



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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23rd June 2013 ~ Twelfth 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

One of the features of Luke's Gospel is that whenever a significant event is about to happen in Jesus' life, Luke primes us for this by telling us that Jesus prayed. The question of who Jesus is, is *the* fundamental question. It is only once Peter has confessed that Jesus is the Christ of God, that Jesus is able to reveal His mission to His disciples: the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Peter gives us the correct answer, but it is an answer that doesn't bring our questioning to an end, but rather, it really marks a beginning. Whatever happens, we have to accept that Jesus is the Christ of God. He comes from God, He is the fulfilment of God's promises and He comes to save His people and deliver them from evil. This means that whatever challenges we face in life, whatever successes or failure we experience, or whatever we might learn from others, we always have to cling to our faith that Jesus is the Christ of God, even if this means we have to admit that we've been wrong and have to re-evaluate our understanding of God. And so Jesus had to charge His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ, because His identity as Christ is so open to misinterpretation, so likely to be distorted by limited human expectations. For the truth of Jesus' identity as Christ can only really be understood in the light of the cross.

The truth is that Jesus is the one and only Christ and there is no true hope, no true salvation outside of Christ crucified. This truth is beyond our natural ability to reason and so we can only accept this truth in faith.

Such faith, especially in times of our own personal suffering, is an opportunity to come to better know who Jesus is. This means that every human life is made sacred through a radical identification with Christ crucified and this every moment of human life, whether a moment of joy or sorrow is an opportunity to recognise Christ's presence among us. Jesus' suffering on the cross is the revelation of God's self-understanding in our fallen world, and for this reason, answering the question of Jesus' identity in the light of the cross is the only place where our salvation is to be found, because ultimately, our salvation is to know and love the God who suffered as we suffer and who loved as we love.

Fr. Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 22nd June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 23rd – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.30 Eileen Ryan RIP

10.00 John Mahoney (Anniv)

11.30 Elvina Saldanha (Anniv)

Monday 24th – **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

09.30 Dorothy Downs RIP

Tuesday 25th – Feria, Twelfth Week of Year 1

09.30 Paul Cleland (Sick)

11.00 Funeral of Geraldine Aiello RIP

Wednesday 26th – Feria

19.00 Alex Joseph (Anniv)

Thursday 27th – **ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest & Martyr**

09.30 Yolanda Cobb (Anniv)

Friday 28th – St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

09.30 Pdraig McNamara 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, Tony McTagget, Winifred Kulasenan, Sebastian Vincent Perry, Brian Briscoe.

Pray Also For, John Mahoney, Elvina Saldanha, Alex Joseph, Yolanda Cobb, Timothy Harrington, Ralph MacDonald, Gabriel Andrews, Mary Antonypillai, Peter Lavin, Patrick Keane, Jack Lynch, William Harries, Marie Carr, Janeka Parkinson, Michael Healy, Milan McCann, Ferdinand Monteiro, Kathleen Carroll and Flory d'Souza whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations To Cavan Corcoran, Celina Santos Pinto and Ned Jones who have all received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Seamus Browne RIP The family of the late Seamus Browne wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent loss. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for their intentions.

Growing in Faith You have heard me speak about **Growing in Faith** at our Masses and by now you should have received an information pack in the mail. If you didn't get one, then please help yourself to a pack, these are on the table in the porch. I hope that one of our parish volunteers has also called to answer any questions you may have. You can see **Growing in Faith** is important for our Diocese and for our parish and that your support is needed. We are happy to let you know that our parish has already raised pledges of more than £186,000 towards our goal of £350,000. Gifts and pledges at all levels are gratefully received. Your support will ensure we can support priestly life at all stages and Catholic social action. Here at St John Fisher, the monies raised will help us to complete the re-ordering of the church, improve accessibility for our educational and catechetical work and develop our ministry to young people. My hope is that everyone would complete and return their pledge card by July 7th. Volunteers are also available after all Masses this weekend, to answer your questions or to give you or accept a pledge form. Please continue to pray for the success of **Growing in Faith**. I am deeply appreciative of your support to date and grateful for your consideration of my request. With all best wishes and prayers, Fr Shaun

Growing in Faith Team Meeting Will take place in the Small Hall on Monday, 24th June at 8.00pm.

Confirmation 2014 Application forms are available for anyone currently in School Year 8 or above who would like to be confirmed in 2014. See Kay after Mass, incl. Saturday Evening.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation 2014 Application forms are available for parents of children currently in School Year 2 or above. See Kay after Mass, incl. Saturday Evening.

St. John Fisher Social Club Are holding a Summer Quiz on Saturday, 29th June at 8pm in the parish hall. Entrance is £3 per person. Do come along and support us, we'd love to be able to repeat the success of our last one. All proceeds to parish funds. For further info or to book a team, email: durcanjohn@aol.com.

Readers & Ministers Rotas Ready for collection in the Church porch.

Vocations Discernment Group for young adults (18-30's) Next meeting on Friday, 28th June, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, with a talk by Fr Richard Nesbitt on St Peter and St Paul. This is part of the "Figures of Faith in the Bible" series for the Year of Faith. For further info contact Sr Gabi at info@free2become.org.

Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC) Next meeting is on Monday, 1st July at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics are welcome. For further info please contact Jill 8204 3714.

Catholic Singles Is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk.

World Youth Day@Home Brightlights On 26th-29th July at Aylesford Priory in Kent. A weekend festival for young adults aged 16-30 offering a great programme of prayer, speakers, bands and workshops. Experience the Spirit of World Youth Day in Rio. For more info visit www.brightlights.org.uk, email info@brightlights.org.uk or call 0845 805 7010.

St. Joan of Arc School, Rickmansworth – Annual Golf Day On Friday, 5th July at Grimsdyke Golf Club, Oxhey Lane, Hatch End, HA5 4AL. See poster on notice board.

St. John Fisher School – Staff Vacancies: As and When Site Supervisor required, initially for 4 weeks at the end of July. If you can fulfil this position please contact Mrs. Lyons for further information.

Required from September 2013: **Nursery Nurse** - We require a qualified Nursery Nurse to join a dedicated Early Years unit to work under the direction of the class teachers and Inclusion Leader to support in class and on the playground.

Teaching Assistant with lunchtime duty (term-time only) - We require Teaching Assistants to offer support to teachers and children in class and supervise on the playground. There is also the opportunity to work in Breakfast and After School Clubs on certain days.

Closing Date: noon Monday, 8th July. Application packs for the above positions are available on the Harrow Borough website or from St. John Fisher School, Melrose Road, Pinner HA5 5RA, Tel: 020 8868 2961, Email: office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch.uk.

International Day Raffle Tickets £408 has been raised by the Parish. Thank you so much for your support. *The Friends Committee*