



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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20th September 2015 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year B

Today is Home Mission Sunday – the day annually when we are invited to pray for and support the Church’s work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

The theme this year is *PROCAIM: God’s Mercy*. We are invited to respond in a new way to the invitation to proclaim and share our faith more joyfully and confidently in our homes, parish and local area. We are also invited to consider afresh how we might present the ‘balm of God’s mercy’ to others, in response to Pope Francis’ announcement that there be a Jubilee Year of Mercy, starting in December.

Now, you will notice that the theme this year is to PROCLAIM God’s mercy. This is because nationally we are involved in a deep search as to how to proclaim the gospel so that we discover anew the life giving word of Jesus. In July a national conference was held to explore this and now as a parish and deanery we are invited to try to discern a way forward so that the gospel might live in our hearts and guide us through the course of our lives so that we might share the Good News with others-this is what we call Evangelisation. As our bishops say in today’s pastoral letter the key elements to real Evangelisation are ‘friendship, prayer and conversation’.

Each one of us is capable of these three things. Hopefully over the course of the coming year we will as a parish look at how we can become more missionary in our life together so that we can fully participate in the call to New Evangelisation. This will involve asking some serious questions about how we share responsibility for the life of our parish, how we share the life of the gospel and how we govern ourselves. All this will depend on prayer, a mind willing to engage with new ways of thinking and a generous heart. Together we will in the words of Pope Francis, ‘embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by joy’.

Loving Father,
You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son,
that we might believe in him and have eternal life.
May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day
and live the Good News with joy.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
help us to “go out to the whole world and proclaim”
our faith with confidence.
Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel
by our words and actions.
Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary,
so that you may be known and loved by all people.
We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever,
Amen.



Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation, **Pray for us.**

Blessed John Henry Newman, **Pray for us.**

St Thérèse of Lisieux, **Pray for us.**

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

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 19th September (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 20th – 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Patrick McSharry RIP

10.00 Margaret Garvey (Anniv)

11.30 John McAvoy RIP

Monday 21st – ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist

09.30 Rosy Morgan & Baby

Tuesday 22nd – Feria, Twenty-Fifth Week of Year 1

09.30 Mary Margaret & Stephen (Int)

Wednesday 23rd – St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

19.00 Judy Maclean (Int)

Thursday 24th – Our Lady of Walsingham

09.30 Mary Connolly

Friday 25th – Feria

09.30 Private Intention

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, (baby) Rory Devlin, Charlie Doyle.

Pray Also For Margaret Garvey, Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward Ofulue, Patrick O'Malley, John Hayes, Mary Joseph Anthonypillai, Jack Fitzgerald, Diana Antony, Francis Lewandoski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini and Raymonde Thillier whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Altar Servers Next week 26th/27th Sept Team B will serve.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on 10th October 2015 at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall (*forms have to be with the schools by 23rd October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number.

Altar Servers Anyone who wishes to become an altar server is invited to attend a training session on 21st October 2015 at 6pm in the Church. Please make sure you have given your details to Kay beforehand, kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8429 5682.

RCIA Meetings for Adults Who wish to know more about the Catholic Church, or would like to receive Sacraments that were missed as a child or to become a Catholic, are welcome to attend an initial meeting on Tuesday, 22nd September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

Saturday Religious Education Classes There will be a meeting for all parents to discuss the classes for 2015/2016 on Tuesday, 29th September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room. If you can't make the meeting please let Kay know beforehand so that your child/ren can be included in the programme. See above for contact details.

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 on Sunday, 4th October.** Contact Johnpromise

promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa sherna_bhadresa@msn.com. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Traidcraft stall & helped us sell over £1,000 worth of Fairtrade food last year. We are open this weekend in the porch after all masses so please stop to look and find out more about the difference Traidcraft makes to producers. In mid-October we will begin selling CAFOD Christmas cards every week but do need more helpers. Last year we donated the profit of £293.82 from Christmas card and gift sales to CAFOD & we would like to match that this year. If you can stay occasionally for about 15 minutes after your normal mass please sign up at the stall in the porch or email siftraidcraft@gmail.com.

Parish Women's Group All are welcome to come to our Book Club evening on Thursday, 8th October at 8pm in the small hall of the Parish Centre. Cost £1. We shall be discussing 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Hawkins. Even if you have not read the novel, feel free to join us as we also spend time recommending books we have enjoyed. A small contribution of snacks or a bottle to share would be appreciated. The Parish Women's Group is a friendly group open to all women of the parish and their female friends. If you have never been before, why not come along and give us a try? For more info contact Barbara Towell at 020 8866 6665 or barbaratowell@sky.com.

The Pylon - Christmas edition 2015 Please send us your articles, original short stories, poems, book/film reviews, accounts of parish events, holiday recommendations, recipes, advice, about your pets - in fact, anything that you think would be of interest to our readers. (Word limit approx. 1,200.) We would welcome contributions with a Christmas flavour as well as items written by children and the younger members of our parish. We look forward to receiving these. Thank you. **The deadline is Saturday, November 7th.** Please email items to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in pigeonhole in the porch at the back of the church.

Harrow Food Bank – An opportunity to understand A talk about the Foodbank is being held at the Quaker Hall in Rayners Lane on Saturday, 3rd October at 7.30pm-8.30pm. Please see poster on noticeboard.

Macmillan Coffee Morning On Friday, 25th September from 11am-2pm at 6 Park Drive, North Harrow, HA2 7LT.

St Joan of Arc School Comedy Night On Saturday, 10th October 7.30pm for 8pm. Please see poster in the porch.

Refugee Crisis: We need your help! Caritas Westminster are coordinating the diocesan response to Pope Francis' call to Catholic communities to take in Syrian refugees. If you think you can help, please contact harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8868 7531, giving your name, contact details and details of any skills you can offer. See poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) Meets on Friday, 25th September, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Dom Dominic Taylor, OSB on the Benedictine charism. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

Gumley House Convent School FCJ, Isleworth Open Mornings and Evenings – please see noticeboard in the porch.

Flower Festival Raffle prizes Ticket nos: 376-380 and 311-315 have won prizes to be collected. Please contact Kay on 8429 5682 or Claudia on 8429 5681.

Flower Festival £2,100 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.