



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year A

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In today's Gospel the tenants of the vineyard become consumed with their own wellbeing and power and they chose to forget that the vineyard is not theirs, but is the property of the landlord. They even go to the extent of seizing the landlord's son and killing him.

### *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

This parable rather obviously alludes to the way in which God's son, Jesus, was rejected and died for us on the cross. Nowadays it is very easy for us to forget that we are dependent on God for every moment of our life. The truth is that it is God's love and mercy for each of us individually that sustains us in our being. We tend to ignore this purposely or simply forget this fact as the cares of life overtake us.

But there are times in our lives when we are pulled up in our tracks, and realise just how much we rely on God. Many people suffer these shocks and surprises more than once in their lives. It could be the death of someone very close to us, or being made redundant from work. On the other hand it could be something joyous such as the experience of a pilgrimage or a golden wedding anniversary. At these key points in our life on earth we realise deeply that God is holding us in the palm of his hand.

### *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

God's care for us is experienced by many people in the heart of the family and this October the bishops of our church will gather in Rome for a Synod, a meeting at which they will talk about the problems that families face and how we, the family of the Church, can respond to these issues.

### *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

Some people completed the rather wordy document put out by the Vatican earlier in the year in preparation for the Synod. Many voices of concern were raised about issues that people face. How do we support those who are married or have re-married? How do we care for and educate children? How do we respond to the heartbreak of divorce? How do we develop our understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage? What are the issues that people with different sexualities face as they seek to live out their commitment to the gospel?

We should remember that this Synod takes place over two years. So don't expect any answers this time around. This Synod will hear the views of bishops throughout the world who will communicate the experience of their people. Next year let us hope that through honest debate and prayer the Holy Father and our bishops will find a way of addressing these pressing issues whilst maintaining fidelity to the gospel and to the teaching of the Church.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Bernard Barker (Anniv)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Sour Maria & Sour Eleonora (Anniv)

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Mr. Hughie Sweeney (Anniv)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Twenty-Seventh Week of Year 2

09.30 Gerry Furnell RIP

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Private Intention

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Intention of Donor

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Anton Regis 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.**

**Pray Also For** Bernard Barker, Sour Maria & Sour Eleonora, Mr. Hughie Sweeney, Christine James, Patricia Dunmore, Helen Williams, Christopher Caldwell, Keith Phaure, Dennis O'Connor, Edith Steinitz, Joseph McGeoghan and George Mahon whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Congratulations & Best Wishes** To Matthew Tompkins and Joanne Mahony who were married in our church this weekend.

**Consecration of the Church** Cardinal Vincent will come to our parish to consecrate the church and altar on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. It will be a wonderful and moving liturgy and will complete, in a sacred way, our church building, which was started in 1938, extended in 1982 and finished in 2014. This is a chance to celebrate all that we have achieved and to look forward to all that will come. We would like to host a reception afterwards and just like Fr. Shaun's jubilee we would ask parishioners to provide finger food for a buffet in the hall following the liturgy. Teresa Arrigo has kindly offered to co-ordinate the catering, so please contact her at [t.arrigo@virgin.net](mailto:t.arrigo@virgin.net), 020 8427 3063 and let her know if you can help out on the day or what you will bring along. Wine and soft drinks will be provided. This will be a truly memorable occasion and we hope that as many people as possible will attend.

**Parish 100 Club** As you can see the major structural work to the church has now been completed and we hope that you like it. Over the next seven years, we will need to pay the diocese back the loan that it has given to our parish to make this work possible. One fund raising initiative is for parishioners to join the parish. We would ask parishioners to buy a monthly ticket which costs £5; if 100 people join and pay £5 a month, the amount raised each month is £500.....and £250 is given away in prizes as follows: £100 £75 £50 £25. This leaves £250 which goes to the parish. If 200 people join, the prizes go up to £200, £150, £100 and £50. So the more people that join, the greater the monthly prize money will be. So it would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club, that way we could raise £6000 a year which would be enormously helpful. A registration form will be available this weekend. Thank you for your support.

**School Admission** Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall (*forms have to be with the*

*schools by 24<sup>th</sup> October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise if you are applying for more than one school and a contact telephone number.

**Welcome Ministry Rota** Please collect your new rotas from the Church porch. We need more volunteers for the 10am Mass so if you are interested please contact Sue Moriarty on [suemoriarty@sky.com](mailto:suemoriarty@sky.com).

**Parish Women's Group - 9<sup>th</sup> October Meeting** Our next meeting is a talk entitled 'The Turin Shroud – Fact or Fake?'. The talk covers the efforts over many years by top specialists to discover the cloth's history and uncover its scientific secrets. Why not come along to the small hall at 8.00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> October and try it out? For further info contact Elena Johnston on 8427 3918.

**CAFOD Christmas cards** Next weekend (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October) you will be able to browse the full range of CAFOD cards & place your order at the stall in the porch. Traidcraft catalogues will also be available. Last year we made £210 for CAFOD from the discount received on bulk orders. In addition CAFOD & other development charities receive part of the sale price of every Christmas card pack. Please support the stall again this year. We would like to be open in the porch every weekend from the end of October to Christmas but this will only be possible if we have enough helpers. If you could help occasionally (10 to 15 minutes after the mass you usually attend) please give your details in at the stall or email [sjtraidcraft@gmail.com](mailto:sjtraidcraft@gmail.com) with your name, contact details and the mass you usually attend.

**The Pylon, Christmas edition 2014** It's that time of the year again! ***The Pylon is your Parish magazine and we look to you for contributions.*** We are asking you to send us the following: Christmas recipes, ways other countries/cultures celebrate Christmas, quizzes, reviews/recommendations of current books/novels for both children and adults as well as articles. Articles can be about anything you think maybe of interest to our readers. **Deadline - Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you. Please send to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or [geraldine2906@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine2906@gmail.com). Otherwise place in the pigeonhole of Barbara Towell in the Church porch.

**St. John Fisher School Harvest Festival** We would like to invite all senior parishioners to our Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in the school hall. We hope many of our friends will be able to join us.

**Pax Christi Icon of Peace and Reconciliation** The Icon of "Christ is our Reconciliation" is present in the Peace Chapel of St Mary's Church, Harrow on the Hill from Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> to Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. The Peace Chapel is open to visitors to view and pray from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Tuesdays 30<sup>th</sup> Sept & 7<sup>th</sup> Oct; Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct & 9<sup>th</sup> Oct and Saturdays 4<sup>th</sup> Oct & 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. Pax Christi - The International Catholic Movement for Peace. Prayer card available in the porch.

**Week of Accompanied Prayer** The final day for application for the week is next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. There are more application forms in the porch on top of the bookcase. Please put completed forms through the Presbytery door.

**Pilgrims Progress** The October edition is available in the porch.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Please return your envelopes today. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.