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19th June 2016 ~ Twelfth Sunday of the Year C

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

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

*To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the Blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

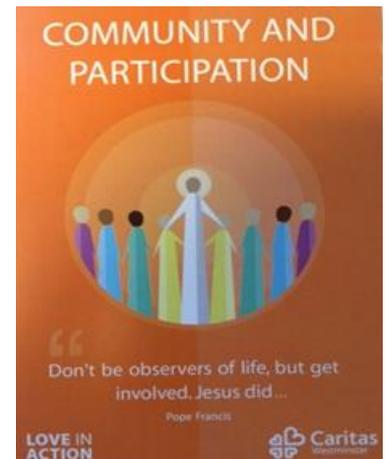
*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*

COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

This week we will all be invited to participate in a community exercise. More or less every person over 18 years of age in our country will be asked a single question. Do you want to leave the EU or do you want to remain?

For months now we have been listening to both sides of the argument. If we leave, we are told economic disaster will ensue. The country will become poorer because it will be a lot harder to do business and when business falters the taxation that is generated and which supports the State will mean that we will be affected for the worse. If we stay, we are told that the nature of our country will radically change because of uncontrolled immigration. That housing, the NHS and our schools will not be able to provide the level of services that we are used to because they will be so overstretched.

In the parish this week we are called to think about what it means to both have a desire for community and to be part of a community. These are both global and local questions. Catholic Social Teaching has something to say about this. Observing the reality of the world, remembering that first guideline of the dignity of all people, we're called to support one another. Each of us is called to look at the reality of the world in which we live. To pay attention to what is happening. To see how our sisters and brothers are being treated, and how we ourselves are treating others. This means building and defending the importance of community. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis warns us "Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of community!"



In what ways is community threatened?

Where is community strong?

Where could it be stronger?

Where do we see the need for greater participation?

Who in our community may need support to participate so they can play their part, too?

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 18th June 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 19th – 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Philip Mendonça (Anniv)

10.00 Xavier Texeira (Anniv)

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Arulanantham Family

Monday 20th – St Alban, Martyr

09.30 Gerald Roan RIP

Tuesday 21st – St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

09.30 Tommy Rolt RIP

Wednesday 22nd – STS JOHN FISHER, Bishop and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs

19.00 Rosaleen Farrell (Sick)

Thursday 23rd – Feria, Twelfth Week of Year 2

09.30 Kevin McGuire (Anniv)

14.00 Requiem Mass for Noreen Simpson RIP

Friday 24th – **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

09.30 Thanksgiving

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 Barrett, Jo Cox, Susan Perrin.

Pray Also For Philip Mendonça, Xavier Texeira, Kevin McGuire, Kathleen Lucas, Yolanda Cobb, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, Jim Delahunty, Aleksandra Nekut, Jim Bruce, George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Billy Aherne, Ann Kilcoyne, Patrick Flaherty, Vincent McGreevy, June Cahalin, Frances Potter, Timothy Harrington, Ralph MacDonald, Gabriel Andrews, Mary Antonympillai, Peter Lavin, Patrick Keane, Jack Lynch, William Harries, Marie Carr and Janeka Parkinson.

Noreen Simpson RIP A Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul – details above. Burial in Navan, Co Meath, Eire on Saturday 25th June 2016.

Altar Servers 25th/26th June **Team A** will serve.

SJF Young Adults Group This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together, get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese, discuss and grow in their faith. Everyone welcome. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Fisher Room after the 11.30am Mass.** Our next meeting is on 3rd July. Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com.

Knitting Group Some people in the parish would like to respond to Fr. Shaun's homily "Option for the Poor" by forming a knitting team making scarves and hats for "The Passage" in Westminster & Caritas Bakita House. Would any knitters in the parish like to help? There is no rush as hopefully winter is a way off. Alternatively, you could donate balls of wool. Please help this simple initiative.

Traidcraft Stall will be open after all masses this weekend. Please come and browse the range of Fairtrade food on sale.

The Bethany Group has been established in the parish for many years and during that time has made contact with and supported lots of parishioners who have been bereaved. If you have had a recent bereavement and feel a call or a visit from one of our trained visitors could help we can arrange for someone to be in touch.

In this week of 'Community and Participation' perhaps you would consider becoming a **Bereavement Visitor**. We are always looking for more volunteers. Arrangements would be made for you to attend a short training course and thereafter will have the support of the rest of the group. If you are interested and would

like more information, please call the Presbytery 020 8868 7531 or 020 8427 2910 (Bethany Group).

International Day On Saturday, 2nd of July 11am-3pm. As usual the whole of our community, parish and school will work together. As a parish we take responsibility for the following stalls: Books, Cakes & Refreshments, the Bottle Tombola, Irish Coffee, International Kitchen & the Gate Entrance.

We need men to come forward to help with the BBQ and as usual there will be a sign-up sheet for the International kitchen. This is your chance to share something of your culture through food.

Donations of Jolly Jars, Handbags, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Bottles and Cakes are all very welcome. So have a root through your homes and bring your donations to the church porch or to the mobile unit in the school playground. Donation schedule as follows: **20th June Bric-a-Brac (no electricals).**

Calling all Face painters – If you can help please contact Claudia on 8429 5681 / claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

Help to set up will be needed on Friday, 1st July as well as the day itself. I hope that we will all have a wonderful time. It is a great day for the parish and the school, please be a part of it.

International Day Cake Stall All you cake makers out there, please get baking, we need your help to provide cakes for the **Cake** stall and **Tea/Coffee** stall. Sponge cakes, fruitcakes, tray bakes, small cakes, muffins, cupcakes, biscuits, fruit loaves, whatever you want to make/donate. Cakes can be left at the presbytery Friday 9.30am - 1pm or at school Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

International Day Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the porch next weekend after all masses. Top Prizes include £250 courtesy of Robertson Phillips, Gym Pass incl. 2 Personal Training Sessions, Explore Learning Membership, Golf Lesson plus lots more great prizes! Tickets are £1 each and £5 per book. *Thank you for your support.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham The Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart from outside of the Church (Imperial Drive) at 06.30am on Saturday 9th July. Please be prompt. There will be transport along the Holy Mile for those with walking difficulties. The full timetable is below. Pilgrims are reminded to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water to drink.

06:30	Coach Departs from the Church
10:00	Coach arrives in Walsingham
10:30	Free time to Visit the Slipper Chapel and Holy Door and time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:45	Gather For Mass in Six Acre Field
12:00	Mass
13:30	Lunch
14:15	Gather for Procession
14:30	Procession along the Holy Mile to Priory
15:45	Benediction in Priory Grounds
16:15	Prayers at the Original Shrine
16:45	Coaches Depart
20:00	Arrive back at St John Fisher

Stepping Stones Pre-school, Harrow is holding a fundraising event on Saturday 16th July, 8pm. ABBA Gold Europe are performing for one night only at The Ryan Theatre, Harrow on the Hill. For any Dancing Queens/those who fancy a night out and who want to raise some Money Money Money for a good cause, check out the link www.jumblebee.co.uk/steppingstonesabba for booking details. And please be a Super Trouper and share with your friends too! See poster in the porch.