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18th September 2016 ~ Twenty-Fifth 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.*

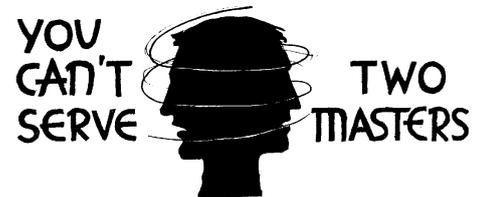
*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*

On this Home Mission Sunday, the Liturgy of the Word asks us to think about evangelisation, in our attitude to justice in society, through our lives of prayer and in our relationships and family lives. In each of these areas of evangelisation, God's power is working through us when we respond to his call.

Our reading from the prophet Amos is centred on the need for justice. Justice is a social concept concerned with the right ordering of society in which the most number of people can thrive. Justice requires a continuous concern for the powerless - those who lack the capacity to protect their own welfare. Justice is also a legal concept. The whole legal system was established to create and maintain justice. God uses the law for a 'civil' purpose - to create a more civil society. God also uses the law for a 'theological' purpose - to remind us of our sins and that even the most just people need grace and forgiveness. However, salvation does not come through the law because it was never designed to save and because those in power can also turn the best intentioned of laws to their own benefit. We therefore, have a significant role in wider society in the ways we uphold justice and challenge injustice – at home, in school, at work, in our parish and in our communities.

In the first letter to Timothy we hear how prayer and praying are active not passive forms of relating to God and each other; and that prayer makes a huge difference to our lives and the lives for whom we pray. Prayer should take priority in our lives since through prayer we are able to hear God; discern how to make wise decisions and intercede for others in our families, parishes, local, national and international communities.

The parable that we hear in Luke's gospel encourages us to be wise with our resources and to use them with integrity since they come from God: we are the stewards not the owners of these resources.



We should have a healthy and balanced attitude towards money and material possessions because if we can't be faithful with earthly wealth, which isn't even ours to begin with, then how can we be entrusted with 'true riches'? The 'true riches' here are stewardship and responsibility in God's kingdom. The climax of Jesus' teaching is that no one can serve two masters. We cannot serve God and money.

So we must learn how to value people and life and value them more than money and possessions. We all know that money can make life easier to manage, but doesn't automatically make us happier if our relationships are dysfunctional and in need of attention.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 17th September 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 18th – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Sour Maria RIP

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 In Thanksgiving – John & Margaret Billiet (50th Wedd Anniv)

Monday 19th – Feria, Twenty-Fifth Week of Year 2

09.30 Jeanette Walters (Sick)

Tuesday 20th – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

09.30 Bruno Zanelli RIP

Wednesday 21st – ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist

19.00 Rosemary Faleiro (Anniv)

Thursday 22nd – Feria

09.30 Daniel Casey RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Lawrence Graham-Leigh RIP

Friday 23rd – St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

09.30 Hope Garthwaite 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, Jerry O'Shea.

Pray Also For Rosemary Faleiro, Reginald Dingley, Florida Lawani, Margaret Garvey, Tony Garvey, Maria Keiko Matsumura, Clara Mars-Harris, Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward Ofulue, Patrick O'Malley, John Hayes, Mary Joseph Anthonypillai, Jack Fitzgerald and Diana Anthony.

Please Remember Lawrence Graham-Leigh who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 22nd September at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Carpenders Park. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Altar Servers 24th/25th September **Team B** will serve.

Theology on Tap I wanted to tell you of an initiative that I am starting here in North Harrow. It's called Theology on Tap. We will meet in the parish bar on the third Wednesday of each month. There will be some input and then there will be a discussion on a given topic over a drink and sarnies. The idea is to provide a forum for adults who just want to explore the faith and do a bit of theology in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. We intend to have our first meeting on Wednesday, 19th Oct at 7.30pm. Then we will try to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. I am grateful to Peter Keenan who previously taught at St Dominic's and who will help to animate the evening.

Fr. Shaun

RCIA Meetings for Adults On Wednesday, 21st September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room, RCIA will recommence for those who have already started or for anyone who would be interested in finding out how to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion as an adult. Please contact Kay, details overleaf, if you are interested in finding out more.

Walsingham Appeal - Rebuilding England's Nazareth On the 24th September we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and on this weekend the Bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the developments of England's National Shrine to Our Lady. We are looking to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities, to help us serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims, who continue to walk in the Walsingham Way, since the shrine was established in 1061.

Our aims are to update our facilities, and to make provision for sick and disabled pilgrims and to have facilities for young people to come on pilgrimage. For full details, please visit www.walsingham.org.uk. Thank you for your generosity.

Mgr. John Armitage Rector

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on Saturday, 1st and 8th October 2016 at 9.30am-11.30am in the Fisher Room (*forms have to be with the schools by 31st October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number. If applying for the London Oratory please bring copies of any forms you need to submit.

The Certificate of Catholic Practice must now be completed for all applications to schools that use 'practising Catholic' as a criterion for admission. The Certificate of Catholic Practice is a form approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to be given to parents, on request, by the priest at the Church where the family normally worships. The Certificate is available on the diocesan website at the link below. Please note that the current version has the copyright symbol at the bottom.

<http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/education/admissions/certificate%20of%20catholic%20practice%202015.pdf>

Since the certificate is a Church form, it should not be available on the school website and should not be given to parents by the school. Parents should obtain it either from their priest or from the diocesan website.

Coffee Mornings Now that the holidays are over and we are all back in the parish, the next coffee morning has been arranged for **Sunday 25th September**, after both 10am and 11.30am masses.

Come along and get to know more of your fellow parishioners and learn about the activities of the parish. Even if you don't know many people, a warm welcome awaits you, so pop in, even if you can only stay a short while. Coffee, tea, juices, croissants, cakes and crisps available, and the raffle is only £1, and you can buy a ticket and see the prizes in the porch after every mass.

December 11th - Put this date in your diaries, as our Christmas Coffee Morning - will have a craft table this year, so get busy all you crafters, as all contributions are very welcome which can be dropped off at the Parish office.

Knitting Group Next meeting on Friday, 23rd September at 2pm in the Fisher Room - knitting crochet and sewing - come for a social get together and help Bakita House.

Singalong Concert On Saturday, 8th October at 7.30pm in the Church hall. Ticket £5 - including tea/coffee & cake. Come & join us for a fun musical evening! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses for the next 2 weekends.

Harrow Foodbank Project Manager Vacancy 30 hours a week at 25K p/a pro rata (20K actual salary). We are looking for an active Christian to help sustain and develop Harrow Foodbank. Closing date: Thursday 29.9.16, Interviews planned for Friday 07.10.16. Further details and an application pack can be found at www.harrow.foodbank.org.uk.

Gumley House Convent School FCJ, Isleworth – Open Mornings On Tuesday 27th Sept & Thursday 6th Oct from 9am-12pm. **Open Evening** on Tuesday 27th Sept 2015 6pm-7.15pm, last tour at 7.15pm, with presentation at 7.45pm.