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24th February 2013 ~ Second Sunday of Lent C



We Welcome...

People of All Faiths and Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Those in Loving Relationships
Those in Difficulty
Married Couples
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travellers from Far and Near
Widows and Widowers
Visitors

We Seek...

To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

We Celebrate...

Diversity
A spirit of hospitality
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Forming small faith communities
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Providing a spiritual Oasis
Honouring an understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

870 million people worldwide are wondering whether they will go to bed hungry tonight, Emily Mbithuka from Kenya is one of them. During Kenya's drought, Emily knew what it was like to be hungry. She and her husband grow maize and vegetables to eat and sell. But this isn't always enough to feed their family. So, they walk miles each day under a baking sun, often on an empty stomach, to find paid manual labour.

"It hurts to see my children ask for food," Emily says. "I store maize to make sure we can feed the small ones. The older ones, my husband and I skip meals." Emily is frustrated because, despite her hard work, her crop is too small to attract traders. Instead she deals with a shopkeeper, who sells her crop on at triple the price. "We don't have an option of where to take our produce," she says. "It's like we are being cheated."

CAFOD has supported Emily with seeds, tools and work. But to make a lasting difference to families like Emily's we need to tackle the root causes of hunger and that's a much bigger task.

Even though we produce enough food to feed the world, one in eight people go hungry. The way that food is grown, sold and shared out isn't working for the world's poorest people.

The balance of power in our food system is tipped towards global companies, rather than small-scale farmers like Emily who need vital support to make a decent living from the food they grow. We need to change the way the system works.

So I hope that you'll share this action today as part of CAFOD's Hungry for change campaign. This is our way to tell our politicians that we care about the problems facing people like Emily, and we want them to prioritise tackling hunger in crucial discussions and decisions throughout the year.

This weekend you are invited to sign the card that is on the bench. Your part of the card is the side with the fish on it. We will collect the cards today. These cards will be sent to the Prime Minister David Cameron to urge him to take action for a fairer food system.

As you can see, we are asking for aid which empowers small-scale farmers, and for checks on the power of global food companies. You can also write your own personal message or prayer on the fish underneath. The remaining section - with Emily's story and the loaf of bread - is for you to share, perhaps with the person sat next to you.

Fr. Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd February (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Michael Anderson (Anniv)

Sunday 24th – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08.30 Ann & Patrick Kilcoyne (Anniv)

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Matilda Anton RIP

Monday 25th – Lent feria

09.30 Greta Murray (Int)

Tuesday 26th – Lent feria

09.30 Paul Gaffney RIP

Wednesday 27th – Lent feria

19.00 Ann Kelleher (Anniv)

Thursday 28th – Lent feria

09.30 Patrick Sloane (Anniv)

Friday 1st March – ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales

09.30 Monica Fitzmaurice (Anniv)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Recently Deceased, Pepe Loeches.

Pray Also For, Michael Anderson, Ann & Patrick Kilcoyne, Ann Kelleher, Patrick Sloane, Monica Fitzmaurice, Leon St. Hill, Nanette Burke, Joanna Roberts, Catherine Lissemore, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley, Patrick Savage, Eugenia Chellotti, James Small, Thomas Lee, Francis Roberts, Joan Barry, Jack O’Gorman, Istvan Papp, Katherine Obi, Margaret Caden, Archie O’Brien and François Joseph whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lent & Penance Service at St. John Fisher A Service of Penance and Reconciliation with absolution will take place on Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30pm.

What can I do for Lent? How about this for a Lenten devotion - arriving 10 minutes before the start of Mass and staying until the end to show that you are part of this community and to give thanks to God for all you have and all you are.

Year of Faith During Lent there will be an opportunity to explore the themes of the Year of Faith at Parishes throughout the deanery. The talks will start at 8pm. This is a tremendous opportunity to explore the faith and to meet with fellow Catholics. Please try to make this part of your Lenten commitment this year. All are welcome.

Wednesday, 27th February 2013 - St Luke’s Parish Centre, Love Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EX **An Outward Sign of an Inward Grace - Sacraments and The Church.**

Wednesday, 6th March 2013 - St John Fisher, Parish Centre, Imperial Drive, North Harrow, HA2 7LW **Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll and the Love of God - Living a Christian Life.**

Wednesday, 13th March 2013 – Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Parish Centre, Roxborough Park, HA1 3BE **Raising the Heart and Mind - Tips for a Healthy Prayer Life.**

Lent Lunch in aid of St. Luke’s Hospice Will be served next Saturday, 2nd March at 12.30-2pm at St. George’s Church, Pinner View.

Palm Crosses Please come and help the UCM make crosses from the palm leaves in the small hall at 2pm on Thursday, 21st March. Bring a pair of scissors.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8.30am, 9.30am (see note below), 11.30am

Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Children’s Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass as Normal

Easter Monday Mass at 11am

Palm Sunday – 24th March 10am Mass We will gather at 9.30am outside St. John Fisher Church in order to process to St. Alban’s for an ecumenical Liturgy of the Word at 9.45am. Thereafter we will return to St. John Fisher for Mass which will resume at the offertory. Please make every effort to be on time and collect your palm so that we can leave together for this special occasion.

Year of Faith - Lent Talks at St. Joseph’s Church, Wealdstone The talks will be on the theme of the Seven Sacraments, start at 7pm and take place on: 20th Feb - Baptism & Confirmation; 27th Feb - Penance & Sacrament of the Sick; 6th Mar - Eucharist; 13th Mar - Marriage; 20th Mar - Ordination.

The Traidcraft Food Stall Will be open after all masses this weekend. We will have the 'Real Easter Egg' on sale, a Fairtrade chocolate egg with an activity & sticker pack explaining the Easter story. The spring Traidcraft catalogue is now out so please borrow a copy from the stall and return your order form on 2nd/3rd March or go to www.traidcraftshop.co.uk and email your order to siftraidcraft@gmail.com by 3rd March.

Churches Together in North Harrow – Easter Greetings Cards If you can help distribute the cards please call 8248 4997 or email mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk. The cards will be available from 9th March and we aim to deliver asap before Palm Sunday.

Women’s World Day of Prayer This global day of prayer is open to everyone and takes place on Friday, 1st March. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of France and is entitled ‘I was a Stranger and you Welcomed me’. The host church in North Harrow is St Alban’s in The Ridgeway at 1.30pm.

The Catenian Association Offers you lifelong friendship with other Catholic men and their families. See poster on notice board.

St Patrick’s Night Celebration Will take place on **Saturday, 16th March at 7.30pm**. Adult tickets cost £15 which includes your first drink, tickets for children under 12 years of age cost £7.50. Your ticket includes a three course meal, soft drinks for the children and entertainment. If you would like to come along please order your tickets by filling out the sign up sheets in the porch. Do remember to put your contact number down with your name.