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27th January 2013 ~ Third Sunday of the Year 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

In today's second reading St Paul makes the point that all good gifts, whatever they may be, come from the one Holy Spirit, and they all complement one another. As they are all gifts, there is no room for human pride, as though it was your own achievement or a sign of your personal holiness. And having said that he goes on to draw this out by using the image of the human body, in which all the various parts, though profoundly different from one another, work together as one whole. The good of one benefits the whole; the suffering of one is shared by the whole.

Of course, nowadays we know much more than Paul did about the intricacy and interdependence of the human body. It's a far more complex affair than he could ever have imagined. But that does not diminish the value of what he says. In fact he is using the image of the body in a new and quite profound way. It had been a common idea in the time of Paul and earlier that human society, like the human body, is a unity made up of all kinds of different groups and individuals. Generally, though, this image was used by writers and philosophers in antiquity to justify a hierarchy in society: the head is more important than the little toe, so the ruler is more important than the slave. Paul is doing just the opposite. There are varieties of gifts and services and activities in the Christian community, but they are all given by the same Spirit and Lord and God; and so each one is of infinite value as coming from God. As he says: In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, Jews or Greeks, slave or free; and we were all made to drink of the one Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13).

Moreover, note what St Paul does, and does not, say. He does not say: Just as the body is a unity made up of different parts, so too is the Church. Instead he says: So it is with CHRIST. 'Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with CHRIST' (12:12). We are not baptised into an organisation that happens to be structured rather like a human body. We are baptised into CHRIST. Underlying what Paul says here is the profound reality of the Incarnation: God taking on human flesh. The Word was made flesh. We are baptised into the Word made flesh.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 26th January (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 27th – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.30 Jim Daley RIP

10.00 John Slavin (Anniv)

11.30 Patrick Bowles (Anniv)

Monday 28th – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

09.30 John Hynes (Anniv)

Tuesday 29th – Feria, Third Week of Year 1

09.30 John Maher – Get Well

Wednesday 30th – Feria

19.00 **NO MASS**

Thursday 31st – St John Bosco, Priest

09.30 Anthony Faleiro RIP

Friday 1st February – Feria

09.30 Sheila Moriarty RIP

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

Pray Also For, John Slavin, Patrick Bowles, John Hynes, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley, Kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Doris Jones and Daniel Lynch whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Clement Onwuachu who has died. His funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church on Friday, 15th February at 4pm. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

Bishop's Visitation Bishop John Arnold will be making a formal visitation to the parish on Sunday, 10th February. Because of his schedule the bishop can only spend one day with us. He will preside at all the Masses that day and he asked to meet with the Parish Council. If you have any concerns that you would like raised with the bishop please contact Brian Morahan, brian.n.morahan@hsbc.com or use the suggestion box in the Church porch. Please remember to add your name and contact details to your enquiry, otherwise your issue cannot be dealt with.

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. Details as follows:

Wednesday, 20th February 2013 - St Theresa's Church, 22 Boniface Walk, Headstone Lane, HA3 6PU **"Who are you Lord?" –Thinking about Jesus.**

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 - St Anselm's Parish Centre, Roxborough Park, HA1 3BE **Raising the Heart and Mind - Tips for a Healthy Prayer Life.**

Readers & Ministers Rotas Ready for collection in the Church porch.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) The meeting on 6th February will be a talk by Fr. Anthony Pellegrini with a bit of a social so can everyone please bring a little plate of something.

Parish Women's Group The PWG is a small friendly group who get together once a month (Thursdays 8pm) to enjoy various events in the church hall and local visits. Please feel free to join us on our next venture, on Thursday 7th February at 8pm, to Twist, the ice-cream and dessert lounge, next to the Post Office in North Harrow. If you would like any further information please call Mary on 07790 757570.

Spanish Conversation Would you like to practice your Spanish under the guidance of a native Spanish speaker, in a relaxed, informal atmosphere? We will be starting a Spanish conversation hour between 8.00 and 9.00pm on Friday evenings, in the social club bar. Please contact John Cousins on 88666845 if you would like to join us.

St Patrick's Night If you would like a St Patrick's night celebration in the parish this year Fr Shaun invites you to meet with him in the Small Hall on Monday, 11th February at 7.30pm. We need people to help with setting up, clearing and cooking. Tickets will be £15 for an Adult and £7.50 for a child. Adult tickets include your first drink. Soft drinks will be available for children. As St Patrick's night falls on Sunday this year it is suggested that we have our celebration on Friday, 15th March.

Supporting Marriage Speak out for Marriage and send a postcard to your local MP. Postcards are available in the Church porch.

Healthcare students and professionals Are you interested in meeting other Christian healthcare professionals and students informally? Then come to a meeting organised by the Catholic Medical Association (see poster in porch) on Saturday 16th February 2013, between 12-3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 373 Bowes Road, New Southgate, N11 1AA (150 yards from Arnos Grove Stn on the Piccadilly Line). Please bring food dish or drink to share for lunch.

City Pregnancy Counselling & Psychotherapy Have you any unwanted baby items such as prams, cots, baby clothes or toiletries, etc? Please donate to City Pregnancy Counselling & Psychotherapy for poor clients struggling to obtain these things. We can collect. Contact Agnes Rees on 7638 5440 or email info@citypregnancy.org.uk.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancy - Youth Team Member A Youth Support Team Member is required to develop and deliver training for volunteer youth ministers and young leaders. The successful candidate will be able to work with people of all ages and should have proven experience of preparing, delivering and developing youth ministry programmes and training for young people. For further details see poster in porch or visit www.rcdow.org.uk.

Pilgrims Progress The February edition containing details of Lent Lunches and Lent Talks is available in the Church porch.