



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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1st November 2015 ~ ALL SAINTS

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 Synod of Bishops has helped me to contemplate the love of the Trinity being expressed in everyday ways in family life, a love which strives so hard to be faithful, to overcome rows and difficulties with forgiveness, a love which gives energy for the day and rest in weariness. In the Synod we had talked of the family as 'a blessing for the Church': the place where we learn and share how to live by faith, where we teach and practice family prayer, and the place from which we reach out to others in their need.

All of this was summed up for me in a phrase: the family is the flesh of the Church. In every parish, I see in the families around me the very flesh of the Church, the life of Christ taking place before my eyes. It is they who so often show most clearly the work of the Beatitudes which we have just heard in the Gospel reading.

In our Synod discussion group we had shared together what we treasured most about our own family life. Doing this brought us together powerfully, even though we came from five different continents! The challenges faced by families today were in our own stories, too: poverty; an absence of faith; a reluctance to speak of faith at home; the drama of being refugees or migrants; the breakdown of a marriage in the pain of divorce and, of course, the fact of people entering a second civil marriage and finding there a new start, stability, and fruitful love. In our final reflections at the Synod, we pointed out clearly that this must be a patient accompaniment, a readiness to listen, a gift of time and attention to one another. This is a pathway for us all to take, but especially us bishops and priests who are entrusted with the care of God's people.

Our final document of the Synod speaks often of this 'pathway of accompaniment', of that 'reverential listening', which is the first act of mercy, of the work of 'discernment', of wanting to come close to the reality of so many lives in their difficulties and trials. During the Synod discussions, many wanted us to express, humbly, a word of regret and apology that this often has not been the path we have taken. I am glad to do so now.

Today, All Saints we honour all those who may not be canonized but are surely saints. For so many of these, family life, with all its joy and challenges, was their path to heaven. Think how many saints there may be in your family, still helping you by their example and intercession!

May all the saints encourage and strengthen us today. May we draw from this Synod of Bishops great encouragement for our own family life and for the life of the family of the Church, as we each reach out for the great mercy of God, a mercy that will never fail us once we come, with penitent hearts, seeking its healing and peace.

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 31st October (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Maura & Monty Moriarty (Anniv)

Sunday 1st November – **ALL SAINTS**

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Eugenia Sulikowska, Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP

18.00 Reception Service and Mass for Grace Monica O'Sullivan RIP

Monday 2nd – ALL SOULS' DAY

09.30 Marie Wimala Chandra RIP/Noel Jayasingam RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Grace Monica O'Sullivan RIP

19.00 All Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday 3rd – Feria, Thirty-First Week of Year 1

09.30 Aaron Carr

Wednesday 4th – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

19.00 Victor Watts

Thursday 5th – Feria

09.30 Christine Curtis

Friday 6th – Feria

09.30 Gerald Frank Taylor (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, Henry McKinney, Denis McCrory, Maureen McGowan, Joan Ralfs.

Pray Also For Maura & Monty Moriarty, Gerald Frank Taylor, Arthur Moore, Joan, Elaine & Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Mary Gleeson, Katherine Hayes and Michael Mullins whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Grace Monica O'Sullivan who has died. Reception Service and Mass on Sunday, 1st November at 6pm at St John Fisher. Requiem Mass on Monday, 2nd November at 11am followed by interment at Greenford Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Please Remember Henry McKinney who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 11th November at 11am 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 7th/8th Nov Team B will serve.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish House, no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. At this meeting we will be submitting a re-draft of the Parish Constitution for your approval.

Italian Evening Tickets Ready for collection from the porch after each Mass this weekend or thereafter from the presbytery. Cheques made payable to "St. John Fisher RC Church".

CAFOD Christmas Cards & Fairtrade Advent Calendars Are on sale after mass in the porch this weekend.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 5th November 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.

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. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6th FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 28th November at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hall. For an appointment please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). **Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents.** *If you have an earlier deadline for 6th form applications in West London, please contact Claudia for an earlier appointment.*

SJF Ladies Club There will be no meeting on 4th November but if any member would like to join the Parish Women's Group on 12th November in their candle making meeting, please ring Elena on 07599 931149 as per details below. Meeting as normal on 18th November.

Parish Women's Group At our next meeting on Thursday, 12th November at 8pm in the small hall we will be decorating candles for Christmas. There will be a £3.50 charge for materials. If you would like to join us please contact Elena on 07599 931149 by Monday, 2nd November at the latest as materials have to be purchased in advance. The PWG is a friendly group, open to all women in the parish. Why not give us a try?

Sale of Spiritual Books On Saturday, 14th November and Sunday, 15th November after each Mass. Very reduced price, could make ideal Christmas presents. Proceeds go towards our sanctuary.

Parish Quiz The Social Club are holding an Autumn Quiz on Saturday, 28th November @8pm in the parish hall. Entrance is £3 per person. All proceeds to parish funds. For further info or to book a team, please email: durcanjohn@aol.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, etc. (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. Thank you.

Deadline is Saturday, November 7th. Please email items to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in pigeonhole in the porch.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Monday, 16th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

'Our Lady of Sorrows' Bereavement Group The Mass for all those babies and children, whose names appear on the plaques either side of the stained glass window in their loving memory, will be celebrated at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill on Wednesday, 25th November at 7.00pm.

Harrow Support Group for separated & divorced Catholics Next meeting is on Monday, 2nd November at 8pm in St Gabriel's, South Harrow. Please contact Jill 020 8204 3714.

Towards Advent Festival On Saturday, 28th November at Westminster Cathedral Hall. Opening ceremony 10.30am with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Admission free. Stalls and displays from a variety of Catholic groups and organisations plus talks and workshops. Please see poster on noticeboard.

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