



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 ~ Fifteenth 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

In today's gospel the disciples ask Jesus why he talked in parables. The answer he gives can look rather strange, and, suddenly, even shocking. Things are revealed to you. Not to others. Those who have, will have more, others, who haven't, will lose even what little they have. Doesn't this go against everything we like to think about Jesus? Wasn't he the 'good shepherd', seeking out the lost sheep, risking leaving all the others behind, to do so? Didn't he pity the people, in their ignorance, and take time to 'teach them at length'?

We have to realise that we have been chosen. This can frighten us. We think, we might not have been! We can do nothing about it. It's all God's work. It's not ours. But - we have to accept the gift God gives us. We are responsible for preparing the soil of our lives so that we can receive God's Word. We are responsible for helping that Word to grow through the lives that we lead and by attending our relationship with the Lord.



We listen to gospels. We hear the truth. We have it all explained to us. This can be very helpful and encouraging. We may feel lonely, and even full of misgivings, at the unpopularity of our religion, in today's world; until we can understand it all - as a gift. It might even drive us to be missionaries, people 'with a message', of faith and hope and love. We can learn all this for ourselves, then, quietly, and very helpfully, learn to share it with people we may know, who 'will have none of it' until we show them something of it.

And we can do this, in parables! Many people just hate unthinking religious ranting and rightly so. The Spirit of God teaches us to be as Jesus, 'meek and humble of heart', and never 'holier than thou'-like the Pharisees. Jesus warned us about them. We have 'parables' to tell, maybe, of our sins, and sufferings and humiliations and joys; and what we learned from them. There is good, and evil. People don't see good or evil. They think everything is just 'life', 'human nature'. No, it isn't. There is evil. We must face this, bravely, in ourselves, and in others. There is good. We must have stories to tell, of good things done by good people we know. Might we even have good things to tell them about ourselves? I think we do.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 All Children of the Parish

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Noel Lynch RIP

10.00 Edith & Tommy Jukes RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fifteenth Week of Year 2

09.30 Michael Mulvaney (Anniv)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

09.30 Intention of Donor

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Maureen O'Donoghue (Sick)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Geraldine Flanagan RIP

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Feria

11.00 For the Children, Family & Friends of St. John Fisher School

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GROUNDS OF ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL – ALL WELCOME.)**

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**, Brian Hughes.

**Pray Also For** Michael Mulvaney, Alison Smith, Mary McKenna, Nancy Martin, Dorothy Payne, Josephine, Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr Bernard McKenna, Walter Walsh, John Ransford and Peggy McKenna whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Fr Shaun** Would like to thank everybody for their cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers. It was marvellous to share with so many parishioners, priests and friends the joy of his silver jubilee and he will say Mass for your intentions.

**Jubilee Homily** A number of people have asked for copies of the homily Fr Shaun preached at his jubilee mass. Hard copies are available at the back of the church and it is also available on the website.

**Traidcraft Stall** Open after all masses in the porch this weekend.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** Our meeting after Mass next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July is our A.G.M. Our evening supper in the garden was blessed by a wonderful warm evening and we raised £69 for St Luke's Hospice. *Angela*

**Bethany Group** Next meeting on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

**A Summer Celebration of Literature & Music - Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or take a chance and purchase on the door.

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

**Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life** Led by Bishop Mark Davies, Fr Jeremy Davies & Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on 21<sup>st</sup> September. All most welcome, make your own way or get coach ticket information from <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/coaches/> or tel: 01858 571242.

**Calling Old Salvatorians** The Salvatorian College is keen to connect with its old boys as it approaches its 90<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:carole.appleford@gmail.com) or 07962 171695.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014** Cost is £500, incl. insurance, transport to airport, full board at the Agena Hotel and trips to Bartres and San Pierre. Call John O'Sullivan at 020 8459 0279.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**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.

**Priest Training Fund** Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund. £2,128.00 has been raised by this Parish.

**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.....

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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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