



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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14th June 2015 ~ Eleventh Sunday of the Year 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

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

In today's parable Jesus casts himself as an insignificant mustard seed. However, it is this seed which grows to become the great tree in which all the birds can roost. These birds are all the nations of the earth who find their place in Christ's kingdom, and who become through their baptism into Jesus, the New Israel of Jew and Gentile.

The mustard seed, we are told is the smallest of seeds and this reminds us of the humility of Christ which we are called to follow. We talk glibly enough about the 'great and the good', but: can you be great and good in this fallen world? There are



powerful temptations to climb the greasy pole or stay at the top by less than honourable means. The rewards of high office easily become an end in themselves. The false gods of wealth and prestige become more and more attractive to us. So perhaps the challenge of the parable is to think small enough, to be willing to shed our delusions of grandeur. This is what it is to think of others with due regard for their dignity as well as ours.

Yet, if the mustard seed, our call to humility, is not entirely past history, neither is the great tree, which it becomes, merely a pious hope for the future. Through our seemingly small acts of charity we take our place even now in that kingdom. The tree grows as we shrink. Blessed John Henry Newman wrote: 'One little deed, done against natural inclination, for God's sake, though in itself of a conceding or passive character, to brook an insult, to face a danger, or to resign an advantage, has in it a power outbalancing all the dust and chaff of mere profession.'

The power that Newman talks of, is surely a power for making holy, the power of sanctification. But it is not immediately visible to us; we rarely become holy overnight - and that may be where the other of our two Gospel parables becomes relevant. The kingdom is in some way like a man who sows seed which then grows unseen of its own accord. All the man should do is wait for the harvest. But that takes faith - what is sown so small grows unseen. And, yet, for those who wait faithfully the harvest will be rich.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 13th June (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 Breda Linnane RIP
Sunday 14th – 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Xavier Texeira (Anniv)
11.30 Donal Ryan RIP
Monday 15th – Feria, Eleventh Week of Year 1
09.30 Fergus Hanna (Sick)
Tuesday 16th – Feria
09.30 Eric Savundranayagam RIP
Wednesday 17th – Feria
19.00 Marie Rose Barnard RIP
Thursday 18th – Feria
09.30 Yolanda Cobb (Anniv)
Friday 19th – Feria
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam 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, Robert Browne, Brendan Gaughan, Mary Henry, Mary O'Sullivan, Susan Williams, Tricia Knight, Jimmy Grimes, Armour Blair, Rosa Faleiro, Ronald Batchelor.

Pray Also For Xavier Texeira, Yolanda Cobb, Jim O'Shea, Michael Murphy, Linda Leon, Florence Morawska, Austin Hatton, Austin Campbell, James Burke, Sandy Pufler, Kathleen Lucas, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, Jim Delahunty, Aleksandra Nekut, George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Billy Aherne and Ann Kilcoyne whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Rosa Faleiro who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 24th June at 11am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Altar Servers On 20th/21st June **Team B** 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, discuss and grow in their faith, as well as socialise. Everyone welcome. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month 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 or Sherna Bhadresha sherna_bhadresa@msn.com. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

Traidcraft Stall Open after all Masses in the porch this weekend.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 18th June at 7.30pm.

Readers & Special Ministers of the Eucharist New rotas for 20th/21st June – 2nd/3rd 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 11th 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 / 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. 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.

St. John Fisher Flower Festival To celebrate the consecration of our church, a flower festival will be held on 5th – 8th September. Parishioners are invited to sponsor a floral display, which may be in memory of a beloved member of their family or in celebration of a special occasion (birthday, wedding anniversary, etc.). It would be quite acceptable if a group of families wish to get together to sponsor a display. For further information, please contact either Fr. Shaun at the Parish House or Mary Evans (8868 2884/maryjeffevans@gmail.com). On Sunday 6th 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, 17th 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 siftraidcraft@gmail.com. For more information go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World>.

Catenian Membership Presentation Harrow Catenians are holding a membership presentation after all Masses this weekend. 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.