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## 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

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### *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 Society of St Vincent de Paul, (SVP) was founded in Paris in 1833 by a group of Catholic students led by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. These young people aimed to put their faith into action through direct contact and assistance to the poor.

That fledgling group was inspired by the work and teachings of St Vincent de Paul. He was a priest who abandoned the profit of an ecclesiastical career at the Royal Court in favour of working with the marginalised and forgotten poor of France in the 1600s; the group placed itself under his patronage.

A few years after its foundation, the organisation had grown in number and soon spread to other countries. By 1844, the first Conference of Charity had been formed in England & Wales.

The Society founded by Frederic almost two centuries later would continue its work not just in France, but across the world. The work is undertaken by ordinary people who feel called to turn concern into practical action and to alleviate poverty in all its forms.

The vision of the SVP is informed by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves. Our parish SVP group seeks to help individuals and families who are in any form of need. All those who belong to the SVP are called to encourage those who find themselves battered by misfortune. They convey a sense of hope and try to remind those with whom they are working that they matter. It is important that each person, no matter what their circumstances, is aware of their dignity and worth so that they can work towards having a sense of well-being and peace of mind.

The work that the SVP does is inspired by Jesus who had special care for the poor and marginalised. Members of the SVP strive to be generous with their time, to give of themselves and to recognise that they will not have all the answers but that they can provide a listening ear to those who seek their help. The work of the SVP is confidential and it always seeks to ensure that each person's dignity is respected. If you feel you would like to know more about the SVP in our parish please contact Tony McWilliams at [mcwilliamsma@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mcwilliamsma@hotmail.co.uk).

*Fr. Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April (First Mass of Sunday)  
18.00 People of the Parish  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
08.30 Honor & Richard O'Connor (Anniv)  
10.00 Maria Teixeira (Anniv)  
11.30 Sally Enwright (Anniv)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
09.30 Guy Verrier RIP  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria  
09.30 Mary Kielthy (Int)  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria  
19.00 Bertie Pillai RIP  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr  
09.30 Maria Menezes (Sick)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria  
09.30 Ona Jurgaitiene RIP  
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**, Honor & Richard O'Connor, Maria Teixeira, Sally Enwright, Nora O'Connor, Maisie Rainsford, Eileen Jordan, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, Dr. Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Brian Walton and Frank Baldock whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Congratulations & Best Wishes** To Walter Kadramer and Noela Balamurali who were married in our church this weekend.

**St John Fisher School Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance Raffle tickets** Are attached to this week's newsletter. £1 per ticket. There are some fantastic prizes available, including the following: 1st Prize iPad; 2nd Prize 1 night B&B at The Regents Park Marriott; 3rd prize Lancome Luxury Hamper plus many more. Draw takes place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Ticket stubs and monies will be collected after all Masses on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks for your continued support. *Friends Committee*

**"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](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or put it in my pigeon hole by 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place your work in my pigeon hole - Barbara Towell. All entries must be received by **31<sup>st</sup> May 2013**. Happy writing and good luck to you all.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**Parish Women's Group** Our next meeting will be a **Social and Snacks** evening. It will take place on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April** and be held in the small hall, starting at **8pm. Cost £1**. The PWG is a friendly group that welcomes all women of the parish and their female friends. New members particularly welcome. Please bring a bottle or small amount of finger food to share. Contact Barbara for more information at [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or 020 8866 6665.

**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).

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

**Marriage Help** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme in April 2013, please visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk).

**Banneux ND Pilgrimage** Join us on the Feast of Pentecost for a few days of peace and tranquillity among the pine trees, at the Virgin of the Poor shrine in Belgium, 17<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 (the 80th anniversary the Apparitions). Cost £450 fully incl of travel, hotel (full board), and insurance. For details please ring Maria Hare 01895 420753.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 18-26<sup>th</sup> November 2013** Archbishop Vincent invites you to join the annual pilgrimage which will be led by Bishop Alan Hopes and Fr. John Farrell OP. During the pilgrimage you will visit Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem and have opportunities to show your support for the local Christian communities. The cost is £1495 per person for 2 sharing a room. Places are limited so ask for a booking form asap. Booking forms can be obtained directly from Gerald Daly at [geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk) tel: 02077989173.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2013** St. John Fisher School are collecting these vouchers. You can either drop them in the collection or hand them in at the presbytery. Many thanks.

**Growing In Faith** At the end of all masses over this weekend we will listen to a message from Archbishop Nichols. Our Archbishop is sharing with us the idea of Growing in Faith. This is a new initiative which is asking every parish in the diocese to consider supporting priesthood at all stages, supporting the social outreach of the Catholic Church in our diocese and supporting a project that is particular to every parish community. Please think seriously about Growing in Faith. Fr. Shaun and other members of the Parish Growing in Faith Team will be contacting parishioners over the coming weeks and asking for your help. We hope that you will be able to attend a meeting, listen to what is said and then think and pray about what you have heard and how best you can respond.