



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent 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

Soon we will have a new pope. In order for a new pope to be elected the cardinals are summoned to a meeting at the Vatican which is followed by a Conclave. There are currently 203 cardinals from 69 countries; there will be 115 cardinal-electors: they have to be younger than 80 to be eligible to vote. During the conclave the Cardinals are strictly segregated from the outside world. The cardinals are shut away in the Vatican until they reach agreement - the meaning of the word conclave indicates that they are literally locked up "with a key".

The cardinals will meet in the Sistine Chapel where they will vote in secret four times every day. The process is designed to prevent any of the details of the voting emerging, either during or after the conclave. The threat of excommunication hangs over anyone tempted to break this silence.

A new pope is elected when a candidate has obtained two thirds of the vote. The cardinals do not have to choose one of their own number - theoretically any baptised male Catholic can be elected pope - but tradition says that they will almost certainly give the job to a cardinal.

On the day the conclave begins, the cardinals celebrate Mass in the morning before walking in procession to the Sistine Chapel. Once the cardinals are inside the conclave area, they have to swear an oath of secrecy. Then, the Latin command "*extra omnes*" ("everyone out") instructs all those not involved in the election to leave before the doors are closed.

The cardinals have the option of holding a single ballot on the afternoon of the first day. From the second day, two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon. The ballot paper is rectangular. Printed on the upper half are the words "*Eligio in Summum Pontificem*" ("I elect as Supreme Pontiff"). Below is a space for the name of the person chosen. The cardinals are instructed to write the name in a way that does not identify them, and to fold the paper twice.

After all the votes have been cast, the papers are mixed, counted and opened. As the papers are counted, one of the scrutineers calls out the names of those cardinals who have received votes. He pierces each paper with a needle - through the word "*Eligio*" - placing all the ballots on a single thread. The ballot papers are then burned - giving off the smoke visible to onlookers outside. After the election of the new pope has been signalled by white smoke rising from the Sistine Chapel chimney, there will be a short delay before his identity is finally revealed to the world.

Once one candidate has attained the required majority, he is then asked: "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" Having given his consent, the new pope is asked: "By what name do you wish to be called?" After he has chosen a name, the other cardinals then approach the new pope to make an act of homage and obedience.

The new pope also has to be fitted into his new robes. The papal tailor will have prepared garments to dress a pope of any size - small, medium or large - but some last-minute adjustments may be required.

Then, from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, the traditional announcement will echo around the square: "*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum... habemus papam!*" - "I announce to you a great joy... we have a pope!" His name is then revealed, and the newly-elected pontiff will make his first public appearance. After saying a few words, the pope will give the traditional blessing of *Urbi et Orbi* - "to the city and the world" - and a new pontificate will have begun.

*Fr. Shaun*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March (First Mass of Sunday)  
18.00 Rane Emmanuel RIP  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
08.30 Maher Family – In Thanksgiving (Special Intention)  
10.00 People of the Parish  
11.30 Anna Rosa D'Souza (Anniv)  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
09.30 Mr. M.D. Jesuthasan (Anniv)  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
19.00 Ellen Bebbington RIP  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
09.30 Mary Ann Moran RIP  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
09.30 Wyn Bowker 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**, Anna Rosa D'Souza, Mr. M.D. Jesuthasan, Michael Carolan, Mel Stiffle, Anna Castignetti, Rowland Kenworthy, Bruno Castignetti, Edward Goulding, Bob Le Forestier, Jack Conway, Charlie O'Brien, Kathleen Hayes, Derrick Mitchell, Delores Atkins, Catherine Cattigan, Joan Howard, John Forde, Guiseppe Marcellini, Milly Yarwood, Frederick Sutherland, John Cahill, Veronica Marzollini, (baby) Melissa Ferreira, Ann Devine, Eric McCarthy and Margaret McKenna whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Today is Census Day at our Parish.** This is an important effort that we should really undertake on a more frequent basis as good parish records will help facilitate better communication. Parish records are typically updated in an *ad-hoc* manner and many families and households are missed out leaving gaps in our information. We are seeking to rectify this, taking a few minutes now to update everyone's information. Census information will be used for Church and Diocese - related activities only. Accurate and complete information about who is living in the parish is vital to strengthening the Catholic community. The Census is collecting basic information including name, address, telephone and email. Everyone's participation is needed to make our Census a success.

**Lent & Penance Service at St. John Fisher** A Service of Penance and Reconciliation with absolution will take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**Year of Faith** The next faith sharing session led by Fr. Shaun will take place in the small hall at St John Fisher School on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30-3.30pm. This time we will be asking, "What makes us Good?"

**Year of Faith** On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 8pm at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Parish Centre, Roxborough Park, HA1 3BE - **Raising the Heart and Mind - Tips for a Healthy Prayer Life.**

**Lent Lunch in aid of St. Luke's Hospice** A light lunch will be served next Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30-2pm at Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive.

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

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

8.30am, 9.30am (see note below), 11.30am

### Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer  
1.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
8.00pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer  
8.00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** Mass as Normal

**Easter Monday** Mass at 11am

**Palm Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mass** We will gather at 9.30am outside St. John Fisher Church in order to process to St. Alban's for an ecumenical Liturgy of the Word at 9.45am. Thereafter we will return to St. John Fisher for Mass which will resume at the offertory. Please make every effort to be on time and collect your palm so that we can leave together for this special occasion.

**Palm Crosses** Please come and help the UCM make crosses from the palm leaves in the small hall at 2pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bring a pair of scissors.

**Parish Women's Group** Welcomes you to a talk by Eileen Steinitz on how to talk and behave towards the bereaved on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the small hall at St. John Fisher. **Cost: £1.** A bottle to share would be welcome as there will be light refreshments and time to ask questions. Contact [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or call 8866 6665.

**Churches Together in North Harrow Easter Greetings Cards** Are now ready for collection from the Church porch. Please distribute them before Palm Sunday.

**St. John Fisher Preschool** Are starting to allocate places for their Sept 2013 intake. If you would like to apply for a place for your child or to discuss your child starting please phone/email for an application form 07586 345706, [sjf.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.preschool@gmail.com). You are also welcome to call in any morning between 10am–12noon to pick up an application form or discuss the above. Our sessions are: Mon-Fri 9.15am–12.45 pm, Mon, Tues & Weds 12.30pm–3.45pm. Your child may also attend from 9.15am–3.45pm Mon, Tues & Weds. We currently have a very limited amount of places available Mon, Tues, Weds (afternoons only) 12.30pm–3.45pm. Contact details as above.

**St Patrick's Night Celebration – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March** Tickets are ready for collection in the Church porch. Cheques made payable to St. John Fisher Church. **Helpers Needed** To set up the hall from 12 Noon on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will also need willing helpers to give a hand with cleaning up at the end of the evening.



We wish all mothers a very happy and relaxing day.