



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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6th July 2014 ~ Fourteenth Sunday of the Year A



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

Twenty-five years ago I was ordained as a catholic priest by Cardinal Hume for the Archdiocese of Westminster. Over the years I have worked in eight different parish communities and I have been parish priest in three of them. Muswell Hill, Notting Hill and now here at St John Fisher, North Harrow.

When anyone celebrates a significant anniversary there is always a time of reflection. One thinks not only of the times when there has been success but also of those moments when things have not gone so well and I always ask myself the question. What did I learn from that?

Being prepared to learn from different experiences is a vital part of any relationship. Whether for a married person, a single person, a priest or religious. At the heart of my learning experience I have always had a firm conviction that God has called me to be a priest. He gives me the freedom to live out that gift of priesthood in a way that I have to make positive and creative. This is part of the challenge.



I am so happy that at this significant moment in my life I am here in this parish which constitutes a wonderful part of the Lord's vineyard. To my mind this is a parish which has always had the good fortune to have been ministered to by excellent priests each bringing their own gifts and each encouraging the parish community to reflect, pray and develop.

To be able to work with and to encourage other people in their relationship with the Lord is a most pleasing thing. To enable people to question and explore the precious gift of faith is vital for a strong and vibrant church. And, to be able to work towards consensus so that we share a particular vision of what it means to be part of this community demands an openness and generosity of spirit from us all.

As I prepare to celebrate my silver jubilee with you, I would ask you not only to pray for me but to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the diocese. We need priests - that's the nature of our Church. Perhaps some of the young men in the parish may be thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. All I can say is that the Lord will reward you for your generosity. So why not begin the process of discernment in earnest to see if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood. It is the most wonderful and rewarding life.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 5th July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Kathleen Falconer RIP

Sunday 6th – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Gerti Höller RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Christine Kilker (5th Anniv)

Monday 7th – Feria, Fourteenth Week of Year 2

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Tuesday 8th July – Feria

09.30 Mrs. Chris Dervan RIP

Wednesday 9th – Feria

19.00 Intention of Donor

Thursday 10th – Feria

No Morning Mass

19.00 Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for 25 Years of Fr. Shaun's Priesthood

Friday 11th – ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe

09.30 Veronica Syangbo 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, Kevin McGuire, Geraldine Flanagan, Gavin Bissett, Sylvester Nicholas.

Pray Also For Christine Kilker, Agnes Cunningham, Cyril Fernandes, Mavis Furnell, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher, Anne Hickey, Bartholomew Hourihan, Richard Rossington, Ann Attwood, Margaret Bladun and Mary Ann Brady whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Christopher Graham-Leigh and Seren McGuinness who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Fr Shaun's Silver Jubilee Mass to celebrate Fr Shaun's Jubilee will take place in the church next Thursday at 7pm, 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.

Traidcraft Stall Open after all masses in the porch next weekend.

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 barbaratowell@sky.com or take a chance and purchase on the door.

The SVP and the recipient are very grateful for the response to the request for a cooker. The cooker is now installed. Many thanks indeed.

Association of Separated & Divorced Catholics (ASDC) Next meeting of the Harrow Group will be on Monday, 7th July at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further info please contact Jill 8204 3714 or Eileen 8756 1284.

Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Aylesford A day of faith and fun for all the family, 12th July starting 11am. Bring a Picnic. For more info see poster on notice board in the porch.

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham In reparation for sins against life and love, 12th July starting 12 noon. All welcome, make your own way or get coach tickets from Cathy Kelly at Padre Pio Bookshop, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1V, tel: 020 7834 5363.

National Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Walsingham A day of faith and fun for all the family, 26th July starting 11am. Make your own way, all welcome. For more info see poster on notice board in the porch.

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.

Saint James' Catholic High School 80th Anniversary Mass Will be celebrated in the school on Sunday, 13th July 2014 at 3pm by Monsignor Martin Hayes to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the foundation of Saint James' School. All former students and members of staff are warmly invited. If you would like to share in this milestone in the life of the school, please RSVP Tel 020 8358 2800, email admin@st-james.barnet.sch.uk, St James' Catholic High School, Great Strand, London NW9 5PE.

Calling Old Salvatorians The Salvatorian College is keen to connect with its old boys as it approaches its 90th Anniversary in 2016 and it has recently launched an official old boys' alumni group. If you would like to know more, please go to the alumni page on the school's website www.salvatoriancollege.com or call 020 8863 2706. Deo duce.

Class of '63 Sacred Heart Hammersmith If you or anyone you know were in this group, we would love to hear from you for a possible reunion. Please contact Carole (née Agius) on carole.appleford@gmail.com or 07962 171695.

Charity Fundraising Event £434 was raised. A HUGE thank you to everyone for their great generosity that will make a difference to those in need. *Rose Tallon*

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.