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3rd March 2013 ~ Third 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

From the final homily of Pope Benedict XVI: " I have felt like St. Peter with the Apostles in the boat on the Sea of Galilee: the Lord has given us many days of sunshine and gentle breeze, days in which the catch has been abundant; then there have been times when the seas were rough and the wind against us, as in the whole history of the Church it has ever been - and the Lord seemed to sleep. Nevertheless, I always knew that the Lord is in the barque, that the barque of the Church is not mine, not ours, but His - and He shall not let her sink. The Church is – not an organization, not an association for religious or humanitarian purposes, but a living body, a community of brothers and sisters in the Body of Jesus Christ, who unites us all. To experience the Church in this way and almost be able to touch with one's hands the power of His truth and His love, is a source of joy, in a time in which many speak of its decline.

In recent months, I felt that my strength had decreased, and I asked God with insistence in prayer to enlighten me with His light to make me take the right decision – not for my sake, but for the good of the Church. I have taken this step in full awareness of its severity and also its novelty, but with a deep peace of mind. Loving the Church also means having the courage to make difficult, trying choices, having ever before oneself the good of the Church and not one's own.

I do not return to private life, to a life of travel, meetings, receptions, conferences and so on. I do not abandon the cross, but remain in a new way near to the Crucified Lord. I no longer wield the power of the office for the government of the Church, but in the service of prayer I remain, so to speak, within St. Peter's bounds. St. Benedict, whose name I bear as Pope, shall be a great example in this for me. He showed us the way to a life which, active or passive, belongs wholly to the work of God.

I thank each and every one of you for the respect and understanding with which you have welcomed this important decision. I continue to accompany the Church on her way through prayer and reflection, with the dedication to the Lord and to His Bride, which I have hitherto tried to live daily and that I would live forever. I ask you to remember me before God, and above all to pray for the Cardinals, who are called to so important a task, and for the new Successor of Peter, that the Lord might accompany him with the light and the power of His Spirit."

Benedictus PP XVI

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2nd March (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 James Murray RIP

Sunday 3rd – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Wyn Bowker RIP

11.30 Mary-Ann McGinty RIP

Monday 4th – Lent feria

09.30 Maher Family – Keep Safe & Well

Tuesday 5th – Lent feria

09.30 Mr. H. Da Silva RIP

12.15 Funeral of Séamus Browne RIP

Wednesday 6th – Lent feria

19.00 Michael Joe Gallagher RIP

Thursday 7th – Lent feria

09.30 Mr. Vinoward Jeyarajan RIP

Friday 8th – Lent feria

09.30 In Thanksgiving – Seema & Elvin

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, Helen Cronin, Delia Murphy, Noel Johns, John Dignam, Veronica Furie, Doris McNulty, Helen Leahy, John Rogers, Brian Morahan, Gilbert Lee, Ghandy Mangani, Irene Smith, Margaret Turner, Maria McCullough, Donal Ryan, John Orogun and Mary Cross whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Séamus Browne who has died. His funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church on Tuesday, 5th March at 12.15pm followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

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.

Year of Faith During Lent there will be an opportunity to explore the themes of the Year of Faith. The talks start at 8pm and take place on:

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 A light lunch will be served next Saturday, 9th March at 12.30-2pm at Rayners Lane Baptist Church, Imperial Drive.

Traidcraft Spring Catalogue Orders Please return to the table in the porch today or email your order to siftraidcraft@gmail.com before 4th March.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Please note there will be no meeting on 6th March as there is a faith talk .

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 7th March 2013 at 8pm in the Social Club.

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.

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.

Parish Women's Group Welcomes you to a talk by Eileen Steinitz on how to talk and behave towards the bereaved. On Thursday, 14th March at 8pm in the small hall at St. John Fisher. **Cost: £1.** A bottle to share would be welcome as there will be light refreshments and time to ask questions. The PWG is a friendly group open to all women of the parish - new members are always welcome. Contact barbaratowell@sky.com or call 8866 6665.

Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group for bereaved parents Will be having its Spring gathering on Wednesday, 6th March 7.30-9pm at the Page Centre, Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury, Roxborough Park.

Friends for Friends We enable people with a learning disability to enjoy the benefits of the community more fully, by linking them in friendship with people drawn mainly from the Harrow parishes. A post is available for a part-time Co-ordinator (18 hours pw). For full details and application form call 020 8869 9228 or email parttime@friendsforfriends.org.uk.

Pilgrims Progress The March edition is available in the Church porch.

St Patrick's Night Celebration – Saturday, 16th March Tickets are ready for collection in the Church porch. Cheques made payable to St. John Fisher Church. **Helpers Needed** We will set up the hall from 12 Noon on Saturday, 16th March. Do remember we will also need willing helpers to give a hand with cleaning up at the end of the evening.

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