



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
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15th November 2015 ~ Thirty-Third 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

On Monday, 23rd November at 7.30pm we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting. This is a chance for you to hear about the work of the parish, it provides us with a chance to reflect on the past year and to look forward. This is your opportunity to have your say on anything from the way we worship to the financial situation of the parish. From pastoral planning to the way that we engage with our young people. From our outreach to the marginalised to our care of our older parishioners. So it is an important moment in our life together.

One thing that the Parish Council and I have been thinking about is the way that we jointly take responsibility for our life together. Up until now I think there has been a bit of an imbalance, whereby the Parish Priest and Parish Catechist make reports together with the Finance and Property representatives. I am not disputing that this has been effective but I am suggesting that we need to widen the areas of responsibility.

So I have asked that each member of the Parish Council should be prepared to take responsibility for one particular area of parish life. They will be asked to form a small group and to work together and call upon the expertise of the Parish Priest or Catechist when required. They will then report back to the Parish Council to let us know what is happening and to seek guidance and advice.

The areas of responsibility have been identified as follows:

Member with responsibility for Catechesis and Spirituality

Member with responsibility for Music and Liturgy

Member with responsibility for Finance

Member with responsibility for Property

Member with responsibility for Social Outreach

Member with responsibility for Young People

Member with responsibility for Social Media.

Why are we doing this? As you know, the number of priests in our diocese is set to dramatically reduce by the year 2023, in order for the parish to sustain its vibrant life and mission we need to put these structures in place. Also, the vision of collaborative ministry lies at the heart of this proposal - priest and people working together, sharing responsibility for the life of the community is both healthy and productive. However, in order to enact this new structure we will need to change the Parish Constitution and we will vote on this at the Annual Meeting where I will outline in fuller detail what is entailed in these proposals.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 14th November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Paul Cleland (Anniv)

Sunday 15th – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Tony Fernandes RIP

11.30 Katherine Hayes (Anniv)

Monday 16th – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

09.30 Charlie Doyle RIP

Tuesday 17th – Feria, Thirty-Third Week of Year 1

09.30 Gianni Lawani

Wednesday 18th – Feria

19.00 Catherine Lewis RIP

Thursday 19th – Feria

09.30 Evelyn Kulasingam RIP

Friday 20th – Feria

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam 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.

Recently Deceased, Breda Keating, Kathleen Keenan, Bryan Van Dort.

Pray Also For Paul Cleland, Katherine Hayes, Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh, Suleiman Raie, Peter Sen, Grace Rossington, Wanda Owczarczak, Timothy Dineen and John Sinn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Monday, 7th December at 8.00pm.

Altar Servers Next week 21st/22nd Nov Team B will serve.

Annual Parish Meeting On Monday, 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. At this meeting we will be submitting a re-draft of the Parish Constitution for your approval.

CAFOD Christmas cards & Fairtrade Advent Calendars are on sale after mass in the porch this weekend. Next weekend the monthly Traidcraft food stall will also be open.

Sale of Spiritual Books After all Masses this weekend. Very reduced price, could make ideal Christmas presents. Proceeds go towards our sanctuary.

This little light of mine It has come to our attention that some people are bringing their own votive candles in, to light them in the church. This is not permissible for two reasons. Firstly, the quality of votive lights that are brought in are vastly inferior to the ones that are provided, they leak wax and could be a fire hazard. Secondly, the income that the votive candles produce contributes greatly to our parish finances and we need this source of revenue to help meet our expenditure. So, please do not bring your own candles in but use those that are provided.

Parish 100 Club Please could parishioners who pay yearly make their next contribution in order to be included in any future lottery draws. Cheques payable to "St John Fisher RC Church". You've got to be in it to win it!

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 on 6th December.

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.**

SJF Ladies Club Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 18th November after 7pm Mass.

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.

Christmas Concert Come and join our Christmas celebrations on Friday, 18th December at 7.30pm in St John Fisher Parish Centre. Well known songs performed by the Apollo Male Choir, St John Fisher Choir and other guest singers. Tickets £8 (£5 Concession & Children). Tickets on the door. Tea/coffee will be provided. Please come and support this event. Profits go to Church funds. For more info please contact Ashley on 020 8723 5307.

Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) in Harrow are holding their annual service here in St John Fisher Church on Sunday, 22nd November at 3pm. The ecumenical service will include readings, music, silence and prayer for those suffering torture or who are at risk. This year the focus is on those facing persecution for their faith.

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.

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.

St John Fisher Catholic School - Play Leader Vacancy, Required from January 2016 St. John Fisher is a Catholic, voluntary aided school, expanding to three form entry, with a strong emphasis on inclusion. We require an After School Club Leader to lead our thriving Out of School Club(s). We are looking for an enthusiastic leader to take up this important role and manage one or both Clubs. Hours in Breakfast Club Monday – Friday, 07.30am – 09.00am and/or After School Club Monday – Friday, 15.00 – 18.00. Salary: G4 - £19,524 - £21,552 (pro rata). **Closing Date: noon Tuesday 1st December, Interviews: Monday 7th December.** Application pack available from www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk or direct from St. John Fisher School, Melrose Road, Pinner HA5 5RA, 020 8868 2961, Email: office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch.uk.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancies Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies.

Italian Evening After expenses were deducted a profit of £2,026.65 was made. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this such an enjoyable and successful evening. *Grazie Mille!*