



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015 ~ Fifteenth 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 Mark 6:7-13 we are told how Jesus sent his twelve apostles out in pairs to preach repentance, cast out demons and heal the sick. We know that this will not be the definitive sending out of the apostles, which will happen at Pentecost when the risen and ascended Christ breathes his Holy Spirit upon those gathered in the closed room. So how are we to regard this earlier sending out? Is



it a training exercise, part of the formation which will prepare them for when he is no longer with them? The apostles are being allowed to drive, but Jesus is in the passenger seat ready to press the break if things go wrong.

There is certainly something to be said for this picture, Jesus Christ is fully human, and will be the best of human teachers for his disciples. Like all pictures, however, it can also be misleading if we fail to see the wider context of interpretation. After Pentecost the disciples do not go off on their own without Jesus Christ. He is present to them more than ever before through his Holy Spirit. So this earlier sending is not just a training exercise to prepare the apostles for life without Jesus. The injunction Jesus places upon the apostles 'take nothing for the journey' points to the prophetic manner of this sending out. It is prophetic because it witnesses to *him*. He is the one who came into this world with nothing for the journey, who was sent amongst us to be either welcomed or rejected.

In his poverty he shows us how to become rich. And he does this by teaching us how to learn. When God created human beings he made us to learn how to live with him, with each other and with the whole of the creation. But we are not good learners; we do not know how to value ourselves. We are overconfident and try to take the place of God or lack confidence and lower ourselves to the dust. God sent his only Son into the world to teach us how to be human. He shows us the true dignity, the true worth, of human life and in doing so he brings down those who are proud and raises up the lowly from the dust. For what he teaches us is how to listen to his Father. We will only know what we are worth if we listen to the voice of God, for it is through his Word that God proclaims that we are loved as his children from eternity.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Horst & Aleksandra Nekut (Anniv)

10.00 Thomas Joseph O'Reilly (Anniv)

11.30 Fredrick Pereira RIP

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fifteenth Week of Year 1

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Maura & Brien Hill (Int)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

19.00 Martin Mahon (Anniv)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Mary O'Sullivan RIP

**(Please note that St. John Fisher School will attend this mass.)**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 S. Periyannayagam 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**, Nora May Hayes, Julie Maher, Richard Manton, Mark Lydon, Anthony Christopher Geraghty, Nellie Moore, David Baldwin.

**Pray Also For** Horst & Aleksandra Nekut, Thomas Joseph O'Reilly, Martin Mahon, Douglas Wilton, Michael Mulvaney, Alison Smith, Mary McKenna, Nancy Martin, John Hughes, Dorothy Payne, Josephine, Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr. Bernard McKenna, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford and Peggy McKenna whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Please Remember** Anthony Christopher Geraghty who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 11am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

**Altar Servers** On 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July **Team B** will serve.

**St Edmund Campion Relic** The Relic of St Edmund Campion, the London Saint, will be brought back to St John Fisher Church by the Knights of Saint Columba to be present in our newly rebuilt Sanctuary for the 9.30am Masses on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an opportunity to venerate the Relic after Mass while we recite the Litany of the English Martyrs.

**The Pylon - Summer edition 2015** Don't forget to buy your copy of our parish magazine! Price £1 (please put money in 'Papers' box). In this packed edition you will find much to interest the whole family. For instance, how is Ann Anderson adapting to life in Fareham? Read all about events which have taken place during the past months at St. John Fisher, including an exclusive about Father Shaun's dog, Dylan. Find out about Johnpromise's life and his journey towards priesthood. Learn what Harry Jukes, one of our altar servers, has chosen for his 'Desert Island Discs'. There are stories written by parishioners and much more for you to enjoy.

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

**The Traidcraft stall** Will be open for the last time before our Summer break on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July. Come and browse the special offers in our summer sale. We will be meeting to review the past

year and share ideas for the future at 8pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and we would welcome other parishioners. Please email [sjfracraft@gmail.com](mailto:sjfracraft@gmail.com) if you would like to come or with your feedback or ideas.

**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 most welcome. **Our next meeting will be in the Fisher Room on 6<sup>th</sup> September after 11.30am Mass.** Contact Johnpromise [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresa [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com). Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

**St. John Fisher Flower Festival** To celebrate the consecration of our church, a flower festival will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maryjeffevans@gmail.com)). 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.

**Tai Chi Classes** The new term starts on 10th September at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Towell on [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com).

**Friday Coffee Morning** On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month, there is a chance for parishioners to meet after Mass over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

**Mass Intentions** Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk).

**Getting Married** Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

**Medjugorje Youth Festival Pilgrimage 30 July - 6 August 2015** (All ages welcome!) We have an amazing opportunity to visit Medjugorje and stay with the visionary Marija. We'll have the privilege to meet her and attend a private apparition with her. Price: £529, incl. Return BA flights, transfers, 7 Nights half board, full programme & guide. Contact Liam Driver 07415 520494.

**1940-2015 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Pinner (St Luke's) Scout Group** This year we celebrate 75 years since the group was started at St. Luke's by Sheleigh Hennessey. On **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September** there will be a Service of Thanksgiving & tea party for all present members and all who have been connected with the Group. Please put the date in your diaries and inform anyone you know who may be interested. For info contact Sue Girvan 01923 826617.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**New to the Parish?** Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Shaun or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information.