



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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15th June 2014 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

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

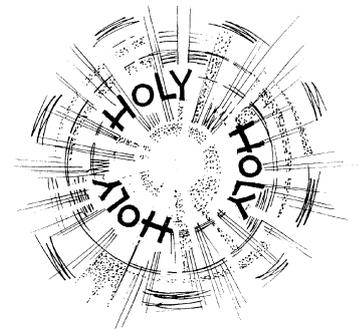
We Celebrate...

- 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

St Augustine famously meditated upon the traces of the likeness of God in the make up of our own soul. The fact that we have memory, intellect and will, points, however inadequately, to the triune nature of the Creator. (Funnily enough, even Sigmund Freud, in his allegedly scientific secular analysis of the psyche couldn't get away from the number three, the id, the ego and the super-ego). Augustine frequently noted the inadequacy of our language and concepts about God, but also our need and desire to talk about and to God, however inadequately: "the formula 'three persons' has been coined, not in order to give a complete explanation by means of it, but in order that we might not be obliged to remain silent."

Also, once we have received the teaching, by prayerful reading of the Scripture we can begin to see intimations of the mystery in its pages. On the very first page of Genesis, God utters his creative Word while the Spirit of God hovers over the waters. Ps 33 can be read as hinting at the role of the Word and the Spirit in the creation of the universe: "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all the stars." It is the Spirit of God who inspires the prophets and reveals the saving plan of God. Abraham gives hospitality to three mysterious figures.

However, today's feast is primarily about celebrating God as he is, the source and goal of all that is, and the beauty and goodness of the communion that is the heart of the Blessed Trinity. Given the profundity of this mystery, the best ways of approaching it is by living out this faith in the liturgy of the Church and in personal prayer. This can range from Blessed John Henry Newman's simple but beautiful hymn: "Firmly I believe and truly God is three and God is one and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son"; to the sublime poetic beauty of the classic Trinitarian strophes.



By prayer and devotion we can lift up our minds and hearts to begin to savour, even in this world, the beauty and grace that is the transcendence of God, and the eternal communion of love and life that is the Trinity. It is by contemplating the Trinity in prayer, silence and study that we are drawn ever deeper into the Triune life, by the entirely free gift of God. St Paul puts it most beautifully when he wrote: "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14th June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Mrs. Pauline Rajakarier RIP

Sunday 15th – **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

08.30 Frances Rea (Anniv)

10.00 Mrs. Marie Batty RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 16th – Feria, Eleventh Week of Year 2

09.30 David Abbott RIP

Tuesday 17th – Feria

09.30 Fr Paul Surlis RIP

Wednesday 18th – Feria

19.00 Yolanda Cobb (Anniv)

Thursday 19th – Feria

09.30 Anne Swordes (Int)

Friday 20th – St Alban, Martyr

09.30 Owen Doone (2nd 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.

Recently Deceased, Fr Paul Surlis, Kieron Shortall, Mrs. Chris Dervan.

Pray Also For Frances Rea, Owen Doone, Linda Leon, Florence Morawska, Austin Hatton, Austin Campbell, James Burke, Sandy Pufler, Kathleen Lucas, Yolanda Cobb, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, Jim Delahunty, George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Xavier Teixeira, Billy Aherne, Ann Kilcoyne, Patrick Flaherty, Vincent McGreevy and June Cahalin whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Fr Shaun's Silver Jubilee Mass to celebrate Fr Shaun's Jubilee will take place in the church on Thursday, 10th July at 7pm. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you could help with providing some food for the reception, then please contact Teresa Arrigo on t.arrigo@virgin.net or 020 8427 3063. It would be great if people made or donated finger food for the buffet. Sandwiches, chicken drumsticks, pork pies, sausage rolls, spring rolls, mutton rolls, samosas, quiche, in fact anything that is easy to eat. **Please drop the food into the porch of the Parish Hall (main entrance on Imperial Drive) on the day from 5pm onwards.** It will be a lovely occasion with representatives attending from Fr Shaun's previous parishes and priests that he trained with and has worked with over the years.

Confirmation 2015 Application forms are available for anyone currently in School Year 8 or above who would like to be confirmed in 2015. See Kay after Mass, incl. Saturday Evening.

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation 2015 Application forms are available for parents of children currently in School Year 2 or above. See Kay after Mass, incl. Saturday Evening.

Young Adult Ministry Now that Johnpromise is with us we would like to get young adults aged between 18-30 together to see what the needs are for people in this age range. You may be newly married or engaged, returning from university or just entering the world of work. How does Catholicism influence the choices that you make? How can we as a parish community support you, what do you think the church is for? Why do so many young people enjoy the benefits of catholic education, then disappear from sight? What are we doing wrong, what are we doing right? How can we do better? If you are interested in these issues, please email Johnpromise Umeozuru at promisemagnus@yahoo.com.

Traidcraft Stall Will be open after all masses in the porch this weekend.

International Day At St John Fisher School in Melrose Road on Saturday, June 21st at 11am-3pm. Last year we used our share of the proceeds to buy our new organ and I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the music. This year we would like to use whatever money we make to install a new lighting system. *Raffle tickets will be on sale in the porch after all masses this weekend.*

Those of you who have signed up to provide food for the International Kitchen, please drop the food off at the school on Saturday, 21st June between 10-11am. Many thanks.

International Day Cake Stall All you cake makers out there, please get baking, we need your help to provide cakes for the cake stall and for the tea/coffee stall. Cakes of any kind - tray bakes, small cakes, large cakes all welcome. They can be left at the school on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you need to arrange another time please contact the presbytery for an alternative.

UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) Wednesday, 18th June after evening Mass will be a social evening of poetry and food, please bring a small plate of nibbles.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 19th June at 7.30pm.

Widowers Group Our next social gathering will be held on Thursday, 26th June 2014 at 8pm in the small hall. Please join us if you would like to socialise with other parishioners whether old/young, male/female, in similar circumstances. Please contact me on 07803 095807/mariashortland1966@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting you. *Maria*

SPEC, the diocesan retreat centre for children and young people, has now relocated to Pinner in Middlesex. Each year a number of young adults (aged 18-25) join the resident community for a year as volunteer missionaries. Perhaps this is the ideal opportunity for you – or someone you know – to combine a year of service with a year of formation in faith in a supportive Catholic community. More details at www.spec.org.uk/missionyear; email: spec@rcdow.org.uk; tel: 020 3757 2500.

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.....

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Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

Total Amount £.....

Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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