



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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31st August 2014 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year A



Today, Jesus lays it on the line for his would-be followers. If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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

St Paul reinforces this in the second reading from his letter to the Romans: think of God's mercy, my brothers and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

There is something in the human condition that leads us out beyond ourselves. Hence the prayer of the Alleluia 'May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.' This hope resides in the last part of the Jesus prediction of his passion that is 'to be raised up on the third day'. Without his passion and death, there can be no Resurrection. Thus anyone who wants to save his life this way will ultimately lose it. But in the giving up of our lives we find the reality of the resurrection.

Giving up one's life in favour of another isn't such a rare thing. Ask any parent if they would lay down their life for their child and you will find a selfless response. Ask any husband or wife if they would take on the illness of their partner so as to save the one they love from suffering and again you would find an affirmative answer.

So out of the apparently grim and forbidding message of today's readings comes a real hope and sense of renewal and resurrection. Our faith and prayer is that we are also chosen by God to bear witness to Christ in our place and in our time. Such witness will involve the bearing of our own crosses, which popular tradition holds that we will not to have to seek! Thus we enter into the struggle in the solidarity of our common humanity, with the power for transformation through the Death and Resurrection of our brother Jesus who has gone before us.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 30th August (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Mary Heffernan RIP

Sunday 31st – 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 John Hughes RIP

11.30 Kathleen Brzezicki RIP

Monday 1st September – Feria, Twenty-Second Week of Year 2

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Tuesday 2nd – Feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Wednesday 3rd – ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor

19.00 Ena Bocarro (Int)

Thursday 4th – Feria

09.30 Agnes & Raymond Cullis RIP

Friday 5th – Feria

09.30 Peter Brown 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, Ellen Cregg, Chris Dent.

Pray Also For Louise Cassidy, Julia Stevenson, Eulalia D’Cruz, Muktaben Bhadresha, Mary Glavin, Bernard Fielder, John Bennett, Marie Lisicki and David Freear whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Logan Evans and Josiah Moniz who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 4th September 2014 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parish Women's Group Autumn Social - Thursday 11th September at 8pm, St. John Fisher Parish Centre, Cost £1. The PWG welcomes all women and their female friends to an evening with an opportunity to socialise and enjoy light refreshments. New members, particularly women new to the Parish, will be made most welcome. A bottle to share or small contribution of finger food would be most welcome. Look forward to seeing you. For more details contact Barbara Towell at barbaratowell@sky.com or call 020 8866 6665.

Tai Chi at St. John Fisher Parish Centre Resumes on Thursday, 11th September beginning promptly at 1.30pm until 3pm. Open to both men and women of any age. For details contact Barbara Towell at barbaratowell@sky.com or call 020 8866 6665.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) This Sunday, 31st August we are going to West Lodge park in Pinner to listen to the band. Meet between 1.30-2pm in the band area, bring your own picnic. Wednesday, 3rd September after Mass, members who have given their names are invited to Ena's birthday party.

Week of Accompanied Prayer Churches Together in North Harrow are inviting you to take part in a week of accompanied prayer this November. This will be an opportunity to explore ways of praying and to enrich our relationship with God wherever we are at. All that is required is a commitment from each participant to spend half an hour a day to pray /reflect on a suggested text. Then to meet with a prayer companion each day for up to half an hour, in total confidence, to explore the journey together. **Dates for Diary:** Saturday 27th September 3-5pm Taster Session at N. Harrow Methodist Church; Sunday 2nd November 3-4.30pm Opening Session at N. Harrow Methodist Church and

Sunday 8th November 11am-12.30pm Closing Session at Elmfield Church a time to celebrate followed by a bring and share lunch.

Association of Separated & Divorced Catholics Next meeting will be on Monday 1st September at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics are welcome. For info please contact Jill 8204 3714 or Eileen 8756 1284.

Credit Union There will be a meeting at 19.30 on Wednesday, 10th September in the Hut behind the presbytery at St Joseph's Church, Wealdstone for anyone interested in helping set up a Credit Union for the locality. This will be of great benefit to the people of the area enabling them to save money and take out occasional loans at reasonable rates of interest. We will need people with experience in the legal, accountancy and banking professions as well as other interested parishioners.

The Second Annual Lecture of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom Will be given by Jan Graffius of Stonyhurst College on 'Saving the English Martyrs - how Catholic families preserved relics from Becket to Plunkett' at the Social Centre, St James's, Spanish Place, W1U 3QY on Wednesday, 10th September at 7pm. The lecture will be followed by refreshments. All welcome - no booking required.

Christians in the Workplace – A day of reflection Saturday, 13th September 10am–3pm. With Sister Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver. Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4EE. Tea/coffee provided; please bring packed lunch. No need to book. Info on 8950 4000 or bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk.

Salvatorian College Open Evening & Open Days for academic year 2015-2016 Parents and prospective pupils are welcome to attend the school on **Wed 17th September 2014, 5.30pm, Thurs 18th September 2014, 11am & Fri 19th September 2014, 11am.**

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Admission in Sept 2015 and Sixth Form See poster in porch.

Pilgrims Progress September edition is available in the porch.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancies See notice board in porch.

Thank you The Donovan family of Pinner would like to say a huge thank you to a good Samaritan from our parish who came to the aid of Mrs Donovan after a nasty fall. The family are very grateful for all your help.

Reliable Cleaner needed by North Harrow carer 3 hours/week. 2 references please. Good rates for right person. Kindly call Jane asap 07899 886490. Thanks.



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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