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6th November 2016 ~ Thirty-Second 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.*

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

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. There are currently more than 70 retired, ill and frail elderly priests in the Diocese. Priests retire at age 75 but many keep on serving. Most retired priests are dependent in some way upon the Diocese for their care and maintenance, especially those who are ill, disabled, or cope with chronic conditions. 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

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

Saturday 5th November 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 The Holy Souls

Sunday 6th – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Trofimena Arpino RIP

10.00 Ana Francisca Texeira RIP

11.30 Wojciech Mlek, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP

Monday 7th – Feria, Thirty-Second Week of Year 2

09.30 Tom & Nora Forde RIP

13.30 Requiem Mass for Kathleen Benad RIP

Tuesday 8th – Feria

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 9th – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

19.00 People of the Parish

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

09.30 Mary Standon RIP

Friday 11th – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

09.30 Special Intentions

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 ring either Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)

Recently Deceased, Kieran Doyle, Ellie Curley, Sonny Connolly.

Pray Also For Mary Gleeson, Katherine Hayes, Michael Mullins, Bernard Rooney, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive, Mrs Ofulue, Charles Harris and Bill Smith.

Theology on Tap What has influenced our ideas about the resurrection? How do other world faiths view life after death - are we all coming back as grasshoppers? Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 23rd November at 7.30pm in the social club. This time we will be thinking about life after death.

The Parish Newsletter We produce 500 newsletters a week for the parish, but have you noticed how many of them are left? Last year we spent over £3000 on photocopying, which is a lot of money. We all recognise that communication is important. However, with the development of new technology we now have an opportunity to deliver your newsletter by email. We hope to begin to test a new Mailchimp delivery system by the end of November. During December, we will refine the system and by mid-January we hope to deliver the majority of newsletters electronically. We will continue to produce 100 hard copies of the newsletter each week for those who do not have access to a computer. It is also our intention that our parish magazine, The Pylon, will be delivered electronically. We hope that this new system will be a more efficient way of using our resources as well as showing greater care for the environment.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 28th 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, by 14th November at the latest. All those who submit items must be prepared to introduce them at the meeting.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 26th November at 10am-12pm in the Fisher Room. For an appointment, please contact claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 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. **Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents.**

The Certificate of Catholic Practice must now be completed for all applications to schools that use 'practising Catholic' as a criterion for admission. 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>

The certificate is only available from the Church, parents should obtain it either from their priest or from the diocesan website.

Parish 100 Club Draw – October 2016 Winners: 1st prize £125 Joan & Collette Scully, 2nd prize £70 Noreen Halvey, 3rd prize £50 Maria & Josie Conlon.

CAFOD Christmas cards & Fair Trade Advent calendars are on sale (or can be ordered) after all masses this weekend. Next weekend the monthly Traidcraft food stall will also be open.

Action by Christians against Torture (Harrow group) will be holding their annual ecumenical service in St John Fisher church at 3pm on Sunday, 13th November. This will be a quiet service of reflection with music, Bible readings, survivors' stories and prayer. As the Year of Mercy draws to a close the theme this year will be 'The Power of Mercy'. All are welcome.

SJF Ladies Club on Wednesday, 16th November after 7pm Mass in the small hall for a tea and biscuit get together.

Knitting Group Next meeting on Friday, 18th November at 2pm in the Fisher Room - knitting crochet and sewing - come for a social get together and help Bakita House.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Friday, 18th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

Autumn Concert The Social Club are holding a Concert with an 'Irish theme' in the Church Hall on Saturday, 26th November @7.45pm till late! The evening will include a variety of musical acts. Tickets are £5 and will be available after most weekend masses or from John Durcan 07939 588019/durcanjohn@aol.com. All proceeds go to parish funds.

Christmas Coffee Morning - December 11th after 10am & 11.30am Mass We will have a craft table this year, so please get busy all you crafters, as all contributions are very welcome which can be dropped off at the Parish office.

Bottle tops for London Air Ambulance We are **NO LONGER COLLECTING THESE**, so **please do not leave them in the porch or in the utility room** in future. Thank you very much.

Harrow Support Group for separated and divorced Catholics The next meeting will be on Monday, 7th November in the hall of St Bernard's Church, Mandeville Road, Northolt at 8pm. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For any further information please ring Jill 020 8204 3714 or Eileen 020 8756 1284.

In case you are admitted to hospital In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.