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## 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013 ~ Fifteenth 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

In the parable of the Good Samaritan we have to identify the injured man as one who represents the whole of humanity which has been wounded by sin. Though the Jewish Law, represented by the priest and the levite, could advise people to avoid sin, it could do nothing to heal the damage human sinfulness had inflicted on the world, or on individual human beings - just as



someone seriously injured cannot restore themselves to health. So the wounds inflicted by our sin, prevent us from attaining on our own, that spiritual health which we call salvation. But help has come beyond anything we could possibly expect in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.

By reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, as an illustration of what Christ has done for us, we see yet more clearly the irrelevance of all those artificial barriers to charity which we can be tempted to set up - whether of birth, or merit, or whatever else it might be - because we see that 'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son' (Jn 3: 16): God, although we had rejected him by our sins, nevertheless took it upon himself to restore us to his friendship, and as a sign of the extent of his love for humankind, did so by sharing in the person of Jesus Christ in the human condition even unto death itself.

The parable, however, also offers another point of comparison with Jesus and his care for the human race: specifically, we can note the commission he gives to the innkeeper to care for the wounded man until he returns, and the resources he gives him to enable him to do so. The Fathers saw in this an image of the Church, and the Sacraments which Christ has given to his Church to enable people to receive around the world and across time the benefits of his redeeming death and resurrection - to be cleansed in the waters of Baptism, and to receive his own Body and Blood which the Church's liturgy calls 'the spiritual medicine of the People of God'.

And this means that all of us who have been baptised, and thus become members of his Body, the Church, are called to share in ministering the love of Christ to the world - by displaying through our actions the love of Jesus Christ for every human being, and so proclaiming the good news of salvation which he offers through his Church to the whole world.

*Fr. Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Paddy O'Connor RIP

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Mrs. Madalena Horta RIP

11.30 Bridget & William Kelly (Anniv)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

09.30 Jeremiah Calnan RIP

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fifteenth Week of Year 1

09.30 Con Dineen RIP

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Joseph Kelly (Sick)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Mick McBreen RIP

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Ann Clifford RIP

**(St. John Fisher School attending Mass)**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

**Please note** St. John Fisher School will be attending the 9.30am Mass on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**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**, Jane Crewe, Peter McDonnell.

**Pray Also For**, Bridget & William Kelly, Mary McKenna, Nancy Martin, Dorothy Payne, Josephine, Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr. Bernard McKenna, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford, Peggy McKenna and Kevin Flynn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** Martin Mahon who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12.30pm at St John Fisher Church followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

**Growing in Faith** As you know, St John Fisher Church has been taking part in **Growing in Faith** over the past few months. Your support for Archbishop Nichols' vision to strengthen the life of our parishes, support priestly life at all stages and reach out to those in our communities was truly overwhelming.

On the last day of our campaign we received £125,000 in new commitments from 112 parishioners. As a parish this means we have provisionally raised over £380,000!

This week, I have sent a letter to those of you who generously made a commitment on the small green cards during Mass last weekend and indicated that you wished to pay by direct debit or other methods. Thank you so much if you have already given me your details, using either the green form that was enclosed with my letter or a pledge form that you have received from the volunteers at Mass. To ensure we can count your commitment towards our total I ask that you please complete and return your form to me this week. 75% of everything we now raise stays here in the parish so by completing the form you will really make a big difference to our parish project.

Thank you again so much for your wonderful generosity towards the **Growing in Faith** campaign in our parish. I will provide a more detailed update over the next couple of weeks once all the outstanding forms have been returned. *Fr. Shaun*

**'The Pylon'** Copies of our Parish Magazine, The Pylon are on sale at the back of the Church. Cost £1.

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

**St Vincent de Paul Society** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, usual place, usual time.

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

**Bethany Group** Next meeting on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Sacristy room.

**Fairtrade Stall** Open in the porch after all Masses this weekend.

**St. John Fisher Church Theatre Group** Please see the notice board in the porch for our exciting new programme for Autumn & Winter 2013/2014, incl. Daytona, starring Maureen Lipman, Don Quixote, Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense, The Book of Mormon, An Evening with Abba and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

**Harrow Foodbank** Help is needed moving boxes of food within the warehouse. If you could spare a few hours per week, please contact the Admin Office on 020 8863 6131.

**Catholic Worker Farm (a shelter for homeless women and children)** Welcome You to a big screen Cinema Night screening Les Miserables (2012) 158 min on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will have French snacks from 7.30pm and start the film at 8pm. After the film there will be an Open Mic and a Bonfire if weather permits. Admission Free but Donations Welcome. Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Rd, West Hyde, Herts, WD3 9XJ. For more info please visit [www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org](http://www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.allenhall.org.uk), email [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

**Westminster Diocese Vacancy - Parish Administrator, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth** An exciting new opportunity has arisen for a Parish Administrator to join the parish priest and his team at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth. The successful applicant will ideally be an Administrator or Bookkeeper with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and MS office skills. **Hours of work:** 20 hours per week (4 hours per day, weekdays) **Salary:** £10-12 per hour (neg) **Closing date:** 20 September 2013 **Interview date:** w/c 23 September 2013. For further information, please visit [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk).