



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 ~ Corpus Christi

### *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

Some people think that the Mass is like a family meal. However, seeing the Mass as a nice family meal only takes us so far - there's a lot more to it. We have to bring Jesus into it. We have to bring the Last Supper into it. We have to bring the Jewish Passover into it. We have to bring in the even more difficult concepts of Jesus's body and blood, and of Jesus as the Lamb of sacrifice. We have to bring God into it. We have to bring God's people as the worshipping body of Christ into it.

The Mass is at the heart of our worship, because Jesus broke bread with his disciples the day before he died and said 'do this in memory of me'. And the Mass is not only a celebration of the communion of the people at a particular Mass, not only those who celebrate the same Mass with us all over the world, but also those who have celebrated the same Mass through history, back to Jesus himself. All these people make up the living community, the living body of Christ - not an inert dead body, but a living body with life-giving blood coursing through it.

The Jewish Passover comes into it, because what Jesus and the disciples were doing at the Last Supper was celebrating the Jewish Passover. They were good Jews observing the Passover, Jewish people celebrating their covenant with God. We have a spiritual bond with the Jewish people that we should never forget.

The body and blood of Jesus come into it, because Jesus said the bread and wine were his body and blood; the means by which Jesus is really present at the Mass and in the Church. The imagery of blood also recalls the idea of sacrifice, and Jesus's sacrifice for humanity. Sacrificial religions are not too popular just now, but they were all the rage in Jesus's time. Even the Jewish religion contained sacrifice. A lamb was sacrificed in the temple at Passover as an expiation, to

atone, for the sins of the people since the last Passover. For us, Jesus becomes that Lamb of sacrifice, once and for all times; uniting us with God: creating communion between us and God.

Not all these ideas are easy to grasp, and especially so for children. Individuals will identify more with some aspects than others. There is depth to the Mass that is probably beyond the grasp of one individual. The feast of Corpus Christi encourages us to explore the many layered depths of the Mass: our communion with God and each other. Ultimately, our prayerful thinking should bring us to an understanding of ourselves, the Church, as Christ's living body. If Christ is living bread given to the world, then we are also living bread given to the world.



*Fr. Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – **CORPUS CHRISTI**

08.30 Georgia Cunningham (Special Int)

10.00 Xavier Texeira (Anniv)

11.30 Elvina Saldanha (Anniv)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Feria, Twelfth Week of Year 2

09.30 Franek Szlachta RIP

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

09.30 Theresa Kennedy (Int)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Maryanne Riordan RIP

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

09.30 Danny Collins 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.**

*(SVP If you are sick and would like a visit from members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, or have a relative who would like this, do please contact us in the presbytery.)*

**Recently Deceased**, Sylvester Mitchell, Theresa Kennedy, Pierre Clad, Veronica Syangbo.

**Pray Also For** Xavier Texeira, Elvina Saldanha, Frances Potter, Timothy Harrington, Ralph MacDonald, Gabriel Andrews, Mary Antonympillai, Peter Lavin, Patrick Keane, Jack Lynch, William Harries, Marie Carr, Janeka Parkinson, Michael Healy, Milan McCann, Alex Joseph, Ferdinand Monteiro and Kathleen Carroll 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**'The Pylon'** The Summer Edition of our exciting Parish magazine is now available at the back of the church. Price £1 (please put money in 'Papers' box). Please buy a copy and support our advertisers who are all parishioners.

**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](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com).

**Widowers Group** Our next social gathering will be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mariashortland1966@gmail.com). I look forward to meeting you. *Maria*

**St Vincent de Paul Society** Is looking for a stand-alone electric cooker with hob, in reasonable condition, approx. 50cms or 19 1/2 inches wide, for a single mother whose cooker is beyond repair and who needs to give her children healthy meals, and who cannot afford to buy one. Can anyone help? If so, please contact Tony McWilliams (020 8868 3205).

**ACAT (Harrow Group) Open Meeting** You are warmly invited to a presentation by Brian Scully of Open Doors UK on **Christians in the Middle East - yesterday, today and tomorrow** on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 8.00pm at Christ Church lounge, Roxeth Hill, Harrow, HA2 0JN. The 258 bus stops just outside and there is ample parking.

**Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-40)** Next meeting on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt will be reflecting on Chapter 5 of Pope Francis' *Evangelium Gaudii - Spirit Filled Evangelizers*. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**Getting Married** Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

**New to the Parish?** Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Shaun or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information.

**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**

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Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

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Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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