



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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22nd February 2015 ~ First Sunday of Lent B



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

58 year old Kyin Nu lives in a small jungle village in Myanmar. A few years ago, a huge storm ripped through her community. At 6pm that night, 400 women, men and children lived in her village. By 6am, there were just 200 left. In the space of 12 short hours, Kyin Nu had lost everything. Her possessions – precious photographs of her family, hand-me-downs from her parents. Gone. The small bamboo home she slept in and used for her business. Gone. But worst of all, two of her children. Gone. This hardworking woman, who had dedicated her life and her efforts to her children had, through no fault of her own, lost everything.

After the essential aid work was underway, your generous support helped Kyin Nu to pick up the pieces, with shelter and some chickens to make a living. But in the months following the disaster, the community's farmland was flooded and their crops ruined by saltwater because the storm had destroyed all their natural barriers.

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 villagers wanted to build a wall to protect their crop, but they didn't have the time to do so as they had to earn money to buy the essentials such as food and clothes. Your support ensured the people were paid to build the barrier – this meant they could feed themselves immediately and make something vital that would save them in the long term. And you also helped to train Kyin Nu and her neighbours to plant trees that would grow and form a storm wall to protect them from future cyclones.

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

Storms, draughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive.

Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Attached to the newsletter this week is your Fast Day envelope. Friday, 27th February is CAFOD Lent Fast Day. We will collect your Fast Day envelopes and offerings after all our Masses next weekend. Please also collect a prayer card from the porch and don't forget to hold your fast next Friday.

There is good news: the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5m.

Please give as much as you can so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life. Thank you for your support.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 21st February (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 Jack (Cyril) O’Gorman RIP & Josie Usher RIP
Sunday 22nd – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
08.30 Ann & Patrick Kilcoyne (Anniv)
10.00 People of the Parish
11.30 Eileen Steinitz (Anniv)
Monday 23rd – Lent feria
09.30 The Gallagher Family RIP
Tuesday 24th – Lent feria
09.30 Brian Sturt RIP
Wednesday 25th – Lent feria
19.00 Bridget McManamon
Thursday 26th – Lent feria
09.30 Adrian Taylor RIP
Friday 27th – Lent feria
09.30 Nora Roche 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, James Monaghan, Mary Carroll.

Pray Also For, Ann & Patrick Kilcoyne, Eileen Steinitz, Joe Reilly, Aristides Cordoba, Kitty Tully, John Noble, Leon St Hill, Michael Anderson, Nanette Burke, Joanna Roberts, Catherine Lissemore, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley, Patrick Savage, Eugenie Chellotti, George Niznik, James Small, Thomas Lee and Francis Roberts whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lent & Penance Service at St. John Fisher A Service of Penance and Reconciliation with absolution will take place on Friday, 13th March at 7.30pm.

Lent Lunch Churches in North Harrow arrange to serve a light lunch on each Saturday during Lent. These raise money for St. Luke’s Hospice who rely on voluntary contributions, as they have little NHS support. Last year around £1,000 was raised, including our pancake evening contribution. Do please go, dates as follows: Feb 28th North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Rd; March 7th St George’s, Pinner View; March 14th Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive; March 21st St Alban’s Church, The Ridgeway, Hall entrance and car park Norwood Drive; March 28th Sinai Mar Thoma Church at St George’s, Pinner View. There is no charge for the meal, just a box on the table for your donation.

Lent Talks Churches Together have a series of talks at the Methodist Church on Tuesdays during Lent at 8pm. The speaker is The Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths. Further information in the porch.

Proclaim ’15 Last weekend you received the materials to participate in the three sessions of the Proclaim programme. You may meet in parish groups, as families or in your neighbourhood. Individuals may also participate though we would recommend that you share this in a group. If you would like to lead a group, please attend the meeting in the Fisher room on Wednesday, 25th February at 7.30pm. Could you please let Neil Cocking know that you wish to attend the leaders meeting. His email is neilcocking@waitrose.com.

Altar Servers Next week 28th Feb/1st March Team B will serve.

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. **Next meeting is Sunday 1st March after the 11.30am mass in the Fisher Room.** Everyone is most welcome. For more information please contact Johnpromise at promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa at sherna_bhadresa@msn.com / 07785 615791. Our Facebook page is: ‘SJF Young Adults’.

Bethany Group – Change of Date Next meeting on Thursday, 26th February at 7.30pm.

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

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30’s) Meeting on Friday 27th February, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, will speak on St Dominic’s gift to the Church. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

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

Pilgrimage to Lourdes May 11th-15th 2015. £500 Inc. Full board in the Agena Hotel, Trans. to airport, Insurance and 2 trips. Contact John O’Sullivan 020 8459 0279.

Diocesan Job Vacancies For more info please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>.

Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers 2015 If you have any vouchers for St. John Fisher School then please **either put them in the collection or post them through the presbytery door. Thank you.**

Carer (Part-time) Required 9am-1pm or 10am-2pm Monday to Friday. Some light household duties. £9 per hour. Contact Eddie Collins on 07803 150222 for more details.

Parish 100 Club The major structural work to the church has 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 100 Club. 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 join, the greater the monthly prize money will be. It would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club so we could raise £6000 a year which would be enormously helpful. **A Registration form is available from the porch or our website.** Thank you for your support.