



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

### *PRIEST TRAINING FUND*

#### ***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

On the fourth Sunday of Easter each year we hear John's description of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one "who lays down his life for his sheep." Every year on this particular Sunday, also known as Vocations Sunday, we take up our annual collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

God has truly blessed our diocese and over recent years the number of men in training for the priesthood has steadily increased. Whilst the *Growing in Faith* campaign is starting to make a real difference, the annual parish appeal still remains a vital part of our income and this collection provides an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the fund. I am very aware that times are really tough for people but I would encourage you to support this appeal as generously as you can. Why? Because we need good priests.

Obviously, the men we train and who proceed to ordination will need to have the traditional skills of a priest. But, he will also need to be able to spread the gospel in an increasingly secularised society. This means that he will need the spirituality and communication skills to preach the gospel in hostile environments and he will need to have the strength to stand up for our faith to those who would deride us. Also, a priest must have the pastoral sensitivity to bring people to Jesus outside the realm of the parish by being present in schools, hospitals and prisons.

To develop these skills and for these men to root their lives in Jesus takes a long and complex training, usually six years. During this time, academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation are worked on. All this is very expensive and it costs £25,000 a year to support a seminarian. At present we have 35 men in formation that means that this year alone we will need to raise £875,000. This is a Herculean task but with the generous help of our parishes we can do it.

In 2013 when addressing the Bishops at World Youth Day in Brazil Pope Francis talked about the way we need to form men for priesthood. He said, "*Let us form them in mission, to go out, to go forth, to be itinerants who communicate the faith. Jesus did this with his own disciples. He sent them out! It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome because they come but we must go out through that door to seek and meet people!*"

Thank you for your response to this collection and please remember to complete the Gift Aid declaration form on the back of the envelope. This will add 25p for every pound that you give at no extra cost to yourself. Because of your generosity I was able to train to be a priest and I have now given over twenty five years of service to the People of God in our diocese. And thank you on behalf of the present generation of men who are in training.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Margarete Bartocha RIP

10.00 The Gaughan Family

11.30 Grace Rossington RIP

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria, Third Week of Easter

09.30 Intention of Donor

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter feria

09.30 Diane Luff RIP

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter feria

19.00 Joseph Thiruchelvam (Anniv)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – **ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England**

09.30 Daisy Heffernan RIP

**11.00 Funeral of Mary O'Sullivan RIP**

**19.00 Reception Service for Kathleen Prendeville RIP**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sts Erkenwald and Mellitus, Bishops

09.30 Kieran Burke RIP

**11.00 Funeral of Kathleen Prendeville 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.**

**Recently Deceased**, Anne McTernan, Mary O'Sullivan, Kathleen Prendeville, Maura Haygreen, Damien Hughes, Jacqueline Cloom, Bill Farrel, Bernie McKenna, Joe Horgan, Sean McDermott.

**Pray Also For**, Joseph Thiruchelvam, Tom McCann, John Manners, Andrew Blyth, Karl Smol, Mary Chute, Pauline Egan, Mary Parker, Charles Contaminard, Molly Hurley, Brendon Lyons, Christopher Dent, John Maher, Richard Murray, Christina Cousins, Bill Williams and Janet Pyne whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** Mary O'Sullivan who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am at St John Fisher followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Please Remember** Kathleen Prendeville who has died. Reception Service on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at St. John Fisher. Requiem Mass on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11am followed by committal at Harrow Weald Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Please Remember** Maura Haygreen who has died. Reception Service on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm at St. John Fisher. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Baptisms** We welcome Luca and Rachel O'Connor who were baptised in our church on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Application for First Holy Communion 2016** Can be made on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May between 9am and 1pm and Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May either between 11am and 1pm or 7.30pm and 8.30pm for any child who will be in school year 3 or above from September 2015. If your child was baptised outside of the parish you will need a photocopy of a baptism certificate when you register. The cost of the programme is £20.

**Applications for Confirmation 2016** Can be made on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June between 5pm and 7pm. The candidates must attend

themselves. Applications can be made from anyone who in September 2015 will be in school year 9 or above.

**Altar Servers 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April Team B** will serve.

**Traidcraft Stall** Open after all masses this weekend. If you are over stocked with chocolate after Easter come and browse the other Fairtrade food on sale - a variety of teas, coffees and sugar, spreads, snacks and fruit pots with the cheapest items only 60p.

**Coffee Morning** We look forward to welcoming you all to our coffee morning today after 10am and 11.30am Mass. Raffle tickets will be on sale - proceeds to our church.

**Parish 100 Club Winners** C & P Ponnukone 1<sup>st</sup> prize - £125, Deena McKinney 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £100, Margaret Billiet 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - £60, Michael Feeley 4<sup>th</sup> prize - £30.

**St. John Fisher School Annual Dinner & Dance Raffle Tickets** Will be sold after all Masses this weekend. £1 per ticket. There are some fantastic prizes available, including the following: 1st Prize: £150 Cash Prize; 2nd Prize: Kindle Fire; 3rd Prize: Windows Phone; 4th Prize: One night's stay & B&B at the Marriott Regents Park. Draw to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Many thanks for your support.

**The Pylon - 2015 Summer edition** Thank you for the excellent feedback we have received with regard to the new format of The Pylon. **Please send us:-** the latest news from Parish groups; articles possibly on travel, local interest stories or hobbies; book and film recommendations; poems and short stories for our Creative Writing Pages; recipes and for our new feature - photos and short pieces about your pet(s). Please email to [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place in the pigeonhole for Barbara Towell. **The deadline for all submissions is 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

**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. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Fisher Room.** For more info contact Johnpromise at [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresa at [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com) / 07785 615791. Our Facebook page is: 'SJF Young Adults'.

**Bible Study - Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom by Jeff Cavins, 20 DVD & Discussion Sessions** This study of Acts will strengthen your faith and help you to follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and grow as a true disciple of Jesus Christ. You will learn how by the power of the Holy Spirit the good news of Christ will manifest in your life and will spread to the ends of the earth, transforming darkness to light, evil to good, death to life. On Tuesdays 7pm-9.30pm, 14<sup>th</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015 at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury Church, The Page Parish Centre, 22 Roxborough Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill, HA1 3BE. Contact Mariana on 01923 443620 / Katherine 07506 437868 or [info@christianlivinggroup.org](mailto:info@christianlivinggroup.org).

**Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Summer Training** Has commenced at Northwick Park Pavilion. Boys and girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Training takes place for U6, U8, U10 & Girls U12 every Wed from 6.30pm, U12 & U14 every Thurs from 6.30pm, U16 every Tues from 7.00pm. Turn up on the night for a FREE taster session or contact Tony Griffin 07966 160999 / Alan Carolan 07971 611764. See poster on notice board in the porch.