

Exhausted humanity

Under a glowering sky they came ashore,
spilling from a flimsy boat that rocked in the swell.
Exhausted humanity, without possessions,
shivering, silent and expressionless.
Their sea-drenched clothing clinging to their bodies.
Coast guard staff and helpers keep a look-out
for those too weary and spent to make it
up the slope without help.
A sudden brief interruption.
A helper notices the small child's bare feet.
As from nowhere he finds
a pair of bright pink plastic shoes.
They were on in a trice and,
as she took hold of her father's hand
they exchanged a look that was almost delight,
a Cinderella moment that suddenly lit up
the drab procession of survivors
still too fatigued to react to
their arrival on dry land....and
bringing with them bleak memories
that would haunt them forever.

*Esther Gordon
The Grail Society*

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.
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COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASSES

Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday 23 rd May	12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th SEPTEMBER 2015

The readings for today's Mass are on
page 132 of the Mass book.

The Creed – page 11 The Lord's Prayer - page 57

The response to the Psalm is:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

The Acclamation is:

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**SECOND COLLECTION
RACIAL JUSTICE**

*Next week's second collection will be for
the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Fr. Emmanuel for all his help over the summer and wish him success in all his future endeavours.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM STARTS THIS WEEKEND,
SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Application forms and details for prospective Sunday School First Communicants will be available from this Sunday 13th September. For children at the Visitation School, the forms will be made available via the School.

CONFIRMATION 2016

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to our young parishioners, practising their faith, in School Year 10 or above. Application forms and relevant details will be available from Sunday 13th September in the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PPC will be held on at 11.30 am Sunday 20th September in the Parish Centre.

RCIA - (JOURNEY in FAITH)

An invitation to those wishing to become a Catholic or to deepen their understanding of the faith. The group will meet on Mondays at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre from November to April. The introductory meeting will be during early November. For further information, please contact Henry (or leave a message) on 020-8578-1363.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Side Chapel from 5.00 to 9.00 pm every Friday, Rosary at 5.00 and 7.00 pm. Everyone will be made welcome.

ROSARY and NOVENA to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

This Novena takes place on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in the Side Chapel. Everyone will be made welcome.

We send our heartiest congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on reaching the historic milestone of being our nation's longest serving monarch.

VISITATION PARISH CENTRE

Live soccer every Saturday and Sunday. Gaelic Games showing every weekend. Taekwondo every Wednesday at 7.00 pm. To book a lesson, please call Declan on 07885-819469. Families welcome.

EALING FOOD BANK

We have received a message from Ealing Food Bank thanking us for our generosity since the Food Bank opened. So far this year, they have fed an average of 320 people each month (of whom over 100 were children) over their five cafes in the borough, and each month, they have given away an average of over 3,100 kilos of donated food. The Food Bank would not be able to do this without the generosity of our local communities, and they have asked us to thank everyone for their donations.

Funeral arrangements

Maureen O'Donnell

Mass 1.00 pm, Monday 21st September, Visitation Church, followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.

**Mary's Meals
a simple solution to world hunger**

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church on SATURDAY EVENING 26th and SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER to take away your unwanted textiles, clothes, shoes, belts, bedding, (no duvets or pillows please) Please put your unwanted items into black sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Not only will you be having a good clear-out and giving yourself a little more space but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity.

Amazingly, 3 full black sacks of reasonable quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year!

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. The charity feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 12 countries. Because of their low costs, they can do this for as little as £12.20 per child per year!