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## 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 ~ Fifth 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

The cardinals of the Roman Catholic church on Wednesday chose as pope a man from almost "the end of the world" – the first non-European to be elected for almost 1,300 years and the first-ever member of the Jesuit order.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, became [Pope Francis](#). He is the first pontiff to take that name and this may be an early indication of a reign that will be marked by inspirational preaching, a passion for evangelisation and a call to simplicity of life.

The new pope appeared on the balcony over the entrance to St Peter's basilica more than an hour after white smoke poured from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel. The white smoke signaled that the cardinals had made their choice. Dressed in his new white robes, the bespectacled Argentinian prelate looked pensive and perhaps a little intimidated as he looked out at the sea of jubilant humanity in the square.

Pope Francis began by saying, "buona sera", good evening to the crowd that had gathered. Then before he gave his pontifical blessing he asked the people to pray for him in his ministry as bishop of Rome. So what do we know about our new Pope?

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His father was an Italian immigrant railway worker, his mother was a house wife. He is the first non-European for over fifteen hundred years and the first Jesuit to be elected pope.

Jorge Bergoglio has spent nearly his entire career in Argentina. He studied philosophy at the Colegio Máximo San José and went on to teach literature and psychology at the Colegio de la Inmaculada in Santa Fe, and the Colegio del Salvador in Buenos Aires. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 13, 1969. Bergoglio's teaching career came to an end when he was elected as the Jesuit provincial for Argentina. In 1998 he was named as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires and in 2001 Pope John Paul II created him a cardinal.

Bergoglio is also known for modernising an Argentine church that had been among the most conservative in Latin America. Cardinal Bergoglio firmly opposed abortion and euthanasia. He also adheres to the Roman Catholic teachings regarding homosexuality but teaches the importance of respecting individuals who are homosexual.

Cardinal Bergoglio has a reputation for humility. His personal style is the antithesis of Vatican splendour. He opted to live in a small apartment instead of the grander Archbishop's Palace. He often rode the bus to work, cooked his own meals and regularly visited the slums that ring Argentina's capital. This is the man who the Holy Spirit has given to us to lead our church. Now we must pray for him and support him with our love and our prayers.

*To Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

08.30 Ann Maher – Good Health & Long Life

10.00 Frances Greenfield RIP

11.30 Delphi Saldanha (Anniv)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria

09.30 Raneem Emmanuel RIP

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – **ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

09.30 Kay Mullins RIP

**19.30 Service of Penance and Reconciliation**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria

19.00 Alex Joseph RIP

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Lent feria

09.30 Arunthally Family (Int)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lent feria

09.30 Tom & Nora Forde (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**, Eileen Ryan, Roy Burke, Norma Mesquita.

**Pray Also For**, Delphi Saldanha, Arunthally Family, Tom & Nora Forde, Sophie Swidzinska, Margaret Enright, Michael Wlodarczyk, Ernesto Placencia, Wijdan Marji, Jason Moore –Martin, Ted Finn, Maria Magdolna Braun, Anthony Caden, Lisa Alex, James O'Shea, Lisa Alex, James Finn, Elizabeth Cahill, Leon Casartelli, Beryl Barltrop, Sergio Carvalho and Stephen Forde whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** Norma Mesquita who has died. Her funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

**Census Day at our Parish.** Last Sunday was Census Day. If you were away please make sure that you fill out a census form this week. Many thanks.

**Easter Penitential Services** Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm; St. Joseph's, Wealdstone – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am, Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm, Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am; St. Luke's, Pinner – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3-4pm.

**Year of Faith** The next faith sharing session led by Fr. Shaun will take place in the small hall at St John Fisher School on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30-3.30pm. This time we will be asking, "What makes us Good?"

**Lent Lunch in aid of St. Luke's Hospice** On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.30-2pm at St. Alban's Church, The Ridgeway.

**Fairtrade Stall** Will be open in the porch after all Masses this weekend. Orders can be collected today. If you have not placed an order you can still purchase 'Real Easter Eggs'.

**Come and support our Easter Coffee Morning** On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013 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.

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

## 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 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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).

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** There is no meeting on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. We would be pleased to see all members on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm in the small hall to make the crosses from the palm leaves.

**Bethany Group** Next meeting on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm in the sacristy room.

**Churches Together in North Harrow Easter Greetings Cards** Are now ready for collection from the Church porch.

**St. John Fisher Preschool** Are starting to allocate places for their Sept 2013 intake. If you would like to apply for a place for your child please phone/email for an application form 07586 345706, [sjf.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.preschool@gmail.com). You are also welcome to call in between 10am-12pm to pick up an application form or discuss the above. Our sessions are: Mon-Fri 9.15am-12.45 pm, Mon, Tues & Weds 12.30pm-3.45pm. Your child may also attend from 9.15am-3.45pm Mon, Tues & Weds. We currently have a very limited amount of places available Mon, Tues, Weds (afternoons only) 12.30pm-3.45pm.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.

**Easter Flowers Collection** There will be a retiring collection after Masses today and next weekend towards the cost of the Easter flowers in our Church.

**Easter Offering** Attached to this week's newsletter is an envelope in which you can make an Easter Offering 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.