



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 ~ Fourth Sunday of the Year B *Education Sunday*

### ***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

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the good news given to us by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the promise of eternal life and an invitation to live life to the full as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Catholic school makes a vital contribution to this mission by enabling each child to develop his or her God-given gifts to their fullest potential, to know the abundant love of God and to become friends of Jesus Christ. A foundation in prayer and friendship with Christ will serve them in later life so that they make their unique contribution to the world around them and foster the values of God's kingdom and the common good – justice, peace, love and joy. As Pope Francis wrote, 'Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelisation of culture...' (*The Joy of the Gospel* 134). What do we mean by the 'evangelisation of culture'? Pope Francis answered this question in the following way, 'To give witness with joy and simplicity to what we are and what we believe in.' Such witness is infectious and attracts others to the life-giving message of Christ and his Church.

To have a strong Catholic identity is not something mysterious or difficult. It is demonstrated in familiarity with daily prayer, symbols such as the crucifix and statues, a chapel and place of prayer, relationships of respect and understanding, developing one's gifts and recognising a wide range of achievement and success. Each student is centre-stage and the focus of care and learning. Leadership is modelled on Jesus who served all and sacrificed his life for others. Therefore, Catholic education is an education in mercy. Mercy, from the Latin word *miser cordia* means having a heart for the poor. The school community is called to have a heart for the poor, whether for the student who is struggling, the one who is disadvantaged or by looking outwards to the needs of others; for example through link partnerships and overseas projects, by supporting CAFOD, CARITAS, the Catholic Children's Society and other charities. Our schools reveal this attitude of mercy when they provide good pastoral care and support staff and students through times of illness, bereavement and crisis.

The schools in our diocese have been built up through the sacrifice of parents, the commitment of staff and governors who so often go the extra mile because they love their work and see it as a call from God or a vocation, and the students who bring their energy and vitality to build a school community that looks out to serve others.

*Bishop Sherrington*  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster*  
*Chair, Diocese of the Westminster Education Commission*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January (First Mass of Sunday)  
18.00 Josie Curtin (Anniv)  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
08.30 Nora Duffy (Anniv), Bridie Reilly (Anniv)  
10.00 Brendan Lyons RIP  
11.30 Blossom Gunaratnam RIP  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
09.30 People of the Parish  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury  
09.30 Intention of Donor  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fourth Week of Year 1  
19.00 Mr & Mrs Bastiampillai RIP  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
09.30 Tom Clarke RIP  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
09.30 Mr & Mrs Bastiampillai 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.**

*(SVP If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please inform the presbytery.)*

**Recently Deceased**, David Unwin, Nora Roche, Coral Carter, Angelo Britto, Marcella Lydon, Anton Constantine.

**Pray Also For**, Josie Curtin, Nora Duffy, Bridie Reilly, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Doris Jones, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan, Jack Hurst, Stan Phillips, Guy Verrier, Emily Jukes, David Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan and Daya Rajakarier whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Mass on 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015** Please note that mass will be held in the Parish Hall on these days.

**Job Vacancy** We have two cleaning positions within the Parish. The first is for a cleaner for our Parish centre, Mon to Fri 6.30am-8.30am. The second is for a cleaner/ironer for the presbytery, 6 hours a week. For further details please contact Julie Dauncey at our HR department on [juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk).

**New Readers Meeting** On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February after 7pm Mass (approx. 7.30pm) in the Church. Please let Kay know if you can't make it.

**Altar Servers** Next week 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Feb Team A will serve.

**Mass for Altar Servers in Westminster Cathedral** On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at 2.30pm. Principal Celebrant Rt. Rev. Alan Williams S.M. Bishop of Brentwood. If you would like to attend please contact Kay O'Connor on 020 8429 5682 or [kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk).

**SJF Young Adults Group** This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together on every first Sunday of the month to get to know one another, get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese, discuss and grow in their faith, as well as socialise. Everyone is most welcome. **Next meeting is today after the 11.30am mass in the Fisher Room.** For more information please contact Johnpromise at [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresa at [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com) / [07899938438](tel:07899938438). Our Facebook page is: 'SJF Young Adults'.

**Welcome Ministry Rota** We need more volunteers so if you are interested please contact Sue Moriarty on [suemoriarty@sky.com](mailto:suemoriarty@sky.com).

**SJF Ladies Club** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February after mass in the Parish Hall. Mike Deeley is kindly giving us a talk on banking. There is no membership and anyone in the parish is welcome to come.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**St John Fisher Social Club AGM** On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

**Pancake Evening – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** We will be cooking and serving pancakes in our church hall on pancake day from 7pm-8.30pm. Have your pancakes made warm and ready for you. We welcome donations of pancakes or mix for us to cook. All donations help to raise money for St Luke's hospice. During Lent, one of our local churches prepares each Saturday a soup and sandwich lunch for the same cause. Venues will be in this bulletin.

**Annual Mass for all those buried in Harrow Weald Cemetery** Will take place at All Saints Church, Uxbridge Rd, Harrow Weald on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. This Mass will also include all those buried in Carpenders Park Cemetery.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 at 3pm** The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you qualify, please contact Claudia on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 8429 5681 by **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015** with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**Pilgrims Progress** The February edition, including dates for CtinNH Lent Talks at North Harrow Methodist Church, is available in the porch.

**Mary's Meals** I am delighted to say that the parish managed to give 300 bags of unwanted clothes; there were also donations of £439.25 giving a **total contribution of £1226.75** which is a fantastic result despite the cold! This means that over 100 children in the developing world will be fed for a year. Well done.

**Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Winter Training** Every Friday from 6pm - 7pm up to 27 March @ Cedars Youth & Community Centre on the 4G Astro Turf Pitch. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. First session free to all newcomers! Training fee will be £2.50 per night. Please contact Tony Griffin 07966 160999 or Alan Carolan 07971 611764. See poster in the porch.

**Leaving the Parish or Change of Address?** Please advise Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

On behalf of the Parish I would like to place on record our thanks to those who have made anonymous donations to the reordering of the church and the sanctuary. One donor who wished to remain anonymous but reluctantly agreed to this notice is Fr Shaun, who donated the stained glass window in thanksgiving for his 25 years in the priesthood. In making this gift Fr Shaun wishes to thank all those who have helped him in his ministry in the parishes in which he has served, in the Diocese and elsewhere.

John Billiet,  
Chair, Parish Council