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28th April 2013 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Claude Poullart des Places founded the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, in Paris, in 1703. Born in 1679 to a noble family from Rennes in Northwest France, Claude de Places gave up a potential career as a lawyer and, with a profound concern for the poor, he decided to become a priest.

While studying for the priesthood he opened a hostel for poor seminarians, who with him

dedicated themselves to the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday 1703. They bonded themselves as an 'association of friends' with a 'one heart and soul' (Cor Unum et Anima Una). They live in solidarity with the poor and pledge to be a special breed of 'tomorrow's labourers' ready to take on any work, however unrewarding, for which the Church was having difficulties in finding ministers.

The Spiritan mission is the evangelisation of the "poor" (cf. Lk 4:18). Therefore, Spiritans go especially:

- **to peoples, groups and individuals who have not yet heard the message of the Gospel or who have scarcely heard it.**
- **to those whose needs are the greatest, and to the oppressed.**
- **We willingly accept tasks for which the Church has difficulty in finding workers.**

The Spiritan option for the poor involves a solidarity which brings them to share in the world of the marginalized. "When we opt for the poor, we opt not for poverty as such, but for people who are unjustly poor," says the Spiritan Rule of Life.

The Spiritans work in the UK, Africa, Australia and Italy. Every year each diocese invites a missionary congregation to make an appeal. This weekend Fr Philip Marsh will be in the parish to tell us about the work of the Spiritans. Please listen to what he has to say and if it is possible for you to help then please do so.



Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 27th April (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Frank Benad (Anniv)

Sunday 28th – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Agnes O'Sullivan RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Maureen Nolan (Anniv)

Monday 29th – ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor, Patron
of Europe

09.30 Mary Standon (Anniv)

Tuesday 30th – Easter feria

09.30 Daniel Dhar RIP

Wednesday 1st May – Easter feria

11.00 Funeral of Mary Parker RIP

19.00 Marie Curry (Int)

Thursday 2nd – St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09.15 Funeral of John Maher RIP

Friday 3rd – STS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles

09.30 Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe (7th Anniv)

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.

Recently Deceased, Mary Parker, John Maher.

Pray Also For, Frank Benad, Maureen Nolan, Mary Standon, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Lilien Whitfield, Tom Hayes, Ellen Downes, Pauline French, Mollie Baldock, Tony Watts, Lawrence Philpott, Bidsy O'Gorman, Joan Hainsby, Elizabeth Simmonds and Sinnathamby Victor whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Mary Parker who has died. Her funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church on Wednesday, 1st May at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

Please Remember John Maher who has died. His funeral will take place at St John Fisher Church on Thursday, 2nd May at 9.15am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

Confirmation Candidates Please collect a letter with your name on it from the pigeon hole in the Church porch.

Coffee Morning We look forward to welcoming you all at our regular coffee morning next Sunday, 5th May after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. As usual raffle tickets will be on sale after both Masses and all proceeds towards the restoration of our church.

St. John Fisher School Is delighted to be celebrating its **40th Anniversary**. As part of the celebrations parishioners are invited to pop in for tea **at 2pm on Friday, 3rd May 2013** to see how the school has grown and changed over the forty years. Staff and pupils look forward to welcoming you.

St John Fisher School Dinner & Dance Raffle Many thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets to support the school. Winners details as follows: 1st Prize - iPad - Adrian Kelly, 2nd Prize - 1 night B&B @ Regents Park Marriott - Sam Dickinson; 3rd Prize - Lancome Luxury Hamper - Kate McHale; 4th Prize - 1 month membership @ Explore Learning - Caroline McFadden; 5th Prize - £100 voucher Jackie's Uniforms - Gregg Ambrose; 6th Prize - 2 x Front stall tickets to see "Wicked" the Musical - Mr B Louch; 7th Prize - Advertising in "Your Pinner News" - Mick Joyce; 8th

Prize - 1 Free week at Elms Sports Camp - Mr & Mrs Curran; 9th Prize - 1st Choice Cleaning Facilities Services - Sam Dickinson.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 1st May 2013 in the small hall.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 2nd May 2013 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Churches Together Is the name of the organisations that have been set up to promote reconciliation and co-operation between the Christian churches. The activities of our local group 'Churches Together in North Harrow' is directed by a committee which meets about four times a year. The work of such local groups is promoted nationally and internationally by all the main Churches including the Catholic Church. St John Fisher should have five representatives on the local committee, but at present there are only three. Furthermore, the three current representatives will not be able to continue for very long. If you would like to help, please contact Eddie Papworth at mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk. If you would like to see the committee in action and get an idea of what is involved you would be welcome to come to the next meeting on Tuesday, 14th May 2013.

Christian Aid Canal Walk – 6th May 2013 Churches Together in North Harrow is this year working with Christian Aid to run the Christian Aid Canal Sponsored Walk from Uxbridge to Watford. For more information please see posters on the notice board and joining instructions and sponsor forms in the rack in the porch.

Mass for Migrants in London On Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, London SW1 in honour of St Joseph the Worker. At 10.30am there will be a banner procession of Migrants and Catholic Organizations starting at Westminster Cathedral Hall. Mass begins at 11am and the main celebrant is The Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.

Vocation Pilgrimage to Walsingham On Saturday, 15th June 2013. A day to pray with and for young men and women called to the priesthood, religious life or Christian marriage. For further info and to book a place on the coach from/to Westminster Cathedral please see poster on notice board.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory On Saturday, 13th July 2013 from 11am till 4.30pm at The Friars, Aylesford ME20 7BX. Everyone welcome. For further information please see poster on notice board.

Cake Sale – Today after 10.00am Mass St Dominic's Catholic Sixth Form College is raising money to send an invalid to Lourdes in July 2013 so please come and support this worthy cause by joining us today for tea/coffee and cakes in the Parish hall after the 10.00am Mass.

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

London Marathon Bridie Flanagan's daughter Monica ran the marathon last Sunday in an impressive 3 hours 44 minutes for Maya Outreach who aim to improve the lives of people affected by cancer particularly in Nepal. You can still sponsor her by calling Bridie on 020 8868 2253. Many thanks for your support.

Priest Training Fund You can still return your envelopes. Thank you very much for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.