



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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22nd November 2015 ~ Feast of Christ the King 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

The Feast of Christ the King is, as Catholic feasts go, a relatively recent one. It was established by Pope Pius XI to remind Catholics and the world generally that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man. This was a direct challenge to the totalitarian regimes that were beginning to put political and national identity at the heart of society.

So, on December 11, 1925 Pope Pius XI announced in his encyclical *Quas Primas* that he intended to institute a new feast which he named the Feast of Christ the King. At the end of the encyclical, he declared that he expected

three "blessings" to flow from the celebration of the feast: first, that "men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state"; second, that "Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honour and obedience to Christ"; and third, that "The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal."

In our country, we are used to the concept of monarchy. Indeed, our own queen, Elizabeth, the second of that name, is held in very high esteem because of her commitment to duty and service to her people. It is this notion of being of service to others that will lie at the heart of the forthcoming Holy Year of Mercy which we are about to celebrate together.

In order to help you and your family celebrate the Year of Mercy we are giving to each family a copy of a little prayer book entitled a *Pilgrimage Companion for The Year of Mercy*. If you could make a donation of a pound to cover printing cost that would be gratefully received. If you can't afford a pound then please take the booklet anyway.

I hope that you will find the prayer book helpful and that it will enable you to explore the theme of mercy in some depth. Then perhaps you might find it in your heart during this forthcoming Holy Year to receive God's mercy by attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 21st November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Hughie & Nora Sweeney (Anniv) and Daniel Sweeney (Anniv)

Sunday 22nd – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe

08.30 Nellie Moore RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Joe O'Regan (Anniv)

15.00 Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) – Annual Service

Monday 23rd – Feria, Thirty-Fourth Week of Year 1

09.30 Kathleen Keenan RIP

Tuesday 24th – St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

09.30 Nancy & Tommy Barry

Wednesday 25th – Feria

19.00 Michael McHale RIP

Thursday 26th – Feria

09.30 Drain Family

11.30 Funeral of Anne Doherty RIP

Friday 27th – Feria

09.30 Patricia Jackson 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, Patrick Hallissey, Jim Cronin, Anne Doherty.

Pray Also For Hughie & Nora Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Joe O'Regan, Patrick Kiernan, Patricia Mangan, Anita Simoes, Ellen Papworth, Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre and Catherine Sullivan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Anne Doherty who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 26th November at 11.30am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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

Altar Servers Next week 28th/29th Nov Team A 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.

Confirmation candidates Next meeting is on Monday, 30th November at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.

First Holy Communion Parents Meetings continue this week on Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm or Wednesday, 25th November at 10.15am or 8pm. The last meeting this month will be at 7.30pm on Monday, 30th November. All meetings are in the Fisher Room and you will need your Reconciliation workbook.

Year of Mercy To help you celebrate the Year of Mercy, we are pleased to offer you a companion prayer book for the coming holy year. A donation of £1 would be very much appreciated to cover the cost. Please put money in basket provided or in 'Papers' box.

Westminster Year Book 2016 If you would like a copy at £4.50 each please collect one from the foyer of the sacristy either before or after Mass.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 26th November at 7.30pm.

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

Churches Together - First Sunday of Advent The Churches Together Service marking the start of Advent this year is on Sunday, 29th November at 6.30pm at St. Alban's church (on the Ridgeway).

Churches Together Christmas & Easter cards St John Fisher will not be taking part in the Churches Together distribution of Christmas and Easter cards. The Parish Council decided that we should use social media, our website and newsletter to publicise Christmas and Easter Mass times. Our area included the roads from Rayners Lane station to Malvern Avenue. A huge thank you to parishioners who distributed the cards in previous years.

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.

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.**

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".

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.

Celebrate Advent with Friends for Friends Help us decorate the 1:1 Club Christmas Tree, hear the Christmas story, sing your favourite carols on Sunday, 6th December at 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will close with light refreshments. Just send us a quick email to info@friendsforfriends.org.uk.

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.

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 Mon – Fri, 7.30am – 9.00am and/or After School Club Mon – Fr, 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.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund £1,735.58 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.