



## St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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### 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013 ~ Twenty-Eighth 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



This Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, Pope Francis is consecrating the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Father has asked that the statue of Our Lady of Fatima be brought to Rome for this most significant occasion. The Consecration expresses our desire to share Mary's complete openness to God and neighbour. To be consecrated to Mary's Heart is to set out on a pilgrimage to her heart, so that with her we may love God more fully and our neighbour in ways that are real.

Pope Francis reminds us that devotion to Mary is at the heart of our Catholic faith. He has expressed his own devotion in practical ways. For example, by praying before the image of the Blessed Virgin in St. Mary Major's Basilica on the morning after his election. His Holiness tell us: "This is how it is with Mary: if you want to know who she is, you ask theologians; if you want to know how to love her, you have to ask the people."

As Pope Francis makes this new consecration of the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he will surely be praying especially for those people most in need in our world – for those longing for peace, for the poor and the marginalised, for the sick and bereaved, for those who feel alienated from God. To her Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart he will commend these and all of us. As the Holy Father makes this consecration, let us ask Mary to show us how we might more faithfully follow her Son, Jesus, and so love God and our neighbour wholeheartedly.

Perhaps during this week and throughout the month of October you might find time to ask the special intercession of the Mother of God for your own intentions, whatever they may be. As well as this think about and pray for all those who suffer, especially the people of Syria. We cannot imagine what it must be like for a country to be torn apart by civil war, to see your family suffer and to witness the destruction of all that you have worked for. This must be heart-breaking. Please ask the intercession of our Lady as you pray the Memorare.

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.*

Amen.

*Fr. Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Gladys & Albert Smith RIP

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Gabriel Faria (Anniv)

11.30 Bryan Cross (Anniv)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Twenty-Eight Week of Year 1

09.30 Mr. Ariam Nicholas RIP

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

09.30 In Thanksgiving - Mr. Antonipillai Emmanuel

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Billy O'Sullivan RIP

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

**09.30 Funeral of Chris Caldwell RIP**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – ST LUKE, Evangelist

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam 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**, Bernie Deegan, Raymond Brown, Karen Long, Chris Caldwell.

**Pray Also For**, Gabriel Faria, Bryan Cross, Gwladys Smith, Brigitte Ryan, Pauline Roa, Mary Smith, Marguerite Atkinson, Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Vincent Bourke, Bo Claeson and Angela Doctrove whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** Chris Caldwell who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am at St John Fisher Church followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

**School Admission** Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. For an appointment please contact Claudia McHugh at [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or on 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). Please note that candidates who apply for 6<sup>th</sup> FORM should attend – not parents.

**Union of Catholic Mothers Harvest Supper** Next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October is our Harvest Supper evening. We will enjoy Brasato con Funghi prepared by Teresa, please let her know if you haven't booked yet 8427 3063. The price is £8.50 of which £1 will be donated to CAFOD. Please bring your own drinks.

**Parish Women's Group Evening** On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. The book to be discussed is "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. More details about the evening to follow at a later date. But in the meantime, get reading!

**The Pylon** All those of you who have promised articles for the forthcoming Christmas edition of the parish magazine, The Pylon, note that the deadline is **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please e-mail to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) by this date. Many thanks.

**The Pylon - Children's Creative Writing Competition Reminder** **Deadline for entries is October 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you are 12 or under, why not to write a poem, short story, description or even a short script for the competition? First prize is a **£10 Smith's token** and the runner up will receive **chocolates**. Both **winning entries will be published** in the Christmas edition of The Pylon. You may choose your own subject to write about. Write your full name

and age on your work; and either place it in Barbara Towell's pigeon hole in the porch or email to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com).

**Faith Sharing Groups** Please collect your booklet for the Autumn Faith Sharing Groups entitled "Teach Us to Pray" from the sacristy. Anyone not in a group or uncertain if they are can contact Jan Macdonald (8429 0954), Neville Bayross (8863 8876) or (after 17th Oct) Tony McWilliams (8868 3205).

**CAFOD Christmas cards & Traidcraft gifts** This weekend the full range of CAFOD cards will be on display in the porch. As well as the portion of the pack price that goes to the charities, we donate the discount from ordering in bulk to CAFOD. Last year the parish raised £250. Come and browse, place an order or take a catalogue away to select cards and Fairtrade gifts at home. From 18<sup>th</sup> October the stall will be open every week to sell cards **IF** a few more volunteers come forward to help. The task is not difficult - just stay behind occasionally after your normal mass for about 15 minutes to sell cards and receive orders. If you can help email [siftraidcraft@gmail.com](mailto:siftraidcraft@gmail.com) or give your contact details and the mass you usually attend into the stall this weekend.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** £115 was raised. A big thank you to the U.C.M. for the lovely cakes they donated.

**St John Fisher Preschool** Is open five mornings per week (9.15am–12.45pm) and three afternoons (Mon, Tues, Weds at 12.30pm–3.45pm). We are situated in the Parish hall and take children from 2 years & 6 months. All 3 & 4 year olds are funded for 15 hours per week (the term after they are 3). We are also able to accept childcare vouchers and are approved by Harrow to offer a limited amount of funding to 2 year olds (providing you are eligible). Our fees are very reasonable and set at £4.40 per hour. Please ring 07586 345706 or email [sif.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sif.preschool@gmail.com), we welcome all enquiries.

**Parish Curry Night** On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. There are sign-up sheets in the porch. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £7 for children which includes a three course meal and entertainment. If you would like to volunteer to help organise, set up, cook or help clear up we will meet on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the small hall.

**St. John Fisher School Harvest Festival** We would like to invite all senior parishioners to our Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in the school hall. We hope many of our friends will be able to join us.

**London Justice & Peace Assembly – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** This year's Assembly is being held, in conjunction with the Brentwood and Southwark dioceses and Missio, in the Salvation Army Regent Hall, Oxford St, W1 (opposite BHS). Bishop Pat Lynch is chairing the event and other speakers include Bishop Kevin Dowling from South Africa and Bruce Kent. No charge. Tea and coffee provided but bring lunch or use the café there. It promises to be a most interesting day. For more info email [justice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justice@rcdow.org.uk) or tel 020 8888 4222.

**Westminster of Diocese Vacancy - Parish Bookkeeper at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington** We are seeking an experienced Bookkeeper to handle the parish accounts. **Salary:** £10/hr; **Hours:** 10 hours/week (preferably 2 mornings, flexible) **Closing date:** 25 October 2013. Please visit the jobs section on [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk).

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 4<sup>th</sup> October** You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.