



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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25th January 2015 ~ Third Sunday of the Year B



If you were interviewing prospective apostles what would you be looking for? Somebody who was loyal, honest, trustworthy? Sadly Jesus was to be disappointed in this – or was he? When he called his disciples Our Lord looked not at who these men were, with their obvious personality defects, but at what they could become.

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

The twelve represent the twelve tribes of the new Israel. The old Israel had delegated just the priestly tribe of Aaron for the worship of God, the new people formed around the twelve is to be entirely priestly characterised by vocation and election, not by heredity. The twelve are the foundation stones of the new Church because they were eyewitnesses to the whole of Jesus' life from his baptism by John to his ascension. Chosen by Christ they are a special set of witnesses set apart not so much by what they see as by the fact that they are chosen to see. What they see comes to them as a gift, they are chosen to pass on this gift, to be part of the process of tradition, the process that can only go on within the group of witnesses.

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

The Twelve were to offer a sort of group witness. St Mark tells us that when Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John from their nets by the sea of Galilee he called them together. They were partners in a small fishing co-operative, or a little business. This group was



transformed by hearing the word of Jesus into a new kind of community. They are now put into the enterprise of being fishers of men. They will catch people with the net of the Gospel and bring them to Christ. The little group of fishermen is to become a college of preachers and ministers. The fullness of his gospel is to be handed on through the life and ministry of this college. The gospel was to be communicated not simply through what each of them said individually, but through what all of them were collectively.

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 preaching of the apostles is not like a simple black and white forensic photograph. When a crime is committed special forensic officers come and take pictures of the scene. They try to show it as it actually was at a particular time. They kind of freeze-frame it. The preaching of the Gospel is not like that. It is more like an Impressionist painting. The Impressionists were intent on seizing reality and presenting it in a living way. They wanted to capture the fleeting dynamic of light without freezing it. It is the same with preaching the Gospel. The apostles all have their own take, their own vision of the life and ministry of Jesus. They are not learning a lesson that is to be repeated in a deadpan way. They are giving testimony, showing how God was at work in Jesus and how he is still at work through Jesus. Each is giving this in his different way. Just as in an Impressionist painting the dots and points made by the painter's brush capture the reality of what is being presented, so the twelve in their different testimonies show that Christ is alive and present with us now. They are not giving evidence as in a court of law about what did happen, they are testifying to what is happening now.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 24th January (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 Merle Grove – Good Health
Sunday 25th – 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Bridget Devlin (Anniv)
11.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP
Monday 26th – Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops
09.30 Danny Dhar (Anniv)
Tuesday 27th – Feria, Third Week of Year 1
09.30 Mrs. Mary Magdalene Savarimuthu (Anniv),
Mr. Santhiapillai Savarimuthu (Anniv)
Wednesday 28th – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
19.00 Michael Munnelly RIP
Thursday 29th – Feria
09.30 Theresa Allams RIP
Friday 30th – Feria
09.30 Mr & Mrs Augustine, Mr & Mrs Stanley, M & Mrs Thambipillai
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, George Thurmer, Muriel Rochford, Maureen Landy, Louis Walsh, Brian Sturt, Queenie Enright.

Pray Also For, Bridget Devlin, Danny Dhar, Mary Magdalene & Santhiapillai Savarimuthu, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donoghue, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley, Kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen and May Connick whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Altar Servers Next week **31st Jan/1st Feb Team B** will serve.

Mass for Altar Servers in Westminster Cathedral On Saturday, 14th 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.

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 Sunday 1st Feb after the 11.30am mass in the Fisher Room.** For more information please contact Johnpromise at promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresha at sherna_bhadresa@msn.com / [07899938438](tel:07899938438). Our Facebook page is: 'SJF Young Adults'.

Christian Unity Week Many thanks for all the help and the contributions of food given for the lunch, which followed the service of prayers for Christian Unity in our church last Monday. It was a great success with Barbara & John Towell accompanying the hymns. Many people from the other churches complemented our new sanctuary and enjoyed lunch in the comfort of the Fisher room.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please collect your new rotas from the porch. We need more volunteers so if you are interested please contact Sue Moriarty on suemoriarty@sky.com.

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

Annual Mass for all those buried in Harrow Weald Cemetery

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

Churches Together in North Harrow In the weeks preceding the general election in May our churches will arrange a husting with our local M.P.s to take place in one of our halls. We are looking for a person to chair the meeting. Preselected questions will be provided. See below for contacts for more information.

On another more regular basis, Churches Together in North Harrow are looking for a new editor for our monthly Pilgrims Progress newsletter (always available from the rack in the porch). The items for inclusion are sent to the editor from the churches. If you are interested in either of these, please contact Marian Smith, Sec to CTNH at marian@stjulians.plus.com or Angela Daley at daley47@yahoo.co.uk.

Belmont Theatre Group – “Remembrance” by Graham Reid

Since we closed Imperial Players I have been part of Belmont Theatre Group and we are putting on the challenging play Remembrance - an absorbing, powerful and touching drama played against the violence in Northern Ireland during the troubles. I would also like to mention that it has what I would consider to be strong explicit language. 25th - 28th Feb, **Box Office** 07917 324179, **Venue:** Pump House Watford. *Helen Sherwood*

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) Meets on Friday, 30th January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. St Graca Almeida and Sr Natalia Gomes, Comboni Sisters on “Being Missionary Disciples today”. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

“Come and See” weekend with a difference for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood will take place at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea for 24 hours from the evening of Friday, 20th February. To reserve one of only 12 places, please contact Fr Richard asap at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

Beginning Experience There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 20th - 22nd March 2015 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322 401243 or Sandra on 01293 783965.

Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Winter Training commences on Friday 23rd January @ Cedars Youth & Community Centre on the 4G Astro Turf Pitch. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Training takes place every Friday from 6pm–7pm, up to 27th March. First session free to all newcomers! Training fee will be £2.50 per night or £20 in advance for all 10 sessions. Just turn up on the night or for further info contact Tony Griffin 07966 160999 or Alan Carolan 07971 611764. Alternatively find us on facebook Parnells Minor Gaelic FC or www.parnells.org or see poster in the porch.

Diocesan Job Vacancies Catechetical Co-ordinator at Kensal Rise Parish; Harrow-Choir Leader at Harrow on the Hill parish; Pastoral Assistant at Harrow on the Hill; Central services- Retreat Leader and Formation Co-ordinator at SPEC. For more info please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>.

Transport request A parishioner would like a lift to either 10am or 8.30am Mass. She lives near Waitrose in Harrow Weald and requires a lift up to 8th March. If you can help please contact Kay on 8429 5682 or kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk.