



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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6th September 2015 ~ SJF Festival of Flowers



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

During an evening celebration on the newly instituted World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, now to be held on September 1st each year, Pope Francis prayed that God would “enlighten the lords of power and money so they would not fall into indifference, but would love the common good, encourage the weak and care for the world in which we live.” He asked God to fill people with a desire “to protect every life, to prepare a better future so that your kingdom of justice, people, love and beauty would come.”

Although the Pope led the service in St Peter’s Basilica, he asked the preacher of the papal household, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, to give the homily.

Fr Cantalamessa said that St Francis of Assisi, was able to recognise and contemplate God’s beauty in all created things precisely because he owned nothing and recognized that anything he was able to use, especially for food or clothing, was a gift of God. “Possession excludes, contemplation includes. Possession divides, contemplation multiplies,” he said. If one person owns a lake or park, “all the others are excluded,” but if no one owns it, thousands can enjoy it without taking it away from anyone. The Franciscan friar continued his homily by stating that while the world St Francis lived in was not facing the environmental emergency people today are facing, he still knew that if he took more than he needed, he was stealing from others. “We must ask: Am I a resources thief, using more than my due and therefore taking it from those who will come after me?” Pointing to Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, “*Laudato Si*,” the Capuchin said safeguarding creation is an “artisanal” activity, one that must begin with individuals and their daily actions. “What sense is there, for example, in being worried about the pollution of the atmosphere, the oceans and the forests, if I don’t hesitate before throwing a plastic bag on the shore?” he asked.

As we look around our church this weekend and contemplate the beauty of God’s creation let us also think of how we can be wise stewards of the world entrusted to us. With a little thought we can live in a world that is ‘bright and beautiful’. I really hope that you enjoy this festival of flowers and I would like to express my profound thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make this event possible.



Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 5th September (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Clara Mars-Harris (Anniv)

Sunday 6th – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Patrick Cunningham (Anniv)

10.00 Julie Maher RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 7th – Feria, Twenty-Third Week of Year 1

09.30 Albert Doick RIP

Tuesday 8th – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09.30 Albert Blight RIP

Wednesday 9th – Feria

19.00 Eileen Carey (Anniv)

Thursday 10th – Feria

09.30 Anthony Satgunam Samuel RIP

Friday 11th – Feria

09.30 Zita Hannah 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.

(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, Michael McHale, Nealie O'Shea.

Pray Also For Clara Mars-Harris, Patrick Cunningham, Eileen Carey, Marie Lisicki, David Freear, Romanus Nwgoro, David Miller, Declan Hurley, Mary Clenc, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin, Joan Salisbury, Bridie Lagrue, Pearl Bryant and Dennis McHugh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funeral of Fr Norman Wrigley RIP – Reception Service followed by Mass on Wednesday, 9th September at 7pm at Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury, London Road, Baldock, Herts SG7 6LQ. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 10th September at 12Noon.

Please Remember Michael McHale who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 14th September at 12pm at St John Fisher followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Altar Servers Next week **12th/13th Sept Team B** will serve.

Job Vacancy We have a vacancy for a cleaner for our Parish centre, Mon to Fri, 10 hours per week. For further details, please contact Julie Dauncey at our HR department on juiledauncey@rcdow.org.uk or visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/parish-centre-cleaner-harrow-north-parish/>.

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. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room. The next meeting is today.** Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa sherna_bhadresa@msn.com. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

SJF Ladies Club Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 16th September after 7pm Mass in the Parish Hall. We are starting our new meetings with a fun French evening. Please dress in red, white and blue. Food/wine incl. £3. Men welcome! Ring Teresa to book on 8427 3063.

Tai Chi at St. John Fisher Parish Centre Resumes on 10th September at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Towell on barbaratowell@sky.com.

Church Theatre Group For latest information on future Theatre events and transport details, please see the noticeboard in the porch.

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.

Quiet Day Organised by Churches Together, will take place at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald on Saturday 10th October at 10am-4pm. Please contact Angela for details 8866 3318.

North Harrow Community Library The trust, which is taking over from the local authority, seeks volunteers to staff the library. We would appreciate any support. Please contact Kamal Shah on 020 8427 1252 or northharrowlibrary@gmail.com or Jonathan Barker at jonathanbarker1@hotmail.com.

1940-2015 – 3rd 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, 27th September** there will be a Service of Thanksgiving & tea party. For info contact Sue Girvan 01923 826617.

Association of Separated & Divorced Catholics (ASDC) The next meeting of the Harrow ASDC Group will be on Monday, 7th September at 8 pm in St Gabriel's, 390b Northolt Road, South Harrow, HA2 3EY (near junction with Park Lane). All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further info please contact Jill 8204 3714 or Eileen 8756 1284.

The Sacred Heart Language College (Wealdstone) Open Evening We invite you for full details of admission arrangements for September 2016 on Thursday, September 10th 2015, 6.30 – 8.30pm & Wednesday, September 16th 2015, 4.00 – 6.00pm.

Salvatorian College Open Evening and Open Days for academic year 2016 - 2017 On Wednesday 16th September 2015, 5.30pm; Thursday 17th September 2015, 11am and Friday 18th September 2015, 11am. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the school, meet pupils and staff as well as ask questions. www.salvatoriancollege.com

Gunnersbury Catholic School Open Days Thursday, 24th September 2015 2.00pm – 3.30pm (with Headteacher's address at 2.45) and 6.00pm – 8.00pm (with Headteacher's address at 6.30 and 7.30), Wednesday, 30th September 2015 2.00pm – 3.30pm (with Headteacher's address at 2.45) and Tuesday, 6th October 2015 9.30am – 10.30am (**by appointment only, please telephone Mrs Kerans on 0208 568 7281 to arrange**).

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.

Leaving the Parish or Change of Address? Please advise Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.