



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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17th November 2013 ~ Thirty-Third 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

The great Temple of Jerusalem had three functions. It was built for the people; it was built to gather them in and yet not just for their own sake. Here the people would raise themselves to God. At the same time, it was the product of a murderous tyrant. The man who had tried to kill Christ in his infancy, Herod the Great, was largely responsible for the Temple, a vast building by any standards, which Our Lord would have seen. Herod was a complex monster. Piety was not wholly absent from his makeup, and whatever his motives in building the Temple, it served the purpose of the Jews and was a joy to them.

The Temple plays a commanding role in the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel begins in the Temple with the appearance of the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, and the Gospel ends with the disciples continually in the Temple praising God. Yet there is a certain irony in this ending as we see in The Acts of the Apostles. This begins with Jesus rising into the air, having passed beyond the bonds of death. The disciples return to Jerusalem but the great events of the new people, the appointment of a new member of the twelve, Matthias, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost do not happen at the Temple. Peter and John soon find themselves excluded from the Temple. It is not through choice that the early church abandons the Temple but through circumstance. The Acts ends with St Paul in prison, yet able to teach about the Lord Jesus Christ without hindrance. Significantly it was the accusation that he had tried to profane the Temple (Acts 24:6), which had led to his arrest in the Temple and his being brought eventually to Rome.

By the time Luke was writing his Gospel and the Acts, the Temple had been destroyed by the Romans. And so it will be with all human construction, but that is not the case with humanity itself. It is human beings who transcend death and the ravages of time, because our rising from the dead is a rising in the Spirit. As St Paul puts it. 'Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

As we witness the destruction of the Philippines we wonder at human resilience that we witness. Please help those whose lives have been destroyed to rebuild them. Let us stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost so much but who retain their human dignity. This weekend there will be a special collection. Please help if you can.

Fr. Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 16th November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Chris Christofi (Int)

Sunday 17th – 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Timothy Dineen (Anniv)

10.00 Phillip Dias (Recovery from Heart Op)

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 18th – Feria, Thirty-Third Week of Year 1

09.30 Nora Molloy & Tommy Smith RIP

11.00 Funeral of David Else RIP

Tuesday 19th – Feria

09.00 Richard Sacchett RIP

Wednesday 20th – Feria

19.00 Sarah Ramsbottom RIP

Thursday 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Anton Regis RIP, Susan & Joseph Vedanayagam RIP

Friday 22nd – St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

09.30 Mrs. Greensmyth RIP, John Kajda 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, Pankajam Peppin, Peg Ryan, Fr Gerald Freely.

Pray Also For, Timothy Dineen, John Sinn, Patrick Kiernan and Patricia Mangan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember David Else who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 18th November at 11am at St John Fisher Church followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

Mass Time on Tuesday, 19th November As Fr Shaun is attending Fr Gerald Freely's funeral, mass will be celebrated at **9.00am**.

Funeral of Fr Gerald Freely On Tuesday, 19th November at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Reception Service at 9.30am, Requiem Mass at 10.30am.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Thursday, 12th December at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Meeting On Monday, 25th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD Traidcraft Food & Christmas Card Stall Open this weekend after all masses and every weekend thereafter.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) For our meeting on Wednesday, 20th November after 7pm Mass we have a professional Heartstart demonstration. There are spaces for more people. Non-UCM members who would like to observe or experience the technique are welcome. If you have completed anything (or have something to donate) for the Christmas shoe box appeal please bring it to the next meeting on Wednesday.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 21st November at 7.30pm in the Sacristy room.

Coffee Morning With many thanks to all who supported last Sunday's coffee morning and hope to see you all again on 15th December. We wish to raffle a Christmas Hamper and are asking for donations of food 'goodies' to place in the basket. Any goods that are not used will be passed onto the Foodbank. Once again, from all the team, thank you.

St. John Fisher Social Club Are holding an **AUTUMN QUIZ** on Saturday, 30th 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, please email 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.

Solemn Mass to close the Year of Faith At Westminster Cathedral on 24th November at 5.30pm. Open to everyone, but in particular teachers, catechists, youth workers and young people are encouraged to attend.

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 6th if you wish your voice to be heard. 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.

BBC Radio 4's "Any Questions?" Live from St. Andrew's Church, Malvern Avenue, South Harrow HA2 9ER on Friday, 20th December at 8pm. Please see poster on noticeboard.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.

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

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