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## 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 ~ Twenty-Fourth 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

Moses stands in the breach before God on behalf of his headstrong people who have committed idolatry, seeking consolation and security in something tangible and visible, a substitute for the real and living God. Pope Francis has spoken often of such temptations in our own time. He reminds us of the real solution to be found in the mercy of Jesus.

St Paul says: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life.'

He is the 'Fatted Calf', killed for the feast of the very Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The lost sheep and the lost coin lead on to the lost son. If the lost son has been dead and then brought back to life, then we are all called to join in the celebration. However, the calling is much more persuasive and urgent when we realise that we too need bringing back to life from death: the death of alienation, bitterness, negation, hatred of self, others and God. Only the calf, who has himself undergone death to defeat it, as one like us in all things but sin, can be our means of liberation and resurrection to new life. If like the elder son, we choose to stand outside the feast of the fatted calf, we then refuse the offer of resurrection to new life from death.

The feast we are invited to is the Father's heavenly banquet, where Jesus is the 'Fatted Calf', of the parable, now in reality the lamb of sacrifice offered for the sins of humanity, once and for all, at the Last Supper and on the Cross of Calvary.

Like the younger son, we need to come to our senses, and realise that we are dying of hunger for the food of heaven, Jesus himself. He is the one who, as St Paul tells us, gives us strength and calls us into his service regardless of our past and present sins.

The mercy enables us to show the mercy and compassion of our God to others. 'Rejoice with me' is the invitation to join in the feast.

*Fr Shaun*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Herbert Hoffmann RIP

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Gerald Clancy (Anniv)

10.00 Jéan Constantin RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

09.30 Martin Mahon RIP

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Twenty-Fourth Week of Year 1

09.30 Lawrence Standon RIP

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Mrs. Maria Keiko Matsumura (Anniv)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Pat McGrath RIP

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

09.30 Margaret Garvey (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**, David Miller, Eileen Carey.

**Pray Also For**, Gerald Clancy, Mrs. Maria Keiko Matsumura, Margaret Garvey, Kitty Young, Philomena Dias, Georgina Wilson, Molly McCann, Jean Casey, Francis Kerr, Mavis Pereira, Elmo Joseph, Reginald Dingley, Florida Lawani, Tony Garvey, Clara Mars-Harris, Jim Cousins and Michelle Maire whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** David Miller who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am at St John Fisher Church followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

**Parish Council** Will meet in the Upper Room on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**Welcome Ministry Rota** Please collect your new rota from the Church porch.

**Children's Liturgy** Will re-start on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Children's Religious Education Classes** Will start on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9-10am. This is for any child in School year 1 to School year 7 who do not attend a Catholic School.

**Coffee Morning** We look forward to welcoming you all back after the Summer break, to our regular coffee morning next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September after both 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.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** There will be a Bring and Buy sale after 7pm Mass next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. We also have some easy knitting and crochet patterns for hand puppets etc. to go into shoe boxes for children at Christmas, for interested members. Elmfield Church send them each year.

**Bethany Group** Next meeting on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in the Sacristy Room.

**The Pylon - Christmas edition 2013** Thank you to all those people who gave The Pylon such positive feedback. It is time once again to ask parishioners to start writing! Do send us letters, articles, book, film, TV reviews - covering all age groups, creative

writing - poems, stories and flash fiction: To [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place in Barbara Towell's pigeonhole. Deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Children's Creative Writing Competition** Are you 12 years old or younger? Would you like to see your poem, short story, flash fiction, descriptive piece or short play script published in The Pylon? Then why not enter this competition? Winners will have their work published in the Christmas edition. In addition, the winner of the **First Prize will receive a £10 Smith's token and the runner up, chocolates.** All entries must be your own **original work.** Your **first and surname plus age** must be clearly written on entry. **The subject matter is your choice.** All **submissions** must be received by **31<sup>st</sup> October.** Send by e-mail to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place in Barbara Towell's pigeon hole.

**Churches Together in North Harrow** There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the small hall of the Parish Centre to review how the parish currently contributes to the work of CTNH. It is for everyone who is interested in reconciliation between the different Christian Churches, and who wishes to see development in the way they co-operate. For further details please see the attached flier.

**Study day on Human and Faith Development: From Childhood to Adulthood** On 21st September 2013 at 10am-3pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. This will be an interactive teaching and learning day for all interested in their personal faith development and those who teach adults and children. Please always book in advance to attend a session by email: [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or at [www.rcdow.org.uk/events](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/events) or tel 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £7. Please bring packed lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided. For more info please visit our website [www.rcdow.org.uk/faith/adult-formation/welcome/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/faith/adult-formation/welcome/).

**Vocations Discernment Group for young adults (20's and 30's)** Next Meeting on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Gianni Notarianni OSA will reflect on the lessons of St Augustine for today - "My heart is restless, Lord until it rests in you." For further info contact Fr Richard Nesbitt at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**The Sacred Heart Language College, Wealdstone Open Evenings** On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 4pm-6pm. For more info see notice board.

**Salvatorian College, Harrow Weald** Open Evening for parents and prospective pupils on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm. Open Mornings for parents on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September and Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September from 11am-12pm. For more info see notice board.

**Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings** For Year 7 on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm-7.30pm. For Year 12 on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 6pm-8pm. For more info see notice board.

**St. Gregory's Catholic Science College Open Evening** On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm. For more info see notice board.

**St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, Rickmansworth Open Evening** On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm-9pm and Open Morning on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 9am-12pm.

**Stanmore College Open Evening** For Year 11 Students on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm-7.30pm.