



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### *National Youth Sunday – How happy are you?*

#### ***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

On National Youth Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we are asked to make a point of welcoming, encouraging and celebrating the young people around us. As you know, we are inviting young adults in their 20s and early 30s to come to the Fisher Room after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, to have a cup of coffee, meet each other and see how we can help and support them.

The theme for this year's Youth Sunday poses the question 'How happy are you?' It is intended to enable a reflection on how we can find true and lasting happiness. It would do us all good to reflect on the following quotations and to ask what makes us happy.

With the example and words of  
 Jesus before us, we realise how  
 much we need to be converted, so  
 that the logic of being more will  
 prevail over that of having more!  
*Pope Francis at World Youth Day*



#### ***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

*Man is so great that nothing  
 on earth can satisfy him. Only  
 when he turns to God is he  
 content.*  
*St John Vianney*

Do you really want  
 to be happy? In  
 an age when we  
 are constantly  
 being enticed by  
 vain and empty  
 illusions of  
 happiness we risk  
 settling for less and  
 "thinking small"  
 when it comes to  
 the meaning of  
 life. Think big  
 instead! Open  
 your hearts!  
*Pope Francis WYD 2014*

#### ***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

*Happiness is not in us,  
 nor is happiness outside  
 of us. Happiness is in  
 God alone. And if we  
 have found him, then it  
 is everywhere.*  
*Blaise Paschal*



*All too often, happiness is narrowed down to  
 mean feeling good. There is of course nothing  
 wrong with feeling good but such a narrow  
 definition leaves little room for the delight of  
 virtue and the joy of grace. To find happiness,  
 we need to broaden our definition so that feeling  
 is put into the wider context of doing good and  
 knowing good.*

*Christopher Jamison, Finding Happiness*

