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24th March 2013 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Holy week has started and we will journey together through the last events of our Lord and Saviour. This momentous journey begins today when we recall the triumphal entry that was made into the holy city of Jerusalem by Jesus. We remember how the crowds sang out their Hosannas as they welcomed the prophet from Galilee and proclaimed him their long awaited Messiah. The heir to King David. A true son of God who would free Israel from Roman oppression.



Soon we will witness how joy turns into hate and how the shouts of welcome for the, "Blessed One" turn into a demand for revenge and for blood.

But through all the drama of Holy Week our eyes will not leave Jesus. Amid chaos, betrayal, doubt, confusion and violence Jesus is serene. He knows that as his life is given over he is held secure in the love of His Father and even his cry of abandonment on the cross will become a psalm of praise.

This Holy week I invite each person to walk with me in the foot steps of Our Lord. Together let us celebrate the Last Supper. Let us be still in the silence of the garden. Let us walk with Jesus to Golgotha-the place of the skull. Let us stand in the presence of the crucified God and then place the dead body of Jesus in the tomb. Finally, through the Word made manifest in the fire of a new dawn. Through the life giving waters of Baptism and in the reality of the eucharistic presence let us acknowledge Jesus, not just as a prophet or a miracle worker but as the Son of God who defeated the curse of death and invites each one of us to newness of life with him.

Fr. Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd March (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Noel O'Neill (Anniv)

Sunday 24th – **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

08.30 People of the Parish

09.30 Patrick Monaghan (Anniv)

11.30 Michael Arulanatham (Anniv), Sabina Walsh (10th Anniv)

Monday 25th – **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

09.30 Michael Kenny RIP

11.00 Funeral of Norma Mesquita RIP

Tuesday 26th – **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

09.30 George Thompson RIP, Sean Kelly (Anniv)

Wednesday 27th – **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

19.00 The Crick, Ryan & Moore Families RIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

09.30 People of the Parish (**St. John Fisher School will attend**)

20.00 Sick & Recently Deceased of the Parish

GOOD FRIDAY

09.30 Morning Prayer

13.00 Children's Stations of the Cross

15.00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

20.00 Stations of the Cross

The Easter Vigil

09.30 Morning Prayer

20.00 People of the Parish

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, Noel O'Neill, Patrick Monaghan, Michael Arulanatham, Sabina Walsh, Sean Kelly, Stephen D'Cruz, Margaret Rogers, Josephine Doyle, Charles Brown, Walter Jackson, Michael Lee, Ned O'Neill, Ann Castell, Bernard Letchet and Barbara Dyt whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Holy Week Posters Are available in the Church porch. Please take one to display in your home.

Come and support our Easter Coffee Morning Today after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. After the 10.00am Mass there will be an Easter activity for the children. All proceeds towards the restoration of our Church. Raffle tickets on sale after both Masses.

Annutio Vobis Gaudium Magnum! I am delighted to announce that the diocese has agreed to our loan and that we have instructed the architects to begin work on detailed drawings for the re-ordering of the church. We hope to go out to tender after that and thereafter to commence work on site. There will be another occasion to meet with our architect before the work begins.

Planned Giving 2013/14 Planned Giving envelopes are available in the Church porch in **alphabetical order**. **Please collect your named box of envelopes as soon as possible but do not use them until Sunday, 7th April.**

Readers & Ministers Rotas Ready for collection in the porch.

"The Pylon" Summer edition - Creative Writing Page Please would you send any of your original writing, whether a short story, poem or flash fiction to barbaratowell@sky.com or put it in my pigeon hole by 31st May, 2013. We would particularly welcome work written by young people 13 years and above. However, all the work received will be considered for the page.

There is no set theme, but since this is a summer edition, it would be good to read pieces relating to that theme where possible. Look forward to reading your submissions. Barbara Towell

Children's Creative Writing Competition - "The Pylon" Summer edition If you are 12 years old or under and enjoy writing, why not enter this competition? The winner will receive a £10 Smith's gift token, the runner up a consolation prize. Both will have their work published in the magazine. The theme this time is SUMMER. You can write either a story, poem, description or piece of flash fiction. **This must be your own original work.** Make sure your first and surname, plus **your age** and a contact number are at the bottom of the work. E-mail your entries to barbaratowell@sky.com or place your work in my pigeon hole - Barbara Towell. All entries must be received by **31st May 2013**. Happy writing and good luck to you all.

Social Club - Tea & Coffee making facilities now available During opening hours on Tuesday 9-11pm, Friday 8-11pm, Saturday 8-11pm, Sunday 12-3pm (after 11.30am Mass).

Stamps for St. Luke's Hospice Please would you keep your used stamps, both from the UK and abroad, and be kind enough to place them in the pigeon holes of either Tess Constantine or Barbara Towell. Alternatively, in the plastic envelope in the small meeting room opposite the toilet. Last year around £10,000 was raised for the hospice, simply by people taking the time to tear off and donate stamps they would normally throw away. Recently, St. John Fisher gave a sizeable bag of stamps to St. Luke's, so let's be able to send another soon. Many thanks.

Good Friday Walk of Witness Will pass St John Fisher about 11.45am after Stations of the Cross, go left into Farm Avenue and right into Rayners Lane and up to the station. Returns along Imperial Drive (passing St John Fisher around 12.20pm) to North Harrow. Then onto St George's Church. Please join in for all or part of the walk. For a detailed map of the route please see the notice board in the Church porch.

Chrim Mass Takes place at Westminster Cathedral at 12 Noon on Tuesday, 26th March. Please keep the priests of the Diocese in your prayers on this day.

Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the election of Pope Francis On Wednesday, 10th April at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome.

Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith Determined Admission Arrangements for September 2014 – Year 7 and Sixth Form are available to view on the school's website: www.sacredhearthighschoolhammersmith.org.uk.

St. Patrick's Night £1,652.50 has been raised. Many thanks to everyone who made it such a success.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Thank you for your generous response - £1,649.16 was donated.

Collection Please remember that on Good Friday we will be taking a collection for the charities that we are asked to support throughout the year.

Easter Offering In the porch you will find Easter Offering envelopes for Fr. Shaun. These offerings support him in his ministry here in the Parish and they will be collected over the Masses of Easter. Thank you for your kindness and generosity at this time.