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## 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 ~ Sixth 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

How do we create a good home?  
Well firstly, we often need a bit of help to make a good home. We see this on the television where it's the main premise of home improvement shows. We need help to do some of the practical things that improve our home. We need help to do the things that give our home the potential to be a good home. Secondly, once our home has acquired the potential to be a good home, then the next step is to



realise that potential. We can't do that without help. Good homes don't just drop out of the sky; we need advice, support and time to bring them about. And thirdly, once we've realised the potential our home has and it's become a good home then, should we wish to do so, we can trade up to get an even better home.

Now in a certain sense, the way in which the Father, Son and Holy Spirit make their home in us is like this. For example, we need help to acquire the potential necessary for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to make their home in us. Left to our own devices, without any help from them, it wouldn't happen. We would never be ready for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to make their home in us unless they had taken the initiative and given us that potential.

Likewise, once we've acquired the potential to have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit come and make their home in us, that potential still needs to be realised, which can only happen through God's activity. And then most strikingly of all, once the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have made their home in us when the time is right we can trade up. And what this means is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit make their home in us so that in time we can join the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in their other home in heaven. In other words, our opportunity to join the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in heaven is a consequence of their willingness to make a home in us.

But how does all this happen? Well, we're told we have to keep Jesus's word. In effect, this means doing what Jesus told us to do and living the way that Jesus wanted us to live. And what this involves is spelt out for us in the gospels so we should examine them carefully to see it in practice. But to move from knowing what to do to actually doing it we need the help of grace. Fortunately, though, God shares his grace with us in the sacraments. So if we avail of the Church's sacramental ministry we're able to keep Jesus's word, to do what Jesus told us to do and to live in the way that Jesus wanted us to live. And when we do this, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will make their home in us and we will obtain all the benefits that this entails, not least the sense of peace which Jesus talks about in the gospel today.

*Fr. Shaun*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May (First Mass of Sunday)  
18.00 Pat Ryan (Bob) RIP  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
08.30 People of the Parish  
10.00 Mr. Sinnathamby Joseph Victor (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
11.30 Annapackiam Albert (Anniv)  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria  
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Easter Feria  
09.30 Maisie Browne & Family (Special Int)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter Feria  
19.00 Mary Murphy (Int)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Feria  
09.30 Seamus Browne RIP  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter Feria  
09.30 Bertie Pillai 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.**

**Recently Deceased**, Alice Hegarty, Mr. Arputhasamy, Briget O'Regan, Annie Lavelle, Martin D'Cunha, Herbert Hoffmann, Gertrude Nicholas.

**Pray Also For**, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Annapackiam Albert, Annachi Ponnukone, Sr. Veronica Carr, Patrick Hedderman, Sheila Watts, Austin Ormson, Elizabeth Tumulty, Mary & Eddy Moriarty, Gerard Taylor and Mary Anne Thambiratnam whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** We pray for, and congratulate, our 59 young parishioners who will be conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend by Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

**First Holy Communion** Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion today.

**Coffee Morning** We look forward to welcoming you all at our regular coffee morning today 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.

**International Day** Once again this year the school and parish will work together to provide an International Day. This will take place at St John Fisher School, Melrose Road, HA5 5RA, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Feast of St John Fisher, from 11am to 3pm. On that day we will spend some time together, enjoy each other's cultures and have fun. Could you please help with the following donations: Bric-a-Brac, Teddies, Toys - in good condition, Books, Posh Bags, Drinks for tombola. You can drop these off in the Church porch or the sacristy.  
We are also looking for donors for major raffle prizes, so far the top prize is £350, if you could help with this please contact Monica Gaffney [monica.gaffney@btinternet.com](mailto:monica.gaffney@btinternet.com).  
Would parishioners be willing to sell raffle tickets for the International Day after mass one weekend? Again, please contact Fr Shaun, [shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk) or Monica, at the address given above if you are able to help.  
Do you work in a company that operates a £4£ giving scheme? If you do and your company would like to support the school and parish, which are both registered charities, then please contact Monica.

This week in the porch you will find sign-up sheets for the International Kitchen. This is very popular and only works with your help, so please do get involved and share some of your home and culture with the parish. If people could spare half an hour on the day to help serve in the kitchen that would be fantastic - there is a separate sheet for this.

As for all you cake makers out there, please get baking, we need your help to provide cakes for the cake stall and for the tea and coffee stall. This is a real parish and school effort, it is about working together and supporting each other so we hope that everyone can get involved, give some time and attend the International Day.

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

**Bethany Group** Our next meeting is on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Sacristy Room.

**Traidcraft Stall** Will be open in the porch after all Masses next weekend.

**Harrow Foodbank** There are families in Harrow who face emergency situations when they have difficulty finding the money to buy food. To help these people, Harrow Foodbank will be opening in June 2013. If you would like to help with this initiative, or just find out more about it, there will be an Open Meeting this coming Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15pm-8.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, 1a Headstone Drive, Wealdstone, HA3 5QX. See poster in the porch for more information.

**Do you have a good marriage? Would you like to have a great one?** Why not try the non-residential enrichment weekend "Smart Loving" as part of your response to the Year of Faith? Choose from one of two weekend: June 29<sup>th</sup>&30<sup>th</sup> or September 21<sup>st</sup> &22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Hendon. All enquiries should be directed to [cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk); 020 7931 6064; [www.smartloving.org](http://www.smartloving.org).

**Special Offers to Lourdes and Rome** In May, June, August, September, October 2013. For further details and booking please contact C.E. Roberts 020 8205 9155/07814 614749. Please see details of itinerary on notice board.

**Zumba Classes at St. John Fisher Church** Hi, I am Meg and I love to teach Zumba. The reason is simple: Every class feels like a party! Come and join me and you will see what I mean. I am a licensed ZUMBA Instructor and would like to invite you to start this great adventure of ZUMBA with me. If you are ready to party yourself into shape, then ZUMBA is all about that. It's an exhilarating, effect, easy to follow, Latin-inspired calorie-burning dance fitness party that's moving millions of people towards joy and health. My classes will be available from 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 on every Monday at 7-8pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact me at [zumba\\_megsclasses313@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:zumba_megsclasses313@yahoo.co.uk); you can also follow me on Facebook/Twitter (Meg Zumba) or simply check [www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com). Come and try it and I guarantee you will have a blast. I look forward to meeting you! Meg

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