



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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YEAR OF FAITH <sup>2012</sup>/<sub>2013</sub>

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## 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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The Feast of Christ the King is also World Youth Day.

### *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

In Rio earlier this year, Pope Francis addressed the following words to young people:

Look, at this moment, I think our world civilization has gone beyond its limits, it has gone beyond its limits because it has made money into such a god that we are now faced with a philosophy and a practice which exclude the two ends of life that are most full of promise for peoples. They exclude the elderly, obviously. You could easily think there is a kind of hidden euthanasia, that is, we don't care of the elderly; but there is also a cultural euthanasia, because we don't allow them to speak, we don't allow them to act. And there is the exclusion of the young. The percentage of our young people without work, without employment, is very high and we have a generation with no experience of the dignity gained through work. This civilization, in other words, has led us to exclude the two peaks that make up our future.

As for the young, they must emerge, they must assert themselves, the young must go out to fight for values, to fight for these values; and the elderly must open their mouths, the elderly must open their mouths and teach us! Pass on to us the wisdom of the peoples!

Faith in Jesus Christ is not a joke, it is something very serious. It is a scandal that God came to be one of us. It is a scandal that he died on a cross. It is a scandal: the scandal of the Cross. The Cross continues to provoke scandal. But it is the one sure path, the path of the Cross, the path of Jesus, the path of the Incarnation of Jesus. Please do not water down your faith in Jesus Christ. We dilute fruit drinks – orange, apple, or banana juice, but please do not drink a diluted form of faith. Faith is whole and entire, not something that you water down. It is faith in Jesus. It is faith in the Son of God made man, who loved me and who died for me. So then: make yourselves heard; take care of the two ends of the population: the elderly and the young; do not allow yourselves to be excluded and do not allow the elderly to be excluded.

*Franciscus*

## Mass Times & Intentions

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Joseph Kelly RIP

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Dominic Dias RIP

11.30 Mr. Hughie Sweeney (Anniv)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Thirty-Fourth Week of Year 1

09.30 Joe O'Regan (Anniv)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Gottfried Pillai RIP

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Mary Horan RIP

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 S. Periyayagam RIP

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Gottfried Pillai 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**, Bridie Kerins, Shaun McGillicuddy, Nicholas James Jennings, Stephen Allue.

**Pray Also For**, Hughie Sweeney, Joe O'Regan, Anita Simoes, Ellen Papworth, Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre, Catherine Sullivan, Michael Chenley, Dymphna O'Shea, Mary Ryan, Jack Drury, Frank Carr and Christopher White whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher** On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

**Annual Parish Meeting** On Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**CAFOD Christmas Card Stall** Open this weekend after all masses and every weekend until 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Traidcraft food will be sold after all masses on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Christmas Dinner** On 4<sup>th</sup> December after 7pm Mass. £10, bring your own drink. Members, please ring Teresa 020 8427 3063 if you would like to come.

**Celebrate Advent with Friends for Friends** Help us decorate the 1:1 Club Christmas Tree, hear the Christmas story, sing your favourite carols on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will close with light refreshments. Just send us a quick email to [info@friendsforfriends.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsforfriends.org.uk).

**St. John Fisher Social Club** Are holding an **AUTUMN QUIZ** on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 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 more info or to book a team, email [durcanjohn@aol.com](mailto:durcanjohn@aol.com).

**St. John Fisher Recipe Book** One of our parishioners has come up with a marvellous idea. It is proposed that we create a St John Fisher recipe book. The idea is that people give us their recipes and write a paragraph or two about where the recipe came from. This might be something about the person who gave you the recipe or it could be a cultural reference such as food that is cooked to celebrate a particular event in your home country. You

might submit a recipe as an individual or as a family. As we have parishioners from all around the world this could be an exciting project so please send your recipes in and include cooking times, cooking temperature and the method of how to make the dish. We already have someone who has volunteered to do the illustrations for the book, so now we would like help especially in the production of the book. If you have experience in using *Microsoft Publisher* or another publishing programme please let Fr. Shaun or Kay know. We would have the book professionally printed and then sell it in order to raise funds for the re-ordering. If all goes well we would like to have the book ready by the time of next year's International Day. In the meantime, please send your recipes to [harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk).

**CTNH Christmas Greetings Cards** If you helped with the delivery last Christmas or at Easter please let me know if you will be able to help again this year, email [mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariedwin99@yahoo.co.uk) or call 8248 4997. The cards will be available from next weekend. The North Harrow Churches deliver some 13,500 of these cards at Christmas and Easter each year, of which our parish handles about 3,500. A few new volunteers are needed so please let me know if you would like to help.

**Churches Together in North Harrow (CTNH)** The Ecumenical Service for the First Sunday in Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup> will be at North Harrow Methodists at 6pm followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Survey – Your Help Required** In 2014 there will be a synod held at the Vatican which will have as its theme "Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation". That sounds pretty dry, but Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what we think marriage is and what it's for. Issues such as co-habitation, the situation of those who have been divorced and have re-married and same sex unions will be addressed. Please respond to the following survey before December 6<sup>th</sup> if you wish your voice to be heard. [surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014](http://surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014). Perhaps organisations such as the Women's Group, the UCM, the Knight of St Columba and the Catenians might wish to work together and submit a joint response.

**Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC)** Next meeting will be on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics are welcome. For more info please contact Jill 8204 3714.

**St. John Fisher Catholic Diaries 2014** Now available in the Church porch. Suggested donation £1. Please put money in 'Papers' box.

**Westminster Year Book 2014** If you would like a copy at £4.50 each please come to the sacristy either before or after Mass.

**Special Collections** £1,411.75 was raised for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund and £2,000 for the Philippines Disaster Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7pm for 7.30pm. All replies to be returned by **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013**.

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