known by theologians as the 'circuminsession' ('sitting in and around' or mutually enveloping each other). That love reaches to us in time by God's sending of his Son to us to give us a share in his Spirit. So in Christ and in his Spirit we too are enveloped in that cloud which is the divine love. If we take this seriously we can hardly abstain from passing on that love to others. Love is not something private, for myself, but is something transitive, passing on and on the warmth and openness from one person to another. If I love you, you will love me, and our love will pass on and ignite others.

Do I really pass on God's love to those around me?

“ If we take this seriously we can hardly abstain from passing on that love to others. ”

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God
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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Durants Rd, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 3DE

Date of inspection by Westminster Diocese: 26 September 2019



Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

A. Classroom religious education is outstanding

- The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils of St Mary's.
- The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of the De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.
- After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.
- Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.
- Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably improved, as evidenced in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.
- The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.
- The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.

B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding

- The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.
- The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.
- The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.
- Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.
- Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.
- The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have places in our Year 1 and Nursery 2020/2021 year groups, our Reception and Nursery 2021/2022 year groups and

some places in some of our other year groups. Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS. YOU ARE REALLY HELPING.**

Phone Number: 020 88042396

E-mail: office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk

'The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection...Pupils make good progress from their various starting points...Their willingness to come to school is evident in their well above average rates of attendance...You have successfully maintained the above-average attainment by the end of Year 6 in reading, writing and mathematics...Teachers form good relationships with pupils, providing them with a wealth of interesting activities across the curriculum. Pupils concentrate well in class and are keen to work with each other...Pupils say they feel safe at school and know how to avoid danger in the wider community'(OFSTED Inspection, June 2018).

SYCAMORE

SYCAMORE – 'HOLY SPIRIT PATHWAY'

WEEKLY 'DO IT YOURSELF' AT HOME

COURSE FOR EASTER 2021!

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/holy-spirit-pathway-6-weeks/>

WEEK 6 (16th May 2021) THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH

The Christian faith has important implications for how we treat others and how we live together in society. This Sycamore film opens up a beautiful message of the social teaching of the Catholic Church. It looks at the themes of human dignity, the right to life, Christian teaching about the family, how we live together in society and work together in political life, and how we are called to speak the truth and follow our conscience. It gives some inspiring examples from Christian history.

- **The dignity of the human person and the right to life.**
- **Christian teaching about family and society.**
- **Speaking the truth and following conscience.**



Film 18 – The Social Teaching of the Church: Watch or download the video here.

The focus of these sessions is on the Holy Spirit working through the Church and the Sacraments (Films 13, 14 and 15), and on the vocation and mission of the Christian in the world (Films 16, 17 and 18).

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/holy-spirit-pathway-6-weeks/>

(WEEK 1 – 11th April) THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH ["Film 13" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

Why do we need the Church? The special place of the Catholic Church. Being Catholic today.

(WEEK 2 – 18th April) THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION ["Film 14" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

The power of the sacraments and the liturgy. How baptism can change your life. Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(WEEK 3- 25th April) THE HOLY EUCHARIST ["Film 15" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

The meaning of the Mass. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

(WEEK 4 – 2nd May) FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND MISSION ["Film 16" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession. Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. Christian mission and the call to share our faith.

(WEEK 5 – 9th May) THE CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS ["Film 17" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

The meaning of vocation. Marriage and family life. Ordination and consecrated life.

(WEEK 6 – 16th May) THE SOCIAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH ["Film 18" in Series: [click here to view](#)]

The dignity of the human person and the right to life. Christian teaching about family and society. Speaking the truth and following conscience.