



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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21st April 2013 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'; in a narrow understanding this refers to vocations to the priesthood, but in a wider sense it encompasses the whole apostolic and pastoral mission of the Church.

The Good Shepherd is one of the best-known and best loved of the images in the New Testament. It has its roots deep in salvation history: David, the boy shepherd, was chosen to be king of Israel; he was the anointed leader of the people of God, to guide and lead them towards God and his kingdom.



Our Lord speaks very solemnly of shepherds and pastors in the first part of chapter ten of Saint John's Gospel. The young Church in its ministry of preaching and teaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God had perhaps encountered difficulties in its pastoral ministry; what is true and what is false teaching - or, in the gospel idiom, how do you distinguish between the true and the false voices? Where there are many voices there is great danger of confusion. Great concern for the people of God is expressed in this passage; if the people are misled, if they are persuaded by a false voice, they could be prevented from attaining the Kingdom of God.

The Apostles would also remember the last time they were with Jesus before his death, when they were with him on Holy Thursday, in the upper room for the last supper and the first Eucharist; he fed them, they were in communion with him, united. However they listened to the false voices of doubt and despair and this showed in their subsequent behaviour. Judas betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him, and the apostles abandoned him. When Peter was asked three times if he loved him, he would have remembered that he denied him three times. There were flaws and frailties in the embryonic Church.

This experience of frail humanity is one that remains with the church and her ministers. Therefore it is vital that we do all that we can to help those who feel called by God to become priests in our diocese to have an experience of formation which will help them to be good and holy men who will do their best to live the mystery of the gospel and to serve God's people. It is incredibly difficult to ask for your help for this cause when there are so many other needs in our world. However, I am sure that you will agree that we need priests who are able to lead our communities and to help others to live the gospel by their own example. Thank you for any help that you are able to give.

Fr. Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 20th April (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 People of the Parish
Sunday 21st – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08.30 Mary & Joseph Patten (Anniv)
10.00 Charlie Pollock RIP
11.30 The Gaughan Family RIP
Monday 22nd – Easter feria
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam (Anniv)
Tuesday 23rd – **ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**
09.30 Reuter Vaz RIP
Wednesday 24th – Sts Erkenwald and Mellitus, Bishops
19.00 Mrs. Madalena Horta RIP
Thursday 25th – ST MARK, Evangelist
09.30 Bernard Hickin RIP
Friday 26th – Easter feria
09.30 Seamus Browne 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.

Pray Also For, Mary & Joseph Patten, Joseph Thiruchelvam, Mary Chute, Pauline Egan, Charles Contaminard, Molly Hurley, Brendon Lyons, Christopher Dent, Richard Murray, Christina Cousins, Bill Williams, Janet Pyne, Ina Valerie, Joe Dias, Noel Ryan and Violet Harris whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptism We welcome Jayren Jeyaseelan who was baptised in our church last weekend.

Holy Ghost Fathers – Mission Appeal Next weekend we welcome Fr. Ricklan Mallya from Arusha in Tanzania who will make a mission appeal on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Fairtrade Stall Will be open in the porch after all Masses this weekend.

St. John Fisher School Is delighted to be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations parishioners are invited to pop in for tea at 2pm on Friday, 3rd May 2013 to see how the school has grown and changed over the forty years. Staff and pupils look forward to welcoming you.

Churches Together Is the name of the organisations that have been set up to promote reconciliation and co-operation between the Christian churches. The activities of our local group 'Churches Together in North Harrow' is directed by a committee which meets about four times a year. The work of such local groups is promoted nationally and internationally by all the main Churches including the Catholic Church. St John Fisher should have five representatives on the local committee, but at present there are only three. Furthermore, the three current representatives will not be able to continue for very long. If you would like to help, please contact Eddie Papworth at mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk. If you would like to see the committee in action and get an idea of what is involved you would be welcome to come to the next meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2013.

Christian Aid Canal Walk – 6th May 2013 Churches Together in North Harrow is this year working with Christian Aid to run the Christian Aid Canal Sponsored Walk from Uxbridge to Watford. For more information please see posters on the notice board and joining instructions and sponsor forms in the Church porch.

Westminster Cathedral – Grand Organ Festival 2013 From April to November 2013 a series of eight concerts on one of the world's finest organs will take place. The concerts commence at 7.30pm and last approx. 75 minutes. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection. For more information please see poster on notice board.

Vocation Pilgrimage to Walsingham On Saturday, 15th June 2013. A day to pray with and for young men and women called to the priesthood, religious life or Christian marriage. For further info and to book a place on the coach from/to Westminster Cathedral please see poster on notice board.

Vocations Discernment Group for young adults (18-30's) Next meeting to be held on Friday, 26th April, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace next to Westminster Cathedral, with a talk by Fr. Matt Blake ODC on Elijah and Carmelite spirituality. This is part of the "Figures of Faith in the Bible" series for the Year of Faith. For further info contact Fr. Richard Nesbitt at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

A retreat day for Men (aged 18+) Discerning a calling to the Diocesan priesthood or religious life on Saturday, 27th April, Mount Street Jesuit Centre. The day will include input from Fr. Matthew Power SJ on discernment in the Ignatian tradition and from Fr. Richard Nesbitt, on discerning through Scripture. To register and for further info please contact Fr. Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory On Saturday, 13th July 2013 from 11am till 4.30pm at The Friars, Aylesford ME20 7BX. Everyone welcome. For further information please see poster on notice board.

Faith Matters Talks for the Year of Faith – May 2013 For details please see poster on notice board. Registration is required as places will be limited. Suggested donation per lecture is £3. All lectures are in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead On Saturday 22nd June 2013. Coach leaves St Mary Magdalen Church, Athenaeum Road, Whetstone, N20 at 9am sharp returning about 6/6.30pm. Cost: £21, includes coach travel plus packed lunch, teas, coffees, soft drinks. Please contact Stella Devlin on 020 8445 3099 for further details.

Cake Sale - Sunday, 28th April after 10.00am Mass St Dominic's Catholic Sixth Form College is raising money to send an invalid to Lourdes in July 2013 so please come and support this worthy cause by joining us next Sunday for tea/coffee and cakes in the Parish hall after the 10.00am Mass.

London Marathon My daughter, Monica Flanagan, is running the marathon this Sunday for Maya Outreach who aim to improve the lives of people affected by cancer particularly in Nepal. More info about the charity at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/MAYA-OUTREACH/193333550752648>. If you would like to sponsor her please contact me on 020 8868 2253. Your support is greatly appreciated. Many thanks. *Bridie Flanagan*

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