



## St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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### 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 ~ 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

Luke wrote with the experience of the years which he had spent as a companion of Paul in Asia Minor and the Greek mainland, and then in the special condition of seeing Paul through the waiting period for his trial in Rome. Here Peter was already installed: the chief of the Apostles and designated of all the Churches, but still somewhat remote from the detailed progress of the other Apostles' missions. It is said that the Apostles had an understanding not to encroach on the territories and populations already being evangelised and charismatically constructed, especially in the cities of the world originally Greek and Roman, where the Romans had under Octavius Caesar, later designated as Emperor Augustus, conquered the Greeks and had taken over their territories. This was delicately managed as the Roman power extended to the East. Rather as the conquered Egyptians had Egyptianised the Greeks, in some respects the Greeks had Hellenized the Romans. Because of its wide extent the previous Greek territory, which extended as far overland as India and even to the south of Egypt, to Nubia and Meroe, and the cultured nature of their settlements, Greek had become the lingua franca of large parts of the Roman domains. So it was over a widespread domain, already fairly unified by the widespread use of Greek, that these convert disciples of Jesus who were Galilean fisherman, were being prepared to evangelise, with some contact with the remaining Greeks, but using Aramaic more as their common language with their Eastern neighbours.

As a prophetic sign Our Lord performed a miracle to show the wide extent of the new horizons within which they would work, but later in his final words Jesus confirmed the universal nature of the mission which he, God and man, would be giving them, whilst often using the Jewish communities as a starting point for their work. This universal range of their mission in which they were to plant a structure of centres in the cities of the Greek-Roman world was factually confirmed by the gift of tongues received on the celebration of the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. The crowd of diaspora Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem heard the Apostles rushing from the house where fear had caused them to stay out of sight, hearing them speaking in the languages of their far flung homes.

This was the promise which Jesus gave them by the lakeside at the beginning, as he had given them the firm promise that their miraculous catch of a large shoal of fish, which had been as much as their nets could hold, was an image of what they would eventually be achieving with men. There was a rising plausibility throughout their missioning with Our Lord of the true universalism of what they were achieving, under God and with God in their extension of the Kingdom of God on this earth. This was even true of the seeming failure in the crucifixion of Christ and his painful death, against which even nature itself protested.

*To Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 The Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent, Mareston, Hackney,  
Neil Browne (Anniv)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Devathanan Paul RIP

11.30 Marion Coyne RIP

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fifth Week of Year 1

09.30 Albert & Gladys Smith (Anniv)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Luke Lambe RIP

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

09.30 B.X. Jeyarajan RIP (some classes from St. John Fisher School will attend this mass)

19.00 Des & Betty Carlin (Int)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – STS CYRIL, Monk, and METHODIUS, Bishop

09.30 Greta Murray (Int)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria

09.30 Margaret & Thomas Maher RIP

**16.00 Funeral of Clement Onwuachu 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**, John Washington.

**Pray Also For**, Albert & Gladys Smith, Florence Else, Donald Bayross, Martha Dyball, Tessa Corrigan, Patrick Hannigan, Teresa Fernandes, Angela Clusker, Daniel Jesuthasan, Joan Hickey, Denny Bowles, George Ransley, Winnie McDonagh, Nora Broderick, Fr Jeremy D'Cruz, Kathleen Beesley, Cecilia Woodhall, Aurora Fernandes, David Notley, Bridget Davis, (baby) Terisa Stokes, John Duffy, Eileen Reilly and Ann Kelleher whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick List** If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list, it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

**Year of Faith** The next faith sharing session led by Fr. Shaun will take place in the small hall at St John Fisher School on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.30-3.30pm. The topic we will discuss this time is "Relating to God".

**Year of Faith – February Lent Talks** Please try to make this part of your Lenten commitment this year. On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 8pm- St Theresa's Church, 22 Boniface Walk, Headstone Lane, HA3 6PU **"Who are you Lord?" - Thinking about Jesus** and Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 8pm - St Luke's Parish Centre, Love Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EX **An Outward Sign of an Inward Grace - Sacraments and The Church.**

**Valentine Coffee Morning** Come and support our coffee morning today after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. All proceeds towards the restoration of our Church. Raffle tickets on sale after both Masses.

**Pancake Evening** February 12<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday. Here at St. John Fisher we cook and serve pancakes for us and members of our neighbouring churches. We need pancakes and pancake mix please. Homemade pancakes can be made in advance and frozen with a slip of greaseproof paper between each pancake. Please bring pancakes to the small hall from 6.30pm on the evening.

Cooking and serving is from 7.00-8.30pm, do come and help cook and eat or just eat and chat. Donations go to St. Luke's Hospice. It begins the series of fund raising for St. Luke's in which each of our local churches has a lunch on one Saturday in Lent for this purpose. In 2012 over £1,700 was raised by this combined effort.

**Churches Together Lent Talks** Our Churches Together has a series of talks on Tuesday evenings during Lent. The speaker is Ann Morisy, lecturer and writer, working as a community theologian. She will speak from her experience in community action to provide a Christian perspective. The first talk is at St Alban's Church on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm- 9.45pm, and is entitled "How Much Trouble?" Each talk is £3 or season ticket all 5 talks £12. Refreshments are included. Further information is in the flier accompanying this newsletter.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** Please note there will be no meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February as there will be a faith talk at St. Theresa's.

**Palm Crosses** Please come and help the UCM make crosses from the palm leaves. Palm oil is good for the hands. We are meeting in the small hall at 2pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bring a pair of scissors.

**St Patrick's Night** If you would like a St Patrick's night celebration in the parish this year Fr Shaun invites you to meet with him in the small hall on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. We need people to help with setting up, clearing and cooking. Tickets will be £15 for an adult and £7.50 for a child. Adult tickets include your first drink. Soft drinks will be available for children. As St Patrick's night falls on Sunday this year it is suggested that we have our celebration on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**"Passing on the Faith – Virtues and Values"** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 10.30am-4.30pm at Student Union Hall, St Mary's University College, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Parents are the primary agents of evangelisation, Marriage and the Family are the bedrock of evangelisation; this day is for all who want to explore how we can prepare and support the next generation of marriages. Speech by Bishop Jean Laffitte, Secretary to the Pontifical Council for the family, discussion, drama, pastoral initiatives and a marketplace of resources. This will interest parents, teachers and catechists who work with parents. £10 per person (£20 per family, children welcome). Please register with [cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk).

**Archbishop's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 3pm, Westminster Cathedral. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup>+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2013. If you qualify, please contact Claudia on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 8429 5681 by 24<sup>th</sup> February with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and e-mail (or telephone number if no e-mail).

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 18-26<sup>th</sup> November 2013** Archbishop Vincent invites you to join the annual pilgrimage which will be led by Bishop Alan Hopes and Fr. John Farrell OP. During the pilgrimage you will visit Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem and have opportunities to show your support for the local Christian communities. The cost is £1495 per person for 2 sharing a room. Places are limited so ask for a booking form asap. Booking forms can be obtained directly from Gerald Daly at [geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk) or on 7798 9173.