



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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27th September 2015 ~ Twenty-Sixth 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

As you know, hundreds of thousands of refugees have arrived in Europe this year, escaping war, oppression and poverty. Many come from Syria, where more than 11 million people have been forced to flee their homes.

CAFOD has worked for years with Syrians whose lives have been torn apart by the war, providing food, shelter and healthcare. And with your support, CAFOD's Church partners are now also helping refugees as they arrive in Europe, ensuring that they have food, vital supplies like clothes and sleeping bags, and safe places to stay.

But no-one wants to be a refugee. People want to live with dignity, in their own communities, watching their children and grandchildren grow and flourish. That's why we respond with compassion to emergencies.

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

Your support and donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis.

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 gospel, Jesus tells us that the one who serves a cup of water in good faith will be rewarded in heaven. A cup of water which refreshes and restores us to life. Jesus warns us not to hold back our neighbour from living life to the full. Let us open our eyes to situations where our sisters and brothers are struggling to make ends meet, where they are struggling to survive. We are all called to share in the overflowing blessings of love and joy which God brings. We hope that by sharing what we can with our global family, all may flourish.

Friday, 2nd October is Harvest Fast Day. Attached to this week's newsletter is your Fast Day envelope. We will collect your Fast Day envelopes and offerings after all our Masses next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.

Thank you for helping those who have very little and do pick up a prayer card as you leave Church today.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 26th September (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Iwona (35th Birthday)

Sunday 27th – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Ronald Paulo RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Patrick Joseph Moloney RIP

Monday 28th – Feria, Twenty-Sixth Week of Year 1

09.30 Neil Cocking (40th Sacerdotal Anniversary)

Tuesday 29th – STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL, Archangels

09.30 Maureen Murphy RIP

Wednesday 30th – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

19.00 Jim Bruce RIP

Thursday 1st October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

09.30 John Kelly RIP

Friday 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

09.30 Cathy O'Connor (Sick)

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, John Curnane, Julie Murphy.

Pray Also For Sean Caden, Delia Mulvaney, Keith Cullis, Agnes van Rosse, Eileen Lynch, Bridget & James Horkan, Mary Kane, Peter Lambie, Michael Mascurine, William Murphy, William Rebbitt and Kitty Davis whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations & Best Wishes To Buka Mulwila and Joyce Abena Nartey who were married in our church this weekend.

Altar Servers Next week 3rd/4th Oct Team A 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.

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.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on 1st October, 2015 at 8pm in the Social Club.

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'.

SJF Ladies Club We are meeting on Wednesday, 7th October after the 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room for a film night "Selma", the story of Martin Luther King. All welcome, charge £1.

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.

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. The refugees will need, amongst other things: **ESOL (English as a Second Language teaching); legal advice, medical services, befriending and basic necessities.** 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.

"Come and See" Retreat Day On Saturday, 24th October at Allen Hall seminary for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood. The theme is "Ministering Mercy". It is essential to register in advance. For more info contact Fr Graham at GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk.

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

Are You Ready for a Laugh Remember Yes Prime Minister on the TV? Well, Belmont Players are putting on the very funny play **"Pardon Me Prime Minister"**. The Prime Minister and Chancellor are preparing a severely puritanical Budget but shocks are in store for both of them after a post-party conference night many years ago. A very funny Farce. A Paternity Scandal. Performances are at The Pump House Theatre, Watford, from Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st October at 7.45pm, including a Saturday matinee at 2.45pm, Box Office 07917 324179.

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. A welcome pack is available from the wall rack in the Church porch.

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.