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9th November 2014 ~ THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA *Remembrance Sunday*



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

This Sunday we are celebrating the dedication of the Lateran basilica in Rome, and we are glad – we celebrate in fact – that with the help of a building we can reach into the deepest truth of our existence. As one of its inscriptions says, this is the mother and head of all churches in Rome and throughout the world this inscription helps us to make a statement about our Catholic identity.

Among church buildings, cathedrals have a particular significance. They point to a bishop, the embodied presence and activity of one of the means God has chosen so that he can be among us in time and space - the sacrament of order. Through our bishops we are linked to the college of bishops and therefore to the Apostles of our Lord. Our salvation transcends time and space, but does not bypass our material humanity or our history.

And uniquely among cathedrals, the Lateran basilica, to use its short title, points directly to the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St Peter, the Supreme Pontiff. This is one building with a fixed location yet standing for something or, better, standing for someone who is universal in the scope of his service of authority and constituted as such by God.

That God has chosen the sacraments as the ordinary means of salvation for us, does not limit him or the operation of his grace. But it does indicate for us the ordinary way to salvation, the shape which our journey takes through time and space. On this journey, church buildings and cathedrals are indeed landmarks, as are the bishops who preside over them.

No genuine Catholic doctrine and spirituality will try to bypass the sacraments. Related to them, although of course not as effective in the same way or of comparable importance, are the sacred buildings we call churches and cathedrals. In celebrating their dedication we recommit ourselves to our baptismal dedication to the service of God and His redemptive plan. Life may well have somewhat dilapidated us as temples of the Spirit, yet we pray for the grace of lasting perseverance.

This Sunday we also celebrate, in a profound way, our communion with Rome and its bishop, Pope Francis. Communion or unity, always speaks of those things which bind us together as a baptised people.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and on this day we recall our communion with those who gave their lives for us, for democracy, for our way of life. Our communion with the fallen is symbolised by the wearing of a red poppy. We wear that symbol with pride and thanksgiving and as our tribute to the fallen we commit ourselves by trying to walk the path of peace with those who would seek to vilify us. We will remember them.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 8th November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Gerry Furnell RIP

Sunday 9th – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

08.30 Tommy Murphy RIP

10.00 For the Fallen

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 10th – St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

09.30 Victor Crick (Anniv)

Tuesday 11th – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

09.30 Dr Nihal Ranasinghe RIP

Wednesday 12th – St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

19.00 Bridget Ryan (Anniv)

Thursday 13th – Feria, Thirty-Second Week of Year 2

09.30 Noel Jayasingam RIP

Friday 14th – Feria

No Morning Mass

19.00 Dedication of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Please note there is no Morning Mass on Friday, 14th November.

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, Archbishop Donald Arden, Ann O'Malley, Michael Bunce, Russell Miles, Elizabeth Deehan, Joan Goodman.

Pray Also For, Victor Crick, Bridget Ryan, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive, Mrs. Ofulue, Charles Harris, Bill Smith, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh and Suleiman Raie whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Charlie Forbes, Sháuna Healy and Leisha Peiris who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Dedication Rehearsal Would those servers who have been asked to serve at the Dedication of the Church on Friday 14th remember that the rehearsal for this mass is at **6pm on Wednesday, 12th November. You must attend the rehearsal.**

Altar Servers There will be a meeting for **All** Servers on Thursday, 20th November at 5.30pm. This meeting will take place in the church and will last for about an hour. If you cannot make this meeting you need to inform Kay or it will be taken that you no longer wish to continue as a server. Would servers also please sign the list in the servers sacristy, failure to do this will indicate that you no longer wish to serve.

A Pooch at the Presbytery The wild rumours sweeping the parish are absolutely true. Fr Shaun is getting a dog! Dylan, the Basset Hound, will arrive in December and, in the meantime, Fr Shaun has to "puppy proof" the house. Would any parishioners have any old baby gates that they can lend Fr Shaun? He needs to borrow about three gates altogether for about a year. Watch this space.....

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. It would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club so 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.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 24th 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.

CAFOD Christmas cards On sale in the porch after all masses this weekend.

Parish Women's Group Book Evening On Thursday, November 13th at 8pm in the small hall of our Parish Centre. Cost £1. Do come along to discuss 'The Unknown Bridesmaid' by Margaret Forster and to recommend books you have read and would recommend to others. A small contribution of snacks or a bottle to share would be most welcome. The PWG is open to all women of our parish and their invited female friend. We are a friendly group, welcoming all newcomers. For further information contact Barbara Towell at barbaratowell@sky.com or ring 020 8866 6665.

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.**

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Monday, 17th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

Gift Aid and Growing in Faith Every pound makes a vital difference towards our ability to plan for our parish project, care for our priests and support those in need in our communities. Making a Gift Aid Declaration can add 25% to your **Growing in Faith** donation at no extra cost to you! If you have received a letter from the **Growing in Faith** office and your donation is eligible for Gift Aid, please remember to complete and return your form by Sunday 23rd November.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancies – Musician, Housekeeper, Part-time Receptionist Please see noticeboard for details.

St Joan of Arc Catholic High School 'Narnia' themed Winter Ball On Friday, 28th November at Fairway Inn Golf Club, Rickmansworth in order to raise much needed funds for the school. Tickets cost £35 per person for a 3 course dinner, welcome glass of fizz and music to dance the night away. All welcome. For more info please see poster on noticeboard.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 3rd October Thank you for your generous response - £1,710.68 was donated.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Please return your envelopes today. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.