



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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12th October 2014 ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year A

THE CATENIANS

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

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to write a few words about the Catenian Association.

The Catenians are an international association of Catholic laymen, who aim to provide support and encouragement to their members and families and help them to live a Christian life in an increasingly secular world. Catenians and their families enjoy a wide range of social activities as well as providing a social and supportive haven for those facing challenges to their beliefs in their business and family lives.

FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

We endeavour to help each other to strengthen our Catholic faith and to develop and deepen our practice of the faith.

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 seek to foster love among our members, and to develop social bonds among our members and their families. We take particular care to make sure that our widows are looked after.

We support each other in difficulty or need, and provide financial support to members and their families who have fallen on hard times, and to the widows and families of members who have died.

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

We also aim to advance the interests and development of young Catholics and provide financial assistance to help them carry out voluntary work overseas.

Members are encouraged to play an active part in their local parishes and communities, and as an association and individually we are encouraged to support charitable causes at home and abroad.

We have an active group or Circle here in Harrow. We hold our meetings, followed by a convivial meal on the third Monday of every month at the Grim's Dyke Golf Club. Anyone who would like to find out more is most welcome to contact me on **020 8248 8988**.

Peter Hardy
President, Harrow Catenian Circle

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 11th October (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 William & Bridget Kelly (Anniv)

Sunday 12th – 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 In Thanksgiving – Raymond & Diana Menezes (50th Wedding Anniv)

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Pal Family

Monday 13th – ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

09.30 Gwladys Smith (Anniv)

Tuesday 14th – Feria, Twenty-Eighth Week of Year 1

09.30 David Rimmer (Anniv)

Wednesday 15th – St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

19.00 In Thanksgiving - Cath & Sam Brizzell

Thursday 16th – Feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Friday 17th – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

09.30 Raymond Brown 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, Michael McMahan, Raymond Brown, John Spear, Douglas Wilton.

Pray Also William & Bridget Kelly, Gwladys Smith, David Rimmer, Louisa Tydda, Bryan Cross, Phyllis Berry, Brigitte Ryan, Pauline Roa, Mary Smith, Marguerite Atkinson, Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Vincent Bourke, Bo Claeson and Angela Doctrove whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations & Best Wishes To Robert Churchill and Laura Zymanczyk who were married in our church this weekend.

Consecration of the Church Cardinal Vincent will come to our parish to consecrate the church and altar on Friday, 14th November at 7pm. It will be a wonderful and moving liturgy and will complete, in a sacred way, our church building, which was started in 1938, extended in 1982 and finished in 2014. This is a chance to celebrate all that we have achieved and to look forward to all that will come. We would like to host a reception afterwards and just like Fr. Shaun's jubilee we would ask parishioners to provide finger food for a buffet in the hall following the liturgy. Teresa Arrigo has kindly offered to co-ordinate the catering, so please contact her at t.arrigo@virgin.net, 020 8427 3063 and let her know if you can help out on the day or what you will bring along. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. This will be a truly memorable occasion and we hope that as many people as possible will attend.

Parish 100 Club As you can see the major structural work to the church has now been completed and we hope that you like it. Over the next seven years, we will need to pay the diocese back the loan that it has given to our parish to make this work possible. One fund raising initiative is for parishioners to join the Parish 100 Club. We would ask parishioners to buy a monthly ticket which costs £5; if 100 people join and pay £5 a month, the amount raised each month is £500... and £250 is given away in prizes as follows: £100 £75 £50 £25. This leaves £250 which goes to the parish. If 200 people join, the prizes go up to £200, £150, £100 and £50. So the more people that join, the greater the monthly prize money will be. So it would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club, that way we could raise £6000 a year which would be enormously helpful. **A registration form is available from the porch or our website.** Thank you for your support.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 15th November at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. For an appointment please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 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 7th November, please contact Claudia for an earlier appointment.*

Church Cleaning For the past 9 months, a small team of dedicated workers have cleaned the church every Saturday morning. With the completion of the church in sight, a new rota of cleaners will be set up, to start at the beginning of November. Teams clean on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning, once every 5 or 6 weeks. If you have an hour to spare on one of these days and would like to help, please contact Ann Anderson on annanderson589@btinternet.com or 8427 1363.

Welcome Ministry Rota We need more volunteers for the 10am Mass so if you are interested please contact Sue Moriarty on suemoriarty@sky.com.

Churches Together in North Harrow This Advent our local churches are again working together to deliver Christmas greetings cards to all houses in the neighbourhood. Please offer to help by calling Eddie 82484997 or Nicola 88682536 or better e-mail mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk. Organising the distribution would be easier if we could make more use of the internet.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Tuesday, 21st October at 7.30pm.

CAFOD cards Today you can browse the full range of CAFOD cards & place your order at the stall in the porch. Orders should be in within a week and can be collected from & paid for at the stall. Traidcraft catalogues are available. Last year we made £210 for CAFOD from the discount received on bulk orders. In addition, CAFOD & other development charities receive part of the sale price of every Christmas card pack. Please support the stall again this year. We would like to open every weekend from the end of Oct to Christmas but this will only be possible if we have enough helpers. If you could help occasionally (10 to 15 minutes after the mass you usually attend) please give your details in at the stall or email sjftraidcraft@gmail.com with your name, contact details and the mass you attend. **Next weekend** the monthly Fairtrade food stall will be open & Christmas cards will be on sale.

The Pylon, Christmas edition 2014 It's that time of the year again! ***The Pylon is your Parish magazine and we look to you for contributions.*** We are asking you to send us the following: Christmas recipes, ways other countries/cultures celebrate Christmas, quizzes, reviews/recommendations of current books/novels for both children and adults as well as articles. Photos are always welcome. Keep in mind though that they will be published in black and white. In addition, whether a child, teenager or adult, please send work for our CREATIVE WRITING pages. This should be your own original writing - poetry, short stories, descriptive prose or flash fiction. All contributions will be considered. **The deadline is Sunday, November 2nd.** Thank you. Please send to barbaratowell@sky.com or geraldine2906@gmail.com. Otherwise place in the pigeonhole of Barbara Towell in the porch.

Tea Party in aid of Breast Cancer Care, North Harrow At the Home Guard Club, the Car Park, North Harrow on Friday, 17th October at 2.30pm-4pm. All welcome.