



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 ~ CORPUS CHRISTI

### *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

The Gnostic and Cathars were heretical sects who believed that the physical world was evil and that the body was a sort of prison for the soul. Thus our bodies, our physical reality was compromised because of our propensity to sickness and were therefore worthless. The Word of God responds to such heretical notions and today's great feast of Corpus Christi, reminds us of that radical spirituality which journeys through the division and separation of body and soul to reunite and transform them.

The sacrifice of cattle offered by the young Israelites in Exodus was a physical, visible sacrifice which brought about a communion with the spiritual, invisible Lord. The people committed themselves to the Lord's commandments – the structure of a healthy personal and community life. So then, they could receive back the life of God in the lifeblood of the sacrifices which Moses threw over them.

Yet there was still a separation, a distance, because the cattle were sacrificed in place of the people. When Jesus celebrated the Passover, he closed the gap. He offers to his heavenly Father not an animal, but his very own self: 'This is my body, this is my blood.' And he gives himself back to his disciples his body and blood in transformed bread and wine. We are what we eat: so we are in communion with Christ's sacrifice, in communion with each other, transformed into other Christs, transforming the world in turn. Body and spirit are reunited as spiritualized matter.



And Christ the High Priest is not glued to a screen of unreality, like a disinterested participant taking part in some sort of cosmic computer game. No, Jesus, the divine Logos has passed through the mystery of death into a "more perfect" sanctuary. As we pass through with him, we die with him to falsehood, oppression and injustice; we do not escape our bodies or this created world, but rather pass deeper into the reality of our physical existence and of the cosmos: into Resurrection.

So as we celebrate the Eucharist today let us remember the greater reality that emanates from that small round white disc of bread the reality who is Jesus, who makes himself known and visible to us. Today the priest will say "the body of Christ". In so doing he calls you to belief in Jesus who is the way the truth and the life. It is Jesus who gives himself to us so that we might share with him eternal glory.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Lorraine Chatterton (Sick)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – **CORPUS CHRISTI**

08.30 James Pettifer RIP

10.00 Sean McDermott RIP

11.30 Breda Linnane RIP

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Tenth Week of Year 1

09.30 Francis Thiruchelvam (Special Int)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Ann Ryan RIP

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Joseph Wilmott RIP

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 George Thurmer RIP

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** (No Friday abstinence)

09.30 P.J. Moloney RIP

**10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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**, Rita Higgins, Elaine Brennan, Kathleen English.

**Pray Also For** Jim O’Gorman, Marian Tallon, Anne Tyhurst, Bridie Aherne, Rajesh Rajakarier, Christopher Duncan, Thomas Quinn, Dymphna Lynch, Bernard Payne, Ann Lavelle, David McIntosh, Godfrey Taylor, Michael O’Connor, Geraldine Aiello, Luigina Johnson, Susan Tully, Peter Foran, Ellen Trombetti, Teresa Rynne and Kieran Jordan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptisms** We welcome Ella Buckley-Lindsay, Harry Libell, Aaron Ranasinghe and James Walsh who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

**Applications for Confirmation 2016** 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 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June **Team A** will serve.

**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. Everyone is welcome. **We meet today after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room.** Please note there will be no meetings in July & August and we will resume on the first Sunday in September. 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’.

**Traidcraft Stall** Open after all Masses in the porch next weekend.

**Readers & Special Ministers of the Eucharist** New rotas for 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August are now ready for collection. Do please make sure that you pick up your **named rota** which is in the relevant pigeon hole in the church porch.

**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.

**We also need your help at the International Day** If you are free for all or any part of the day please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk). All offers of help will be gratefully received.

**International Day Cake Stall** All you cake makers out there, please get baking, we need your help to provide cakes for the **Cake** stall and **Tea/Coffee** stall. Cakes of any kind - sponge cakes, fruitcakes, tray bakes, small cakes, muffins, cupcakes, biscuits, fruit loaves, whatever you want to make/donate. Cakes can be left at the Church Friday morning until 1pm or at school Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

**Parish 100 Club – Reminder** Please could parishioners who pay quarterly or six monthly (by cash or cheque) make their next contribution in order to be included in any future lottery draws.

**SJF Flower Festival** Will take place in the church from Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Many local churches and organisations will provide beautiful displays of flowers which will illustrate the theme of the Festival, which is, “All things bright and Beautiful.” The floral displays will be placed around the church and will exemplify thirty hymns that have been chosen which speak to us in various ways of God’s creation. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a parish lunch to which all are invited and for which a small charge will be made. All proceeds from the festival will go towards our parish debt.

**CAFOD One climate, One world - lobby of parliament** On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 12-5pm. You are invited to parliament for a day of action, solidarity and celebration of all the things we love which are affected by climate change. To join a local group contact [sjftraidcraft@gmail.com](mailto:sjftraidcraft@gmail.com). For more information go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World>.

**Pilgrims Progress** The June edition, including the agenda for the CTinNH AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm, is available in the porch.

**Catenian Membership Presentation** Harrow Catenians are holding a membership presentation after all Masses next weekend, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen, who provide support and encouragement to members and families to help them to live a Christian life in an increasingly secular world. They enjoy a wide range of social activities and give support to those facing challenges to their beliefs in their business and family lives, as well as to those suffering ill-health or bereavement. There is an active group in Harrow, which meets every month at the Grim’s Dyke Golf Club, followed by a convivial meal. The Catenians are always pleased to welcome new members, and welcome this opportunity to speak to parishioners about the Catenians and to answer any questions.