



## St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013 ~ Twenty-Sixth 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

CAFOD is hugely grateful for the support you have shown for its work over many years, particularly at a time of economic uncertainty your compassion is extraordinary, and inspiring.

On this Harvest Fast Day CAFOD would like to tell you about a 16 year old boy from Guatemala called Efraín. Like most Guatemalan boys his age, he loves football. He is also very popular and is the head boy at his school. Three years ago, Efraín's life was very different. His family fled his violent father in the middle of the night and went to live with a relative. They had no way of supporting themselves and there were days when they had to eat rotten avocados to stay alive. With little food, no money coming into the family and no home to call his own, Efraín dropped out of school to earn money for his family.

### *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

But Efraín desperately wanted to go to school. He went to the capital, Guatemala City, cleaning shoes to earn money. He sent half his wages back to his mum and kept half to support himself and save to go to school. After a year, he had enough to send himself to school. His story is seen in households throughout Guatemala: the school enrolment rate in rural areas like Efraín's is low – just 35 per cent. Many young people have to leave school to earn money to support their family. Being able to learn always takes a back seat if going to work means your family can have food.

### *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

The school Efraín chose is supported by CAFOD. Efraín learns how to grow vegetables, look after animals and sell crops. Whatever the young people grow at the school, they eat. So every day, Efraín sits down to a breakfast, lunch and dinner that is not only nutritious, but that he's grown himself.

"The school is like heaven," says Efraín. "I get to eat good food and I can learn how to grow it. I know that if I don't get a job when I leave school, I can still support my family by growing food."

To help many more families like Efraín's, please give what you can. By giving just £1 a week to CAFOD, you can give a child like Efraín a place at your table: not just food for today, but hope for a lifetime.

Attached to this week's newsletter is your Fast Day envelope. Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October is Harvest Fast Day. We will collect your Fast Day envelopes and offerings after all our Masses next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details. Thank you for helping those children who have so very little of their own.

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Victor Emmanuel RIP

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Sour Maria and Sour Eleonora (Anniv)

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Pascal D'Souza (Anniv)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Isabel Martin (Sick)

**11.00 Funeral of David Miller RIP**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

09.30 A. Nicholas RIP

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Holy Guardian Angels

19.00 Mary Fernandes (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feria, Twenty-Sixth Week of Year 1

09.30 Alice Standon (Anniv)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – St Francis of Assisi

09.30 Bernard Barker (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.**

**Pray Also For**, Sour Maria and Sour Eleonora, Pascal D'Souza, Alice Standon, Bernard Barker, Peter Lambie, Michael Mascurine, William Murphy, William Rebbitt, Kitty Davis, Stephen Rizkallah, Sarah Hegarty, Christine James, Patricia Dunmore and Helen Williams whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** On 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.30pm a member of the fire brigade has been invited to tell us about their work and the prevention of fires. The latter is accompanied by an offer to check your home, and install fire alarms in the most effective positions. Do come to this interesting talk and book a free home visit. All welcome.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**School Admission** Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am-12.30pm (**please note extended time**) and Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am-12.30pm. Both days are by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh by e-mail [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or on 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise if you are applying for more than one school. Parents should come to the Parish Centre.

**Sacraments for Adults** Are you a baptised Catholic and have not received any other sacraments? Are you a Catholic who wants to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you not a Catholic and would like to know how to become one? Contact Kay after Mass, email [kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 8429 5682.

**Gregg McCann & The Hands of Jazz** Return to St John Fisher on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets £22.50 (includes fish & chip supper). Box office: 020 8866 3836. Raffle and collection in aid of HCPT-The Pilgrimage Trust. For full details visit [www.thehandsofjazz.co.uk](http://www.thehandsofjazz.co.uk).

**Mass Intentions** Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards: for the living and for

the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk).

**Parish Pilgrimage** Information and booking forms have gone out about the Parish pilgrimage for those who enquired. If you haven't received the information pack then please contact Fr. Shaun.

**Parish Curry Night** We are delighted to announce that our Parish Curry Night will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. There will be sign-up sheets in the porch from next week but please put the date in your diary now.

**Harrow Foodbank Part Time Project Manager required now** 18.5 hours p/wk (2.5 day), initially for one year. Salary £10-£11k, subject to experience. Please note being a committed (active) Christian is an occupational requirement. Please see our website <http://harrow.foodbank.org.uk/> for the Job Pack and further details including application form. Electronic Applications to Mark Maloney, Chair of Trustees. Closing date: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Interviews planned for: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**Information Evenings: Supporting Parents in Sacramental Preparation Programmes** For adult faith formation leaders, parents, catechists, teachers, parish pastoral council members, clergy and volunteers. There will be an opportunity to share good practices, showcase new and available resources. Booking is required. Please register for one of the following evenings at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7931 6078 or at [www.rcdow.org.uk/events](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/events). Mon, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2013, 7.30pm-9pm in Our Lady & St Vincent, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 2AT and Tue, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013, 7pm-8.30pm, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY.

**Spreading the Word Today: A Conference for Parish Adult Faith Formation Leaders and those who lead Small Groups in the Diocese** On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10.00am-4.00pm, The Centre for Youth Ministry in Somers Town (near Euston Tube Station). Registration required. Email [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6078 or for more information please go to [www.rcdow.org.uk/events](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/events). Suggested donation £5. Bring your own lunch.

**Comedy Night at St. Joan of Arc School, Rickmansworth** On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm for 8pm. This ever popular PFA event will see 5 top professional comedians perform live, including TV's very popular Bob Mills. You are very welcome, whether or not you have children at the school. Tickets cost £12 each or £100 for a table of 10. Licensed Bar and snacks! If you would like to book tickets, please email [pfa@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pfa@joa.herts.sch.uk).

**Pilgrims Progress** The October edition, including the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Elmfield Church, is available in the Church porch.