



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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28th June 2015 ~ Feast of Saints Peter and Paul



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 history of the Church is never a straightforward, clearly-delineated one of goodies versus baddies, of oppressors and martyrs. The Apostle Paul passed his early career persecuting the embryonic Church, and Peter, from time to time, proved himself a stumbling block to the Lord's work. And yet they both became faithful stewards of the Gospel and martyrs for the faith.

The lives of Peter and Paul witness to the truth that the Church is founded upon, and held together by, the forgiveness of God. The Church is never a community of the perfect, but always a community of sinners who need forgiveness. Our Lord's words to Peter about binding and loosing in our Gospel reading are all about the authority to forgive, an authority that through Peter is granted to the Church.



It is only the power of forgiveness that can overcome evil. The promise of Jesus to Peter 'Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it' is often treated as if it meant that the Church would be able to withstand any attack by evil. But, in fact, Jesus says that the gates of Hell, the powers of evil, will not be able to stand against the Church. It is the Church which is attacking evil and which will eventually be victorious on account of her power to forgive, the power of prayer, and the power of God's grace to transform lives.

A successor of the apostle Peter once wrote that 'the Church can come into being only where man finds his way to the truth about himself, and the truth is that he needs grace'. Peter and Paul are themselves personal embodiments of this truth: sinful men who through the transforming grace of God became new creations, people configured to and able to imitate in their words and actions the person of Christ.

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul is able to look back over the course of his apostolic life with a conscience that has been purified by the forgiveness and grace of God. The Lord had stood by him and given him strength. Paul has kept the faith, and, like an athlete who has completed the race, he can look forward to a crown of victory, Paul is aware that he is not the only one who will receive this crown. The Christian disciple who can look back on a life spent in the service of the Lord can look forward to receiving a crown of victory from the hands of the just judge. Paul's words should encourage and comfort all those who, whatever the trials, wish to dedicate their lives, like Peter and Paul, to serving Christ and his Church.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 27th June (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 John Kennedy (Anniv)

Sunday 28th – **STS PETER AND PAUL**,

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Intention of Donor

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Arulanantham Family

Monday 29th – Feria, Thirteenth Week of Year 1

09.30 Christine Kilker (6th Anniv)

Tuesday 30th – Feria

09.30 P.J. Moloney RIP

Wednesday 1st July – DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

11.00 Funeral of Philip Mendonça RIP

19.00 Vigi Rajakarier (Anniv)

Thursday 2nd – Feria

09.30 Mr. Antonipillai Saverimuttu (Anniv)

Friday 3rd – ST THOMAS, Apostle

09.30 Anton Regis (Anniv)

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, Cassie Kerrigan, Belle Annis, Anne Marie Aitken, Philip Mendonça, Nelie Lucey, Jim Bruce, Dr Joseph Navaratnam Peter.

Pray Also For John Kennedy, Vigi Rajakarier, Antonipillai Saverimuttu, Anton Regis, Michael Healy, Milan McCann, Alex Joseph, Ferdinand Monteiro, Kathleen Carroll, Flora d'Souza, Veridiana D'Silva, William Wright, John Dellamura, Kevin Nolan, Annie Fernandes, Bernard Harris, Julie Goulding, Sean Rynne, Maria Kowalewicz, Robin Shortland, Mary McWilliams, Mary Malone, Muriel O'Connor, John Rossington and Martin Mahon whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Philip Mendonça, loving Father of Ivan, Eugene, Melvyn, Geraldine, Diana and Claire, who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 1st July at 11am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Please Remember Jim Bruce who has died. Reception Service on Tuesday, 7th July at 6pm and Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 8th July at 11am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Baptism We welcome Jayden Alex who was baptised in our church this week.

Growing in Faith Summer Newsletter Is here. Please make sure you take a copy. Thank you for your continued support.

Altar Servers On 4th/5th July **Team B** will serve.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on 2nd July, 2015 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parish Women's Group Come and join us on a sociable stroll around Ruislip Lido on Thursday 9th July, meeting at 7.30pm at the church. Please contact elspeth.everitt@gmail.com (07779 392244) if you plan to come to make sure we have enough car spaces.

Churches Together AGM The meeting this year is here in our Church in the Fisher Room on Tuesday, 7th July at 8pm. The

speaker will be Oky Lee who is Harrow's Food Bank project manager.

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 welcome. **Our next meeting will be in the Fisher Room on 6th September after 11.30am Mass.** Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa sherna_bhadresa@msn.com. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

International Day Raffle Tickets Will be on sale in the porch next weekend. Top Prizes include £250 courtesy of Robertson Phillips, Golf Lesson, dinner for 2 at Friends Restaurant, and many more! Tickets are £1 each and £5 per book. *Thank you for your support!*

International Day Will be held at St John Fisher school in Melrose Road on Saturday, July 11th at 11am–3pm. If you would like to contribute to the **International Kitchen**, you will find sign-up sheets for this in the porch.

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.

URGENT request for someone to coordinate the BBQ stall.

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 by 6th July.

International Day Cake Stall Please get baking, we need your help to provide cakes for the **Cake** stall and **Tea/Coffee** stall. Cakes can be left at the Church Friday morning until 1pm or at school Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

International Day Programme Competition We are inviting the children in the parish to enter a competition to design the cover for the International Day programme. Designs should be on A4 paper and portrait. Closing date: Monday, 29th June. Please post your entries at the presbytery for the attention of Claudia.

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. 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.

Coffee Morning We are looking to form a larger team of helpers for our Parish Coffee Morning, held every other month, which entails serving, baking, welcoming, selling raffle tickets, after mass, and just generally being sociable. The larger the team the less for everyone to do, and there is more cover if some people are not available on a particular date. If you are interested please **contact Deirdre Deely 8427 9267, or speak to Claudia/Fr Shaun.**

Pilgrims Progress The July edition is available in the porch.