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All Change

For a number of months I have been looking forward to coming to North Harrow to take up my new appointment as Parish Priest of St John Fisher. I would like to thank everyone that I have met so far for their kind welcome. I look forward to getting to know more of you as the weeks and months progress.

I am very aware that this is a tremendous time of change for the parish and for the Church in this country. Last week we began to introduce the new translations of the Mass. Of course we're all going to get it wrong to begin with - don't worry about this, because little by little, the words and phrases will become familiar to us and hopefully we will once again discover the ease of using this new and rich liturgical form.

The parish is also experiencing a time of change. It's always slightly unsettling when a new priest is appointed. Many of you will have felt comfortable with Fr. Kevin and you will have built up a relationship with him. Fr. Kevin did some great work here and I know that he was very sad to leave the parish. That in itself is a very good sign that you helped him to grow in his priesthood. We should remember that St John Fisher was Fr. Kevin's first parish as Parish Priest; he will now take all that you taught him to his new appointment at Willesden.

One of the few asceticisms that we are asked to practice as diocesan priests is to be available to move when our bishop asks us to. This call does not always come at the most opportune moments, but we priests try to respond to this call in faith and trust. So it is with faith and trust that I now come to live and work among you in this part of the Lord's Vineyard. Wherever I have been appointed I have tried to encourage parish communities to be places of welcome. Places where everyone can feel respected and wanted. I know that St John Fisher's will be open to that vision.

I am a great believer in collaborative ministry and I am delighted to be working with Kay and Claudia and all those who share responsibility for promoting and sustaining parish life. If we all take some share in the mission of the parish then no one should feel too overwhelmed. But it is vital that we work together, listen to each other and treat one another with courtesy and respect.

I know that there will be a lot to do over the coming few years and that there are some plans to re-order the Sanctuary. I would like to talk these through with the parish council and to begin to explore options with them. As you know, I have already re-structured the weekday Mass schedule. I needed to do this because I have some other responsibilities and I hope that you will not find this transition too onerous.

Please keep me in your prayers as I take up this new ministry. You will certainly be in mine.

With every best wish,

Fr. Shaun

Recently Died: Declan Hurley RIP

Sick: Betty George, Ann Brien, Aarti Taylor, Michael Byrne, Collette Thornborough, Susan Morgan, William Graham, Wilma Woodstock, Richard Cobb, Bob Smith, Daphne Bose, James Lloyd, Nadia Tagliani, Lalitha Fernando, Aaron Eni, Mary Sammon, Elizabeth Hessian, Valerie Theodore, Patrick Casserly, Kevin Teahan, Pat Rebbitt, Benny Hoft, Pragdibaj Patel, Shirley Norton, Jennifer Roche, Janet Francis, Judith Cullasuk, Bronach McCann, Nelly Dyt, Suzanne Ryan, Grace O'Shea, Jim McDonnell, Thayaparan Ratnadurai, Paddy Nevin, Irene Letchet, Fariza Talghli, Maria McCullough, Tina Tozzi, Bernadette Fernandes, Mary Walsh, Christopher Price, Rathini, John Monaghan, Theresa Saldanha, Barry & Maureen Albert, Alexandra Slavin.

Anniversaries: Sr Maria, Sr Eleonora, John Furlong, Pearl Bryant, Annammah Suruvil, Patrick Cunningham, Dennis McHugh, Betty Trundle, Monty Moriarty, Kitty Young, Philomena Dias, Georgina Wilson, Molly McCann, Jean Casey, Francis Kerr, Mavis Pereira, Elmo Joseph.

Mass Times

Saturday	6.00pm (First Mass of Sunday)
Sunday	8.30, 10.00, 11.30am
Monday	9.30am - Feria, 24th Week of Year 1
Tuesday	9.30am - St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
Wednesday	7.00pm - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday	8.00am - Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday	9.30am - SS Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Confessions:	Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm

New Order of Mass cards containing the People's text of the Revised Roman Missal will be used at all masses. In order for them to be available at every Mass, please do not take them home.

Sunday Morning Children's Liturgy starts again this weekend during Sunday's 10am Mass.

Home Mission Sunday, 18th September Next Sunday we pray for the work of evangelisation in our countries and reflect on our response to the Lord's invitation to share our faith. The theme this year is 'Fresh Wind In Our Sails' which is what the Holy Father is reported to have said that his visit to the UK gave him. We will give thanks for the Pope's visit last year but also focus on the future, reflecting on where we are being called to set sail to, reinvigorated for our ongoing missionary journey in England and Wales. The staff at the Home Mission Desk advise dioceses, parishes, movements and Catholic organisations and also offer a range of resources. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for their work.

Welcome Ministry Rota New rotas which start from **this weekend** are available in the Church porch. If you have not received a rota, but have done so previously and if anyone else would like to put their name down, please contact suemoriarty@sky.com.

St. John Fisher School Reception 2012-2013 Applications (children born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008). Application packs are now available for children due to start school in 2012-2013. Forms must be completed and returned by 13th January 2012. Fr. Shaun will announce dates for signing in due course.

Saturday Religious Education Classes for Children in School Years 1 to 6 in non-Catholic schools will restart 9am on 24th September. You can collect a registration form from Kay if you have not yet completed one.

Parish Coffee Morning next weekend after both the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Meet up with friends for a chat, relax and enjoy some free time on a Sunday morning. There is also a raffle. All profits to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

Traidcraft Stall will be open in the porch after all masses this weekend. Please come and browse or buy from the parish stall. There are nearly 4 months to Christmas but we will have Traidcraft gift catalogues to take away and a display of this year's CAFOD cards for those who want to plan early. Cards will be on sale in the porch from early October but we can take orders now for cards and gifts.

UCM Alysford Outing: change of date to 2nd October not 9th as announced. Will all members who have given their names please bring £10 to the next meeting on Wednesday, 21st September. For details phone Bridie 8868 2253. The UCM meets twice a month. Until December when we have a mince pies and carols evening and a Christmas dinner, our programme includes a DVD of daily life inside the Carmelite convent near Ladbroke Grove which was on release earlier this year, and took the producer ten years to persuade Reverend Mother to give permission to film. We have a Harvest supper, social evenings with quiz/games. In November we have a talk with slides on a project in Kenya by a local couple who are on the team of a small Christian charity called Abigail ministries. It has bought a plot of land in Kenya on which homes have been built, decorated and furnished, with helpers from here who visit 2 or 3 times a year and evaluate progress. It provides seeds, fertiliser and stock. The charity has set up businesses in discussion with the local community. You are welcome at any of these evenings - de-

tails will be in the bulletin and on the porch notice board. Come along for a chat and a cup of tea and a relaxing evening amongst friends and fellow parishioners.

Bethany Group Meeting is postponed until 22nd September 2011 at 7.30pm. It will be held at Eileen's house. We will be running a short training course at the end of October/November for four weeks. This course is for those people who visit parishioners or would like to visit parishioners. It looks at how we can increase our listening skills and learn how to respond appropriately. Further information and application forms for this course are available from Eileen Steinitz 8930 7375. Please note we do not accept on this course anyone who has experienced a close bereavement within the last two years.

The Sacred Heart Language College, Wealdstone Open Evening on 15th September, 6.30-8.30pm and 21st September, 4.00-6.00pm for full details of admission arrangements for September 2012.

The Salvatorian College, Harrow Weald Open Evening on 21st September at 5.30pm.

St. Gregory's Catholic Science College, Kenton Open Evening on 22nd September 2011 from 3pm.

Events for young Catholics Papal Revisit: Made for Love - 17th September 2011, 3-8pm at Maria Fidelis School & St Aloysius Church, Somers Town. A time for young adults to mark the 1st anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the UK and an opportunity to reflect on his message. This event is free. Please register by e-mail at madedforlove@ukvocation.org.

The Vocations Discernment Group at Westminster Cathedral - is for young adults (18-30s) who meet on the 4th Friday of every month, first meeting on 23rd September 2011. For further details contact Sr Gabi info@free2become.org or Fr Richard richardnesbit@rcdow.org.uk

Little Way Week is offered by the Home Mission Desk in support of the legacy of the Pope's visit. It will run from 1st to 7th October, 2011. For further information please see www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission.

First Anniversary of the Papal Visit - A leaflet to assist people in preparing for the anniversary of the Holy Father's visit to the UK covering 16 to 18 September is available for download at <http://www.snor.in/u/mission> and <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Anniversary-2011>. Archbishop Nichols has rec-

orded a video message:

<http://www.snor.in/u/visit>

Blessed Sacrament Procession Through London celebrating the 1st Anniversary of the Beatification of Bl. John Henry Newman and the 2010 visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Britain is taking place on 1st October 2011. For details see poster on notice board.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancy Estates Building Surveyor at Property Services Dept, Hendon, hours of work 35 hrs/week, salary £42-45k per annum (neg), closing date 26th September. An application pack can be obtained by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/jobs

Forthcoming Social Events

The Great Walking Quiz Enjoy a 3 mile walk starting at The British Museum and ending at The Knights Templar pub, answering questions and riddles along the way. Saturday, 8th October 2011, 11am start. Tickets £25 per team of up to 4 people (ticket includes donation to HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust and The British Museum). For more information & to register your team visit www.boredsheep.com, e-mail walks@boredsheep.com or call Gregg McCann on 07989 106007.

St Luke's Hospice is holding a 'Voices for Hospices Come and Sing' Concert on World Hospice & Palliative Care Day at 7.30pm on 8th October 2011. Please help to raise funds and awareness for your local hospice. For details see poster on notice board.

Welcome to our Parish If you are new to the parish, or have been away for some time, welcome to our community! Please introduce yourself to Fr Shaun or Kay after Mass and they will give you a parish registration form to complete and hand into the Parish Office. If you are already registered, it would be appreciated if you could let us know of any changes to your particulars i.e. change of address, phone no.

Daily Reflection Leaflets of today's Gospel are available in the church porch.