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Honesty

Henry Rowland, professor of physics at John Hopkins University, was once called as an expert witness at a trial. During cross-examination, a lawyer demanded, 'What are your qualifications as an expert witness in this case?'

The normally modest and retiring professor replied quietly, 'I am the greatest living expert on the subject under discussion.'

Later, a friend well-acquainted with Rowland's disposition expressed surprise at the professor's uncharacteristic response. Rowland answered, 'Well, what did you expect me to say? I was under oath.'

An amusing anecdote, but we would do well to remember that if we subscribe to the Christian faith, we are, in effect, always under oath, not to blow our trumpet, but to be scrupulously honest in everything we say or do.

'If you want a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil, and keep your lips from telling lies.' 1 Peter 3:10.

'Good people are guided by their honesty; treacherous people are destroyed by their dishonesty.' Proverbs 11:3.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday (2nd) is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Normally, we would be holding a service to observe this important day in our Christian calendar. At that service the imposition of ashes would take place. However, due to COVID this service will not be taking place. I will be recording a short homily which will be sent out on Wednesday. I would like to make this point. The imposition of ashes is an important part of our tradition but it is an outward sign. What is really important is what happens on our hearts. I will say more on Wednesday.

AGM

Our AGM is usually held on the last Sunday in March following our worship service. At this stage it is unlikely we will be back to worship in the church by the end of March. One option is to hold a Zoom meeting but as it is preferable to meet in the flesh, we do hope and pray that we will be back in our church in the foreseeable future and so will hold the AGM as soon as that happens.

Face Masks

Interesting info.

[How to make your surgical mask fit more like an N95 - YouTube](#)

Time for a Smile

Little boy: 'Granddad, can you make the noise of a frog?'

Granddad: 'No. Why?'

Little boy: 'Mummy says when you croak, we are all going to Disneyland.'

God's Time

A man met God and asked, 'What is a million years to you?' 'Like a second,' God answered. 'What is ten million dollars to you,' was the next question. 'Like a dime,' came the answer. 'Well then,' continued the man, 'Can I borrow a dime?' God responded, 'Just a second.'

When we lay a request on God, we invariably have a firm idea as to just how and when we want that request to be met. It is amazing how often God does answer but in very different time frame that we had in mind.



To Ponder

'The greatest acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.' Anon

Anniversary

It is 5 years today that I took up the role of Priest in Charge at St Paul's in the Park (thank you, Myra, for reminding me). Between planning for the build of a new church and COVID, it has been quite a challenge, but a wonderful challenge! Bring on the next 5 years.

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