



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## *Easter Sunday and the Second Sunday of Easter*

Last week I had to go to Italy for three days. It was a really quick trip but some time ago I had promised a former parishioner that I would preside at her marriage. Having known the bride since she was six years old it was pretty hard to say no when she made the request.

It was quite an event. The wedding took place at the shrine of Our Lady of Monte Lussari. This little church stands on the top of a snow covered mountain in the Dolomites. It was quite an adventure to get there, a twenty minute ride in a cable car then a fifteen minute trudge through the snow. I have never seen a bride arrive in Snow Boots before!

But being on top of the mountain with its panoramic views one did, in a strange way, feel close to God. The beauty of His creation was all around and I was reminded of the important events in Salvation History that took



place on top of mountains. There was the revelation of God's name to Moses on Mount Sinai. Then I recalled that moment on a mountain top, when through the miracle of the Transfiguration, Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah. There were the words of comfort spoken by Jesus when he preached his Sermon on the Mount. And finally I thought of the sadness of the hill called Golgotha where Our Lord died. However, quite near to this hill is the site of Jesus' resurrection.

So the mountains provided me with a little retreat with which I prepared myself to celebrate the mystery of Easter. I have come to understand more and more what a glorious reality Easter is for people of faith. Easter, which speaks of life and love. Easter, which proclaims the mercy and tenderness of God. Easter, that reaches out to the whole of humanity with its proclamation that sin and death have been vanquished and that Jesus, the Lord of life, calls each one of us to be with him and to know that we are held secure in a vibrant and life giving relationship with God.

I hope that you too will rejoice in this knowledge of Easter. In the knowledge of what the resurrection really means. It would be impossible to have celebrated this Triduum of prayer and liturgy without the help of so many people. They know who they are and I want to thank them. Our community is founded on generosity and service, freely given for the love of God and each other. Let us hope as we continue to celebrate the reality of Jesus' victory over sin and death that we will feel close to the Lord and that with unbounded joy we will sing out together.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!**

*Fr Shaun.*

### ***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

## Mass Times & Intentions

### *The Easter Vigil*

09.30 Morning Prayer

20.00 People of the Parish

### *Easter Sunday*

08.30 Ryan Litvinsky (Special Int)

10.00 Maria Teixeira (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

11.30 Avito Saldanha (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

11.00 Donal Ryan RIP

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 John Monaghan RIP

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

19.00 Manuel de Abreu

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 Jose Manuel de Abreu

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Octave of Easter**

09.30 Jose de Abreu

### **10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Marjone Clancy RIP

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Paul Kelly's Int

11.30 May McDonagh (Anniv)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter feria, Second Week of Easter

09.30 Teresa Ramus Abreu

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter feria

09.30 Eric & Drusila Savundranayagam (63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniv)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter feria

19.00 Jose Maria de Abreu

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter feria

09.30 Michael Hughes (Anniv)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter feria

09.30 Tommy Smith (Anniv)

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,** Tim Foley, Rose Cunningham, Cathy Shea.

**Pray Also For,** Maria Teixeira, Avito Saldanha, May McDonagh, Michael Hughes, Tommy Smith, Aldo Trombetti, Roman Sidorowicz, Mary Reidy, Joe Walsh, Gerard Nicholas, Hannah Celine O'Brien, Sally Enwright, Nora O'Connor, Maisie Rainsford, Eileen Jordan, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, Dr. Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Brian Walton, Frank Baldock, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy, Una Graydon, Bernard Devine, Patrick Kennedy, Teresa Kitchie, Joe & Nora Broderick, Mary Maher, Seamus O'Brien, Richard Plesner, Theresa Sundaram, Irene Hurst, Bridget Byrne, Trenton "Lloyd" Henry, Helen McNamara, Kathleen Forde, Alice Tobin, Nellie Connolly and William O'Riordan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Altar Servers 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April Team B, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> April Team A** will serve.

**Welcome** Linda Abraham, Jessica Clad, Chris Collins, Alice Cokayne, Buka Mulwila, Ruby Pandey, Ryan Watts and Eleanor Wilmot who received Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**Baptisms** We welcome Carmel Appuhami and Amelia Smolovskaja who are being baptised in our church on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Planned Giving 2015/16 Envelopes** Are available in the Church porch. **Please collect your named box of envelopes but do not use them until Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

**St. John Fisher Social Club – Easter Opening Hours** The Club is open on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**Bethany Group** Next meeting on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

**Traidcraft Stall** Open after all masses on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April. 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 next coffee morning on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April after 10am and 11.30am Mass. Raffle tickets will be on sale - proceeds to our church.

**Easter Flower Collection** £245.90 was raised. Thank you very much.

**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 except April which will be on 12<sup>th</sup> April 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'.

**DIY Tea & Coffee is now available in St John Fisher Social Club** In response to Parishioner feedback, we now have Tea & Coffee making facilities available in the Bar. So if you fancy a chat with your friends and family after 11.30am Mass on Sunday, you are very welcome to come in to make yourselves a drink and catch up with each other. We only ask for a small donation. Bad news is that you'll have to bring your own biscuits. Any enquiries please contact [stephen.pal121@virginmedia.com](mailto:stephen.pal121@virginmedia.com).

**Trip to Turin to view the Holy Shroud** On 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The shroud can be viewed from April to June this year. Cost £330 on a half board basis. Contact Liam Driver on 07415 520 494.

**Are you a budding Actor?** Belmont Theatre are looking for 2 men in their 20's 30's to be cast in Relative Values. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. The play is on 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May at the Pump House, Watford and we rehearse in Carpenders Park twice a week on a Tues & Thurs Evening. If you think you might be able to help us please contact Laurence Conway 8907 9931 email [laurenceconway@btinternet.com](mailto:laurenceconway@btinternet.com).

**Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Summer Training** Starts on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April @ Northwick Park. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. See poster on notice board in the porch.