



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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20th July 2014 ~ Sixteenth 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

This week our diocese will make its annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Reflecting on the Assisted Dying bill that is before the House of Lords, Cardinal Vincent spoke on Radio 2s Pause for thought. He said that people go to Lourdes at the invitation of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who appeared there to Bernadette, a poor sickly child, one of the outcasts of the town.



“She taught Bernadette how to pray and how to place her trust in God. We go to learn the same lessons.

A thousand people are on the pilgrimage with me, and we join the millions who go there every year. Among them are many who are seriously ill and many others with significant special needs. The journey is tough going, but the pilgrimage is a highlight of the year and a time of lasting grace and deep friendship.

In Lourdes the sick are given pride of place. Traffic gives way to wheelchairs and space is always made for them in the cafés and bars. Young volunteers are ready to help. In Lourdes they learn to see beyond the terrible effects of illness, age and physical deformity to the character and spirit of the person they are caring for. Each day they learn to express the compassionate love of God who never abandons us even when we feel lost and abandoned ourselves.

Here all the lessons about caring for the sick and dying are spelt out boldly: the innate dignity of each person; the exhausting demands and the rewards of caring for them; the horizon of eternity, of heaven, in which we live each day and how through love, care and medical skill we help each other to bear the sufferings that life brings – the real meaning of ‘compassion’.

Here there is no talk of the futility of needless suffering, or that suffering should have the last word on our existence. There are no cruel implications that the terminally ill are a burden on our way of life and our resources. Here no one points to the dark door of suicide, whether assisted or not. Lourdes has far more to teach us about dying well than the killing clinics of Holland or Switzerland. Many of those who come to Lourdes, especially the nurses, the palliative care specialists and the vulnerable, will listen to some voices in this week’s debate with horror and a cold fear invading their bones.

On our pilgrimage, true perspectives will be restored. We’ll come home full of joy in the Lord and in one another. It’s a great week, a powerful lesson for life and one I never want to miss.”

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 19th July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 20th – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Barbara Norton (Anniv)

10.00 Andrew McLeod RIP

11.30 Mary Kathleen Laight RIP

Monday 21st – Feria, Sixteenth Week of Year 2

09.30 Ann McDonald RIP

Tuesday 22nd – St Mary Magdalene

09.30 Maureen O'Donoghue (Sick)

Wednesday 23rd – ST BRIDGET, Religious, Patron of Europe

19.00 Mr. Anthonipillai Saverimuttu (Anniv)

Thursday 24th – Feria

09.30 Sarah Sloane (Anniv)

Friday 25th – ST JAMES, Apostle

09.30 Andrea Sacco 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.

Recently Deceased, John Hughes.

Pray Also For Barbara Norton, Mr. Anthonipillai Saverimuttu, Sarah Sloane, Kevin Flynn, Paddy O'Brien, Blanche Contaminard, Beatrice Pereira, Bridget Byrne, Ida Bastiampillai, Mary Cleary, John Bennet, Caroline Reddyhoff, Jim Leeson, Christopher Mortimer, John Malone and Alice Thoumine whose anniversaries occur at this time.

John Hughes RIP It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Hughes who worked for many years at the parish looking after our finances. His Requiem Mass will take place at St. Luke's, Pinner on Thursday, 24th July at 10am followed by cremation at Breakspear. May he rest in peace.

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.

Widowers Group Our next social gathering will be held on Thursday, 31st July 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 feel contact me on 07803 095807/mariashortland1966@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting you. *Maria*

Retreat in Daily Life/Week of Accompanied Prayer Would you like to know more different ways of praying? Are you looking for a deeper personal relationship with God? Do you find it sometimes difficult to pray? Churches in North Harrow are offering a week of accompanied prayer from Sunday, 2nd November to Saturday, 8th November 2014. This kind of Retreat in Daily Life provides an opportunity to refresh our prayer life, to pause with God in the middle of our lives and rediscover Him as our true companion. A team of experienced prayer companions is being invited to accompany participants one to one, encouraging and supporting them as they explore some of the above questions. The week starts with a group session on the Sunday and ends with a group session on the final Saturday to celebrate and draw together the experience. Each participant is asked to spend about half an hour a day to pray/reflect on a suggested text from scripture and to share it with their prayer companion at an agreed time and venue. Give it a try. For any further

information please call Angela Daley 8866 3318 or Marguerite Kuhn 8866 6341.

Host families needed to accommodate 17 year old Italian Catholic students (boys), from the end of August 2014 till mid-June 2015. They will be attending their Sixth Form year at St Dominic's in Harrow on the Hill or St Joan of Arc in Rickmansworth as part of a long-established program. For more details, including payment levels, please contact Francesco Perazzini on 07854 886713 or e-mail to francescoperazzini@hotmail.com.

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.

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 21st September. All most welcome, make your own way or get coach ticket information from <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/coaches/> or tel: 01858 571242.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 7th to 11th 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.

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

Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....

Email.....

Number of bricks @ £10 each.....

Total Amount £.....

Name of Person you wish to appear on the certificate

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