



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday and the Second Sunday of Easter

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 drama of Holy Week has concluded. We journeyed together to Gethsemane, that lonely garden just outside Jerusalem, where we watched Jesus, fearful and anxious, plead with his Father to take away the cup of betrayal, abandonment, suffering and death that only he could drink.

We watched as Jesus overcame his fear. We saw him mocked by the crowds and the soldiers, "a man despised and rejected". But, a man who was noble and brave, who was not afraid to stand up to earthly authority or the wiles of the Evil One.

We experienced the skies as they turned black and felt a chill come into our souls as we gazed on the face of the crucified God. Then, quietly and without fanfare, we witnessed Jesus full of life announce to the women that he had risen from the dead

and that they were to be the first heralds of this Good News. The words spoken to those women all those millennia ago in that little garden where they had buried their friend are now celebrated throughout the world.

Billions of people believe that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead and countless lives have changed because of that act of faith which tells us that the lowly carpenter from Nazareth was not just a miracle worker or a prophet but was the Son of the Most High God and that it is through him that the gift of everlasting life is made available to each one of us. This is indeed what lies at the heart of the Gospel and it is this joyful knowledge that should inspire us to take up Pope Francis' challenge and become Missionary Disciples.

This year we have not been able to use or decorate the church in the usual way. Perhaps the simplicity with which we celebrated Easter can remind us of the simplicity of the gospel message that, "the Lord is risen indeed." If we can truly believe that, then our faith will grow strong and we will find that "peace which the world cannot give."

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard this year in preparation for the events we have just celebrated and I hope that you will all rejoice in the knowledge of God's love for you, a love that invites each one of us to live life to the full and to sing out with joy –



Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

The Easter Vigil

09.30 Morning Prayer
20.00 People of the Parish

Easter Sunday

08.30 Mrs. Magdalen Saverimuthu RIP & Mr. S. Saverimuthu (Anniv)
10.00 Maria Teixeira (Anniv)
11.30 Bill Kennedy (Anniv)

Monday 21st April - Octave of Easter

11.00 Lucille Goulding RIP

Tuesday 22nd April - Octave of Easter

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam (Anniv)

Wednesday 23rd April - Octave of Easter

19.00 In Thanksgiving – Wojciech Mlek (95th Birthday)

Thursday 24th April - Octave of Easter

09.30 John Murphie RIP

Friday 25th April - Octave of Easter

09.30 Mary Gorman RIP

Saturday 26th April (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Phyllis Healy & Chris Conlon (Anniv)

Second Sunday of Easter

08.30 Intention of Donor

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Maureen Nolan (Anniv)

Monday 28th April – ST. GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

09.30 Paul Jenkins – Speedy Recovery

Tuesday 29th April – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

09.30 Mary Standon (Anniv)

Wednesday 30th April – Easter feria

19.00 Grace McHugh (Int)

Thursday 1st May – Easter feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Friday 2nd – St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09.30 Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe (Anniv)

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 Mr. S. Saverimuthu, Maria Teixeira, Bill Kennedy, Joseph Thiruchelvam, Phyllis Healy, Chris Conlon, Maureen Nolan, Mary Standon, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Andrew Blyth, Karl Smol, Mary Chute, Pauline Egan, Mary Parker, Charles Contaminard, Molly Hurley, Brendon Lyons, Christopher Dent, John Maher, Richard Murray, Christian Cousins, Bill Williams, Janet Pyne, Ina Valerie, Joe Dias, Noel Ryan, Violet Harris, Lilien Whitfield, Tom Hayes, Ellen Downes, Pauline French, Mollie Baldock, Mary Price, Tony Watts, Lawrence Philpott, Herbert Hoffmann and Bidsy O’Gorman whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Lucy “Lucille” Goulding who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 23rd April at 11.30am at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms We welcome Darcey Steinert and Lola Steinert who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Welcome Esther, Maria and Sean who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

St. John Fisher Social Club – Easter Opening Hours The Club is open on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

First Holy Communion Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, 27th April 2014.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 1st May 2014 at 8pm in the Social Club. Any Catholic men interested in finding out more about the Knights are most welcome to attend our meetings – please contact Julien Melville on 84220826 or Marcel Martins on 8422 9401.

Harrow Deanery Day “The Joy of the Gospel” – A Day of Reflection on Ministry led by Sr Judith Russi on Saturday, 7th June 2014 at 10am-4pm at The Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, Bushey. This day is for Ministers and Catechists. There are 17 places – first come, first serve. £10 including lunch. To secure your place and complete a booking form please contact Kay O’Connor on 8429 5682 or kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk. For more info see poster on notice board in the porch.

St. John Fisher Social Club Present a Charity Concert for the Cardiomyopathy Association sung by the Harrow Apollo Male Choir, St. John Fisher Choir and Guests on Saturday, 17th May 2014, Door 7pm in the St. John Fisher Parish Centre. Raffle Prizes & Bar Refreshments. Tickets £8.00 (£6.00 concession). Please contact Ashley on 020 8723 5307. See poster on notice board in porch.

St John Bosco Summer Camps A full programme of supervised summer activities at the SVP John Bosco Centre in Essex is offered to boys (8-14) and girls (9-12) during August - please see poster on notice board in the porch. For more information please contact Tony McWilliams of the SVP on 8868 3205. Two places can be provided by our parish SVP for families suffering financial hardship.

Spirit in the City Festival – Catholic Faith Celebration in the Heart of London From 11th to 14th June 2014. For more info see poster on Youth Notice board at the back of the Church and leaflets in the Church porch.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome Meeting As you have been informed, we will be meeting on Friday, 25th April at 7.30pm in the small hall. If you are **unable** to attend please contact the Parish Office on 8868 7531.

Buy a Brick - Certificate of Thanks Please collect your certificate from the pigeonhole in the porch. Thank you for your support.



Would you please consider buying a brick or two in order to support re-furbishing the Sanctuary? Bricks cost £10 each and we will issue a Certificate of Thanks for every brick that you buy. Please fill out the form below and return it to Fr Shaun at the presbytery. Cheques should be made payable to St John Fisher Church.

PLEASE PRINT

Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....

Email.....

Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

Total Amount £.....

Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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