



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY



All of our readings this Sunday allude to this healing of the wounds of sin brought about by the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the peace brought about between nations, tribes, families, even within an individual that is the fruit of the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

### *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 heard in our first reading how, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord in different languages so that 'devout Jews from every nation' heard the Gospel proclaimed in their native tongue. The outpouring of the Spirit allowed for communication, for understanding, for love to arise between people that had previously been separated by language barriers.

The Breath of Jesus, poured out upon the disciples, gives us a share in Jesus's sacred humanity and it is this union with Jesus through the Spirit that heals the wounds of sin in our lives. The Spirit unites us to Jesus by creating in us a share in the goodness and merciful love of God. Being touched by the Spirit causes a new goodness to arise in our hearts; being touched by the Spirit causes or creates a new power to love to arise in our hearts.



### *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

This means that when Jesus says in our Gospel reading, 'Peace be with you' to the disciples locked away in the upper room, he was not just expressing his hope or even giving them a command: he was actually creating in them that peace, creating in them that mercy, creating in them that love which bore such fruit in the apostolic Church and empowered the mission to Jews and Gentiles alike. The touch of the Spirit, poured out upon the Church at Pentecost, creates love and goodness in our hearts: it creates peace, the peace of Christ, the peace given by Christ to those united to Him in love.

### *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

Our entering into the peace of Christ through the pouring out of the Spirit is what finally completes the Easter celebrations. This is a peace that we enjoy now through our union with Jesus in the Spirit, and a peace that will be perfected in us in the eternal rest of heaven. In the meantime, empowered by the Spirit and the love and mercy His touch creates in our hearts, we are to share the peace of Christ with others. We heard in our Gospel reading: "Peace be with you, As the Father has sent me, so I send you". Let us not be afraid to share the love, peace and mercy of Christ whenever we have the opportunity to do so.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

08.30 Sadie Horan (Anniv)

10.00 Augustine Texeira (Anniv)

11.30 Daniel Thiruchelvam (Special Int)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Gerard Taylor RIP

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – St Philip Neri, Priest

09.30 Sean McDermott RIP

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop

19.00 Eric Savundranayagam RIP

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Eighth Week of Year 1

09.30 Brendan Connolly (Anniv)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Maura Haygreen 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**, Marie Rose Barnard.

**Pray Also For** Sadie Horan, Augustine Texeira, Brendan Connolly, Frank Gallagher, Cornelius Clancy, Mary O'Shea, Mai Dineen, Regina Emmanuel, Sarah Madden, Ronald Martin, Julia Reilly, Jean McSweeney, Ciara Carvell, Patrick Morley, Vincent Breen, Bob Howard, Queenie Lee and Kathy Casey whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Applications for Confirmation 2016** Can be made on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June between 5pm and 7pm in the Parish Centre. The candidates must attend themselves and will need to stay for about 15 minutes. Applications can be made from anyone who in September 2015 will be in school year 9 or above.

**Altar Servers On 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May Team A** will serve.

**Scampagnata** Tickets are ready for collection after all Masses in the porch. Cheques made payable to St. John Fisher Church.

**SJF Young Adults Group** This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together, to get to know one another and get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese, discuss and grow in their faith, as well as socialise. Everyone is welcome. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room. Next Meeting on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.** Contact Johnpromise, [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresa, [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com) / 07785 615791 for more info. Our Facebook page is: 'SJF Young Adults'.

**International Day** Once again our parish will take responsibility of a number of stalls at the International Day, which will be held at St John Fisher school in Melrose Road on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am–3pm. Last year we used our share of the proceeds to install the new lighting system. This year we would like to use whatever money we make to help with the parish debt. **So we would ask everyone to attend the International Day, to buy raffle tickets and to contribute to the International Kitchen**, you will find sign-up sheets for this in the porch. Please do get involved - this is our main fundraiser in the year and it brings together old friends and new.

Could you also please help with the following donations: teddies, toys (in good condition), books, posh bags, bottles (unopened) for the tombola and Jolly Jars – these are jars (any type, jam, sauce,

etc) filled with all sorts of treats that you think children would like, i.e. sweets/chocolates (wrapped or in packets), balloons, bouncy balls, hair clips, stickers, crayons, lollies and anything fun. You can drop all the above items off in the Church porch at the weekend or the sacristy during the week.

Do you work in a company that operates a £4£ giving scheme? If you do and your company would like to support the school and parish, which are both registered charities, then please contact Fr Shaun at [shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk) / 020 8429 5684.

**Knights of St. Columba** Any Catholic men interested in finding out more about the Knights and would like to join, please contact Peter Quinton on [p.quinton398@btinternet.com](mailto:p.quinton398@btinternet.com) / 020 8866 5066 or Marcel Martins on [mko0312@aol.co.uk](mailto:mko0312@aol.co.uk) / 07737 388164. We meet on the first Thursday of the month.

**"The Pain and the Passion: The Privilege of Making a Difference"** The Harrow group of Action by Christians against Torture (ACAT) invite you to a talk by Baroness Cox, founder and CEO of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, HA2 0JN on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8pm. Created a life peer in 1982, Baroness Cox's work has taken her on many missions to conflict zones, allowing her to obtain first hand evidence of human rights violations and humanitarian needs.

**St John Bosco Children's Camp** A full programme of supervised summer activities at the SVP John Bosco Centre in Essex is offered to boys (8-13) and girls (9-12) during July & August - please see poster on notice board. For more information please contact Tony McWilliams of the SVP on 8868 3205. Two places can be provided by our parish SVP for families suffering financial hardship.

**How to be a "Missionary Disciple" retreat day** For young adults (20s/30s), Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30pm to 5pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral led by the Westminster vocations team. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**Vocations pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 20th June** An all-day pilgrimage by coach for those discerning their vocation and for those praying for them. Cost £15 to cover coach travel. Limited spaces available - for more info and to book a place contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**The LGBT Catholics Younger Adults Group (LGBT YAG)** aims to provide support and fellowship for Catholics in their 20s, 30s and 40s who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, and their families. We meet regularly for Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, as well as organising monthly spiritual and social events. If you would like to know more, please contact us at [lgbtcatholicisyag@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtcatholicisyag@gmail.com) or see [www.lgbtcatholicisyag.org.uk](http://www.lgbtcatholicisyag.org.uk).

**Spirit in the City Festival** Welcomes Saltmine Theatre's production of THREE WITNESSES - a remarkable play based on the Gospel of St Luke for its London premiere at Notre Dame de France church on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm. An evening not to be missed! Tickets £7, [www.bit.ly/3wtickets](http://www.bit.ly/3wtickets) or call 020 7440 2663. More info at [www.spiritinthecity.org](http://www.spiritinthecity.org).

**Priest Training Fund** Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund. £2,366.47 has been raised by the Parish. Brilliant!