



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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29th June 2014 ~ Feast of Saints Peter and Paul



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

Today we celebrate the death of two criminals. At least according to the officials of the Roman Empire, they were criminals. They spent a great deal of their life in and out of prisons of various forms. They were finally executed in the city of Rome. Since both dedicated their lives to the proposition that a man who had been executed by the Roman authorities, in the most brutal form of execution available to the Romans, was the redeemer of the world, it is hardly surprising that they should themselves be brought to a similar end. What gives us the right to celebrate these two criminals? This is not a simple question. What we can say right away is that the proposition that no one can ever break the law, even for a just purpose, cannot be held by Christians. Our religion was founded by people who refused to obey the instructions of various authorities and who paid a price for this. I am careful to say, 'a' price, rather than 'the' price, which might imply that the punishments meted out to Peter and Paul were just, even by the standards of Roman and Jewish law.



St Peter and St Paul are not lawless. They are impelled by a specific impulse to tell a specific truth that cannot be hidden, or suppressed. There is a Greek word which describes this impulse. It is the word 'parrhesia', which means the ability to speak the truth, literally to say everything. It is a key word in the Acts. St Peter speaks with parrhesia at Pentecost (2:29). The Church in Jerusalem asks for the gift of parrhesia, (4:29) and at the end of the Acts when St Paul is in Rome, awaiting his trial, he is able to teach with parrhesia (28:31). Sometimes prison might be the best place from which to teach the truth. Many of the works which have changed our world have been written in or about unjust imprisonment. Parrhesia knows no barriers, because it is the truth of God, spoken by the power of God. Today our beloved criminals teach us not just the truth but how to preach it.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28th June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 John Kennedy (Anniv)

Sunday 29th – **STS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles**

St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Robin Andrew Shortland (Anniv)

11.30 Molly Shanahan RIP

Monday 30th – Feria, Thirteenth Week of Year 2

09.30 Molly Shanahan RIP

Tuesday 1st July – DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

09.30 Mrs. Chris Dervan RIP

Wednesday 2nd – Feria

19.00 Intention of Donor

Thursday 3rd – ST THOMAS, Apostle

09.30 S. Periyannayagam RIP

Friday 4th – Feria

09.30 Anton Regis (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.

(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, Noel Lynch, Peter D'Emmanuele, Kathleen Brzezicki.

Pray Also For John Kennedy, Robin Andrew Shortland, Anton Regis, Flory d'Souza, Veridiana D'Silva, William Wright, John Dellamura, Kevin Nolan, Annie Fernandes, Bernard Harris, Julie Goulding, Sean Rynne, Maria Kowalewicz, Mary McWilliams, Mary Malone, Muriel O'Connor, John Rossington, Martin Mahon, Margaret Burton and Constance Donnelly 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.

'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.

Union of Catholic Mothers Our meeting after Mass on July 2nd will be supper at Angela's. In the garden, weather permitting!

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 3rd July 2014 at 8pm in the Social Club.

A Summer Celebration of Literature & Music - Thursday, July 17th at St. John Fisher Parish Centre Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The Parish Women's Group with the Pinner Writers' Group are hosting an evening of original writing. The performances will include poetry, drama and prose, plus musical interludes. SPECIAL GUEST - the international author *Siobhan Curham*. In addition, there will be performances by the young poet/musician *Sketchman* and local playwright *Melville Lovatt* who is featured in the latest issue of The Pylon. There will also be readings from members of the Women's and Pinner Writers' Group as well as the winners of the Bentley Wood High creative writing competition. There is something for men, women, the young and the not so young. So do come along; bring your friends and support local creativity. You'll have a great evening. *The Social Club bar will be open.* Tickets £3, call 020 8866 6665 or email Barbara at barbaratowell@sky.com. Or take a chance and purchase your ticket at the door on the 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.

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, 1st July 2014 at 8.00pm at Christ Church lounge, Roxeth Hill, Harrow, HA2 0JN. The 258 bus stop is outside and there is ample parking.

Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July, 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write **as soon as possible and before 18th July** to a Peer to tell them your views. For more info, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill.

Pilgrims Progress The July edition is available in the porch.

Charity Fundraising Event - Today after 10am & 11.30am Mass To help and support Rose Tallon reach her target of £5,000 for CLIC Sargent, the UK's Leading Cancer Charity for Children and Young People (from 0 to 24 years), she will be holding a **plant, craft and cake sale**. Rose's Head Shave Event last Saturday raised a total of £1,500. Your support/donations will be greatly received for those in need. A HUGE thank you.