



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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3rd November 2013 ~ Thirty-First Sunday of the Year C

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

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

The annual collection for the sick and retired priests of our diocese will take place next weekend and all the money that is raised will be used to ensure that elderly priests and those who are struggling with ill health receive the care and support that they need. As always, this really is an important collection as the fund is a charity and it depends on donations.

The fund was set up 35 years ago. During that time the fund has helped hundreds of our priests. Many of the funds services are relatively inexpensive. For example, the regular visits that are made to our elderly priests by the funds health Coordinator, Sr. Clement, a trained nurse, who uses her skills to assess and support our priests who are in need of a bit of extra care as they continue to live their priesthood during their autumn years or in the face of chronic ill health.

Sometimes very practical help needs to be given. For example, making sure that a wheelchair bound priest is able to get to Mass. However, sometimes it is necessary to install specialist equipment, such as a stair lift or hoist. Or there will be times when we need to pay for sheltered accommodation. The costs can then be quite daunting. Obviously the fund does all it can to work with local authorities in order to meet some of the costs, but quite often the fund will still have to meet some of the expenses. Situations like this place an enormous strain on what is quite a limited resource.

The "Growing in Faith" campaign that we ran in June will make a real difference and the support of those who have decided to contribute to this appeal is hugely appreciated. However, the collection we are running next week remains a vital part of the income to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund's finances. We appeal once again to those of you who are financially able to support this fund, so that all our priests can receive the help and support that they need and deserve in their old age.

Please use the envelopes attached to this week's newsletter to make your donations and, if you pay tax, remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the donation envelope. This will add 25p to every pound that you give. We will collect all the envelopes after Mass next week. Thank you on behalf of all sick and retired priests of our diocese.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 2nd November (First Mass of Sunday) – **ALL SOULS**

18.00 All Deceased of the Parish

Sunday 3rd – 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Catherine Hayes (Anniv)

Monday 4th – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

09.30 Herbert Hoffmann RIP

Tuesday 5th – Feria, Thirty-First Week of Year 1

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 6th – Feria

19.00 Richard Sacchett RIP

Thursday 7th – Feria

09.30 Joe Kelly & Family RIP

Friday 8th – Feria

09.30 Holy Souls

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, Bernard Lynch, Maureen Buckley.

Pray Also For, Catherine Hayes, Joan, Elaine and Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Mary Gleeson, Michael Mullins and Bernard Rooney whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Daniel Cirsis, Oliver Preiss and Oscar Preiss who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 7th December at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. For an appointment please contact Claudia McHugh at claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or on 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents. *If you are applying for a 6th FORM in West London with a deadline of 8th December, please contact Claudia for an earlier appointment.*

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 25th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish House, no later than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Tuesday, 12th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

CAFOD Christmas Card Stall Will be open this weekend after all masses and every weekend thereafter.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) The UCM are meeting after 7pm Mass on Wednesday, 6th November. There will be a Quiz and the dessert we missed on our harvest supper evening.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 7th November at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parish Coffee Morning An invitation to all to come along to our coffee morning next Sunday, 10th November after both the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses. Come and enjoy a slice of homemade cake and a warm drink with family and friends. As

usual, raffle tickets will be on sale after both Masses and all proceeds go towards the restoration of our church.

Parish Women's Group (PWG) The next meeting is **Book Evening**. It will be on Thursday, 14th November at 8pm in the small hall of the St. John Fisher Parish Centre where we will be discussing "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. In addition, we will be recommending other books we have enjoyed. All women of the Parish and their female friends will be made most welcome whether you have read "Gone Girl" or not. A bottle or a few light snacks to share would be appreciated. For more details contact Barbara Towell at barbaratowell@sky.com or 020 8866 6665.

Parish Curry Night Please collect your tickets in the Porch after Mass this weekend. Cheques made payable to St. John Fisher Church. **Helpers Needed** We will set up the hall for the evening from 10.30am on Saturday, 16th November. Do remember we will also need willing helpers to give a hand with cleaning up at the end of the evening.

Mass Intentions Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: 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.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

Mass for the Bereaved On Wednesday, 13th November 2013 at 7.15pm at St. Joseph's Church, High Road, Harrow Weald.

Harrow Foodbank We have clearly caught the public's imagination and have been the recipients of many of our local schools and churches harvest celebrations. Thanks to the amazing generosity from these collections and the other wonderful gifts we have received since opening in May, we have been able to help over 600 people in crisis and are still currently well stocked for food. So, please hold back on donations for the moment, especially as we may have to move from our current warehouse to a new one! We will issue further appeals as our stock levels decrease. Also, if you know of anyone who is struggling to feed themselves or their family, please encourage them to contact us on 020 8416 7344 and we can see how we can help.

Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC) Next meeting will be on Monday, 4th November at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Jill 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

Gunnersbury Catholic School Are holding an Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form Students and their families on Tuesday, 12th November at 6-7pm.

Urgently Seeking Accommodation 1 double bedroom on its own or a 1 double bedroom flat for the next 4 weeks. Please call Edna on 07776 174590.