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6th April 2014 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent A: The Raising of Lazarus

Through death, Lazarus had been cut off from his family and friends, bound like a mummy and buried. Jesus brought him out of the tomb, restored him to his family and spoke words of liberation: 'Unbind him, let him go free'. Reflecting on this Pope Francis describes ways that people can be robbed of life and the ways that the Church's sense of mission can die.

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

Pope Francis reflects on an economy of exclusion and inequality: Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless.

Question: *How does the global economy impact on me and the people I know? Are there choices I could make to resist its negative effects?*

Pope Francis reflects on a lifestyle that excludes: Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own. The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase. In the meantime, all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us.

Question: *How conscious am I of those who produce the goods I consume? How does this awareness affect the choices I make?*

Pope Francis reflects on a new idolatry of money: One cause of this situation is found in our relationship with money, since we calmly accept its dominion over ourselves and our societies. The current financial crisis can make us overlook the fact that it originated in a profound human crisis: the denial of the primacy of the human person.

Question: *What part does money play in my life and in my decisions? How carefully do I think about what I choose to consume?*

Pope Francis reflects on a crisis in relationships: In the case of the family, the weakening of these bonds is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. The individualism of our postmodern and globalised era favours a lifestyle which weakens the development and stability of personal relationships and distorts family bonds. Pastoral activity needs to bring out more clearly the fact that our relationship with the Father demands and encourages a communion which heals, promotes and reinforces interpersonal bonds.

Question: *How strong are the relationships in my life? What sort of pastoral activity in my parish is strengthening family and community life?*

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

Franciscus

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 5th April (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 Mr. Gerard Nicholas (Anniv)
Sunday 6th – 5th SUNDAY OF LENT
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Joan Anthony & Esperance Texeira RIP
11.30 Sally Enwright (Anniv)
Monday 7th – Lent feria
09.30 Hannah Celine O'Brien (Anniv)
10.30 Funeral of José Duran-Carballo RIP
Tuesday 8th – Lent feria
09.30 Intention of Donor
Wednesday 9th – Lent feria
19.00 Richard & Honor O'Connor (Anniv)
Thursday 10th – Lent Feria
09.30 B.J. Connolly (Int)
Friday 11th – Lent Feria
09.30 Mary O'Malley RIP
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, Clifford Meyler, Lucille Goulding, Mary Gorman, Tom McCallum.

Pray Also For Gerard Nicholas, Sally Enwright, Hannah Celine O'Brien, Richard & Honor O'Connor, Joe Walsh, Maria Teixeira, Nora O'Connor, Maisie Rainsford, Eileen Jordan, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, Dr. Larry Fisch and Barbara Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember José Duran-Carballo who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 7th April at 10.30am at St John Fisher Church followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

Lent Penitential Services On Saturday 12th April St Theresa's Headstone Lane 10am; Sunday 13th April, St Luke's Pinner 3-4pm; Wednesday 16th April, St Joseph's Wealdstone 7.15pm.

Traidcraft Stall Will be open after all masses in the porch this weekend. 'Real Easter Eggs' and other Fairtrade chocolates are on sale alongside the usual stock.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Raffle Winners Please see list on notice board in the porch.

Churches Together in North Harrow Easter Cards Please pick up your pack from the Church porch.

The Pylon - Parish magazine - Summer edition 2014 It is time again to ask you to write and send articles for the summer edition of our parish magazine. These could include an account of a parish event or outing, memories of St John Fisher church/school, what a parish group has been up to since the Christmas edition or anything you may consider of interest to our readers. For the **Creative Writing Pages** we welcome **your own original writing**. This could be poetry, short stories, descriptive pieces, flash fiction or a very short script. It doesn't matter whether you are a child, teenager or adult. Please include first and surname, email address and/or tel number. If you are under 18, your age. The Pylon is **your magazine** so please contribute. Email Barbara Towell, Assistant Editor, to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in Barbara Towell's pigeonhole in the porch. **The deadline for the creative writing and articles is Sunday, 18th May 2014.**

Buy a Brick - Certificate of Thanks Please collect your certificate from the pigeonhole in the porch. Thank you for your support.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8.30am, 9.30am (see note below), 11.30am

Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass as Normal

Easter Monday Mass at 11am

Palm Sunday – 13th April 10am Mass We will gather at 9.30am outside St. John Fisher Church in order to process to St. Alban's for an ecumenical Liturgy of the Word at 9.45am and thereafter return to St. John Fisher for Mass which will resume at the offertory.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 10th April, 7.30pm.

Cantemus Directed by Jean Coward, will sing Stabat Martyr by Bergolesi on Sunday, 13th April at 3pm at St. John Fisher Church. Admission free.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School Invites you to enter their Rights Respecting Schools competition to write a prayer to be used during acts of worship both in school and in the Parish. All entries must be word processed on A4 size paper and should focus on the Rights Respecting Schools agenda and received by noon on Friday, 16th May 2014, email FAO Mrs. O'Brien to office@st-ohnfisher.harrow.sch.uk.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Thank you for your generous response - £1,709 was donated.

Italian Evening £2,100 after expenses was raised. Many thanks to everyone who made it such a success.

Easter Flowers Collection There will be a retiring collection after Mass this weekend towards the cost of the flowers in our Church.

Easter Offering Attached to this week's newsletter is an envelope in which you can make an Easter Offering for Fr. Shaun. These offerings support him in his ministry here in the Parish and they will be collected over the Masses of Easter. Thank you for your kindness and generosity at this time.



Would you please consider buying a brick or two in order to support re-furbishing the Sanctuary? Bricks cost £10 each and we will issue a Certificate of Thanks for every brick that you buy. Please fill out the form below and return it to Fr Shaun at the presbytery. Cheques should be made payable to St John Fisher Church.

PLEASE PRINT

Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....

Email.....

Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

Total Amount £.....

Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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