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25th October 2015 ~ Thirtieth Sunday of the Year B

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 in 1979 and its job now – as it was then – is to ensure that all our sick and elderly priests can live out their lives in comfort and with dignity.

Over the years it has helped literally hundreds of priests. For example, it has ensured

- That all our retired priests have somewhere to live which can be a vital issue as many priests do not have a home of their own.
- That retired priests who are struggling with disability have the equipment needed to live an independent life.
- That retired priests have enough to live on and receive help, if it is needed, to attend Mass and to undertake other activities.
- That retired priests have home help, nursing care or sheltered accommodation if that becomes necessary.
- That retired priests have regular visits to ensure that all is well as they get older.

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund is finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet for two reasons. Firstly, because the number of retired priests has increased a good deal since 1979. There are now 80 in our diocese and the number will continue to grow in the years to come. And secondly, because the cost of providing some of the most important services, particularly residential and nursing care, rises relentlessly every year.

The "Growing in Faith" campaign that we ran is making 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

Saturday 24th October (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 25th – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Maura Sheehan (Anniv)

10.00 Albert Fernandes RIP

11.30 In Thanksgiving - Russell & Edna Arulanantham Wedding Anniv

Monday 26th – Feria, Twenty-Ninth Week of Year 1

09.30 In Thanksgiving – Mr and Mrs M. Navaratnam Wedding Anniv

Tuesday 27th – Feria

09.30 Mr & Mrs Terry Lynch & Family

Wednesday 28th – Feria

19.00 Cyril & Coral Carter RIP

Thursday 29th – Feria

09.30 Marie Wimala Chandra RIP

Friday 30th – Feria

09.30 Noel Jayasingam 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.

(SVP If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please inform the presbytery.)

Recently Deceased, Micheal Conway, Monica O'Sullivan, Paddy Horgan.

Pray Also For Maura Sheehan, Alice Taylor, Johanna Evans, Dennis Joiner, Helen Muscillo, Philomena Seymour, Kathleen Kane, Frederick Goddard, Kathleen Foran, Esmé Phaure, Michael Rooney and Timothy Kelleher whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Altar Servers Next week **31st Oct/1st Nov Team A** will serve.

Confirmation Candidates Meeting On Monday, 2nd November at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting will last for 1 hour.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 23rd 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. At this meeting we will be submitting a re-draft of the Parish Constitution for your approval.

Italian Evening On Saturday, 7th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are £20 for adults and £8 for children (under 12 yrs) which includes a three course Italian meal with wine and entertainment. All funds raised will go towards the parish debt. **Tickets will be ready for collection from the Church porch after each Mass next weekend or thereafter from the presbytery.** Cheques made payable to "St. John Fisher RC Church".

Fairtrade food & CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale in the porch after each Mass this weekend. You can also place your orders for cards & Traidcraft gifts. We hope to open every weekend until Christmas but need more volunteers. Please sign up at the stall in the porch or email siftraidcraft@gmail.com if you can stay and help occasionally for about 15 minutes after mass.

SJF Young Adults Group This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together, to get to know one another and get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese.

We meet on the first Sunday of the month after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room. The next meeting is on Sunday, 1st November. Contact Johnpromise

promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa

at sherna_bhadresa@msn.com / 07785 615791. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 28th 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 have an earlier deadline for 6th form applications in West London, please contact Claudia for an earlier appointment.*

Parish Women's Group - Thursday 12th November At our next meeting on 12th November at 8pm in the small hall we will be decorating candles for Christmas. There will be a £3.50 charge to cover the cost of materials. If you would like to join us please contact Elena on 07599 931149 by Monday 2nd November at the latest as materials have to be purchased in advance. The PWG is a friendly group, open to all women in the parish, who meet once a month for different social activities. Why not give us a try?

Parish Quiz The Social Club are holding an Autumn Quiz on Saturday, 28th November @8pm in the parish hall. Entrance is £3 per person. Do come along and support us, we'd love to be able to repeat the success of our last one. All proceeds to parish funds. For further information or to book a team, please email: durcanjohn@aol.com.

Autumn Faith Sharing Groups The Booklets 'Love Divine' have arrived and are available in the porch (£2) or from group leaders. One group will start after Mass on Thursday 22nd October and will continue for the following six Thursdays (contact: Tony McWilliams 8868 3205). The other group will be led by Neville Bayross (8863 8876).

The Pylon - Christmas edition 2015 Please send us your articles, original short stories, poems, book/film reviews, accounts of parish events, holiday recommendations, recipes, advice, about your pets - in fact, anything that you think would be of interest to our readers. (Word limit approx. 1,200.) We would welcome contributions with a Christmas flavour as well as items written by children and the younger members of our parish. Thank you. **Deadline is Saturday, November 7th.** Please email items to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in pigeonhole in the porch at the back of the church.

Mass for the Bereaved Each year in November we celebrate a Mass for those who have been bereaved in recent years. This will be held at 7pm on Monday, 2nd November, the Feast of All Souls. Everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fisher Room.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Monday, 16th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

Tamil Mindful Money Project aims to support members of the Tamil Community who live with mental health issues. For more information, please contact Ted Jacob on 020 8426 0929.

Coffee Morning Raffle Prizes – Two unclaimed Ticket No. 506 (Alan) and ticket no. 501 (Anna). Please contact the presbytery 020 8868 7531.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2nd October Thank you for your generous response - £1,859.72 was donated.

New to the Parish? Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Shaun or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information. A welcome pack is available from the wall rack.

