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7th July 2013 ~ Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 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

Over the past sixteen weeks our parish has worked really hard to realise the vision of Archbishop Nichols with regard to **Growing in Faith**. Almost everyone in the parish has been contacted so that the vision of **Growing in Faith** could be explained. The response that we have had so far has been phenomenal. Thank you.

What we have achieved already is very encouraging. Our parish goal was to raise a minimum of £240,000. However, because our needs are great, our challenge goal is to raise £350,000. To date, through the support of 112 gifts to the campaign, we have raised £253,523!

That means from now on 75% of everything we raise stays here in the parish. This money will help us re-order our church, provide educational facilities which all our parishioners can access and advance our work with young people.

The average gift in our parish is £10 per week. $\frac{3}{4}$ of our parishioners are pledging over five years and have ticked the gift aid box thus adding 25% to their gift.

Parishes like ours across the Diocese are receiving an average of 190-200 gifts and pledges. For us this means receiving an additional 85 gifts and pledges. I would welcome your support on this commitment weekend effort. Our success now will help us to secure our future and encourage and inspire others to get involved.

Do remember that a weekly gift of £4, (which is the price of a cup of coffee), over five years comes to £1040, if you pay tax you can Gift Aid your pledge and that would make your pledge worth £1,300.

So if 85 people could pledge the price of a cup of coffee every week we could raise £110,500. This money would be used to complete the refurbishment of our church, make our facilities available to all our parishioners, especially those with mobility issues and provide facilities for work with our young people.

I would ask that on this final commitment weekend, if you are able to, you make a commitment to **Growing in Faith**.

Yours devotedly,

Shaun Middleton

Fr. Shaun Middleton, Parish Priest

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 6th July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Noel Bocarro (Anniv)

Sunday 7th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.30 Phebe Martins RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Clement Onwuachu RIP

Monday 8th July – Feria, Fourteenth Week of Year 1

09.30 Michael & Maris McTernan RIP

Tuesday 9th – Feria

09.30 Annie & Jim Burke RIP

Wednesday 10th – Feria

19.00 Mrs. Patricia Roche RIP

Thursday 11th – ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe

09.30 Johnny Murphy RIP

Friday 12th – Feria

09.30 Michael Mulvaney (40th 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, Martin Mahon, Pat McGrath.

Pray Also For, Noel Bocarro, Michael Mulvaney, The McCarthy Family, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher, Anne Hickey, Bartholomew Hourihan, Richard Rossington, Ann Attwood, Margaret Bladun, Mary Ann Brady and Alison Smith whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Emily Abraham, Oliver Abraham, Eleanor Antony, Kyra Mei Hor and Sienna Maher who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Growing in Faith Team Meeting Our final meeting will take place on Monday, 8th July at 8pm in the Small Hall.

'The Pylon' The Summer Edition of our exciting Parish magazine will be available at the back of the church from next weekend. Price £1. Please buy a copy and support our advertisers who are all parishioners.

Communion Mass & Party 2013 All First Communion parents should have now received information about the Mass on Saturday, 20th July at 6pm with a party in the hall afterwards. See Kay if you have not received this information.

UCM Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 17th July after 7pm Mass. Please make every effort to attend.

St Edmund Champion Relic Courtesy of the Knights of Saint Columba a relic of St Edmund Champion, the London Saint, will be present at our Parish Masses on Monday, 8th July and Tuesday, 9th July. There will be an opportunity to venerate a relic after Mass while we recite the Litany of the English Martyrs. The church will also remain open on those two days until 12pm for private veneration of the relic.

Michael McBreen RIP Margaret, Conor and Ryan wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent loss. Mick had requested donations to the NSPCC instead of flowers at his funeral, to date the generous amount of approx. £900 has been raised. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

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

Matrimony: the next generation Saturday, 20 July 2013 at 1pm-4pm (lunch provided), in Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1QH. This FREE event is not just for those involved in preparing engaged couples for marriage, but also for married couples seeking to enrich and refresh their own marriages. Speakers are Francine and Byron Pirola, the authors of Engage marriage preparation resource and SmartLoving marriage enrichment seminars. Please register with Catherine MacGillivray at cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7931 6064.

Annual Youth 2000 Prayer Festival Seats available on a coach from Euston to Walsingham for the annual festival in August! If you are between the age of 16-35 and are keen on attending, please contact alexandramills@rcdow.org.uk from Westminster Youth Ministry for further information.

Summer Accommodation in London Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £45 per night (including breakfast). Please visit www.allenhall.org.uk, email allenhall@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

International Day Grand Draw Winners Are as follows: 1st prize £350.00 Cash - Narissa Alves; 2nd – 1 year's membership Gym North Harrow - Brendan McCarthy; 3rd – 1 week at the Academies holiday camp – Harris from Bury St Edmonds; 4th – Dinner for 2 Curry Mahal – M McGrath; 5th – Fortnum & Mason Hamper – Kim Mitten; 6th – 12 Week swim lesson – Narissa Alves; 7th – Visage hair salon – Mrs L Regis; 8th – 1 month peak membership @ Highgrove – Kathy Hanrahan. If you have not heard from Friends by now please contact Monica @ monica.gaffney@btinternet.com to claim your prize.

St. John Fisher School – Staff Vacancies: As and When Site Supervisor required, initially for 4 weeks at the end of July. If you can fulfil this position please contact Mrs. Lyons for further information.

Required from September 2013: **Nursery Nurse** - We require a qualified Nursery Nurse to join a dedicated Early Years unit to work under the direction of the class teachers and Inclusion Leader to support in class and on the playground.

Teaching Assistants with lunchtime duty (term-time only) - We require Teaching Assistants to offer support to teachers and children in class and supervise on the playground. There is also the opportunity to work in Breakfast and After School Clubs on certain days.

Closing Date: noon Monday, 8th July. Application packs for the above positions are available on the Harrow Borough website or from St. John Fisher School, Melrose Road, Pinner HA5 5RA, Tel: 020 8868 2961, Email: office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch.uk.