



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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17th January 2016 ~ 2nd Sunday of the Year C

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

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

To thee do we cry,

poor banished children of Eve.

*To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this our exile,*

show unto us the Blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus, his mother and the disciples are invited to a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Gospel of St John, his preaching begins, both in word and deed, in response to a human need.

'Woman, why turn to me, my hour has not yet come' he says to his mother, and yet she responds by saying to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' In this way, the water is turned into wine.

His hour will come on the Cross and at his death, blood and water will issue from his sacred side.

This has been taken by his believers to be a sign of the

sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, already prefigured at the wedding feast at Cana. 'You have kept the best wine till now'. Washed in the water of rebirth, we are now nourished at the Lord's supper in the eating of his Body and the drinking of his Blood.



We are told at the end of today's Gospel, that Jesus let his glory be seen in this miracle, the first of the signs given by Jesus and that his disciples believed in him. Every Christian person is called to be a believing disciple. At the end of Mass we are encouraged to go out and to 'proclaim the gospel of the Lord'. We are sent out by Jesus whose flesh and blood we have received to preach a word of mercy and hope, and to celebrate this through the sacraments especially by receiving Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly.

Perhaps proclaiming the gospel of the Lord is needed more now than ever before. We are exhorted in the psalm to tell among the nations, the glory of God, and his wonders among all his peoples. However, it needs to be done in a humble and sympathetic manner responding to the needs of those who hear us, just as Jesus did at the behest of his blessed mother in today's Gospel account.

Let us pray that in the Holy Year of Mercy we might be graced by the Spirit, with the vision and energy to sing a new song to the Lord, wherever and whenever it is needed. This includes reaching out to the marginalised so that working with those of other faiths and none we might build a more just, loving and merciful world in the face of so much violence and hatred.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 16th January 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 In Thanksgiving – Chester & Anesta Emmanuel (25 Yrs. Wed Ann)

Sunday 17th – 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Bryan Van Dort RIP

10.00 Monica O'Sullivan RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 18th – Feria, Second Week of Year 2

09.30 Michael McHale RIP

12.00 Christian Unity Service

Tuesday 19th – Feria

09.30 Agnes McCourt (Anniv)

Wednesday 20th – Feria

19.00 Sally & Paddy Sloane RIP, Paul Cleland RIP

Thursday 21st – St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

09.30 Des & Betty Carlin (Int)

19.00 Reception Service for Daniel Bowles RIP

Friday 22nd – St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

09.30 Eileen Power RIP, Luke & Angela Filan RIP

10.30 Requiem Mass for Daniel Bowles 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.

(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, Alexandra Emmanuel, Larry Mulqueen, Manuel Ramos de Freitas, Jane O'Brien, Paddy Caden, Joseph Henry, Patsy Kennedy, Hilda Sacchett.

Pray Also For Agnes McCourt, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie, Larry Gibbons, Julia Moran, Flora Buhagiar, William Quinn, John Twomey, Bridget (Delia) Walsh, William Enwright, Kitty O'Connor, Annette Motley, Ariti Papson, Ida Buhagiar, Elsa Dias, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan & Denise Mitchell.

Please Remember Hilda Sacchett who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 27th January 2016 at 11.00am at St. John Fisher followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

Baptisms We welcome Rakaylah McLeod Fearon who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Altar Servers 23rd/24th Jan **Team A** will serve.

Year of Mercy - Harrow Deanery Station Masses During Lent in the Year of Mercy a series of Station Masses will take place in the different churches in the Deanery. An opportunity for Confession before Mass takes place at some of these celebrations. At 7.00pm priests will be available to hear Confession, Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments at 8.00pm. At each Mass one of the clergy will offer a reflection on Mercy.

Please note dates below:

Thursday, 11th February at St John Fisher, North Harrow*

**No Confessions at this Mass*

Thursday, 18th February at St Gabriel's, South Harrow

Thursday, 25th February at St Joseph's, Wealdstone

Thursday, 3rd March at St William of York, Stanmore

Thursday, 10th March at St Luke's, Pinner

Wednesday, 16th March at Our Lady & St Thomas, Harrow-on-the-Hill

Wednesday, 23rd March at St Theresa's, Headstone Lane.

SJF Young Adults Group This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together. We meet on the first Sunday of the month after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room. **Our**

next meeting is on Sunday, 7th February. Contact Sherna Bhadresa at sherna_bhadresa@msn.com/07785 615791. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

Fairtrade food stall will be open in the porch after all masses this weekend.

Bethany Group Meeting on Thursday, 21st January at 7.30pm.

SJF Ladies Club We are meeting on Wednesday, 20th January after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room for a film night "The Imitation Game", the story of Alan Turing. All welcome, charge £1.

St John Fisher Social Club Membership subscriptions are now due and can be renewed during club opening hours or after Mass in the porch on 23/24th January and 30/31st January. Please note our AGM is on Sunday, 7th February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Mary's Meals "Rags to riches" collection will take place **next weekend** so please collect together unwanted clothing including bags, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes and bedding (the condition does not matter – no duvets nor pillows) to bring to the church that weekend. Put your clothing etc (no bric-a-brac nor furniture) into tied sacks. Please do not bring before that time. Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Please see poster in the porch.

Christian Unity Week During the week commencing Monday, 18th January there will be a short service at 12noon at one of the local churches followed by a light lunch. On Monday 18th January the service and lunch will be here at St John Fisher. Followed by:- Tuesday Jan 19th & Wednesday Jan 20th at North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Road; Thursday Jan 21st at St George's, Pinner View; Friday Jan 22nd at Elmfield Church (on Imperial Drive) and Saturday Jan 23rd at St Alban's, The Ridgeway.

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 22nd January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt and Sr Kasia Kowalska on "Responding to God's Call in the Year of Mercy". For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

Ministers of the Eucharist & Readers – Do you need a refresher? A study evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & anyone interested on Thursday, 28th January 2016 at 7pm-8.30pm and a study evening for Parish Readers & anyone interested on Thursday, 4th February 2016 at 7pm-8.30pm. Both held at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. See poster on noticeboard.

Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 6th February 2016 at 2pm The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. If you or the person you are accompanying will be attending in a wheelchair please contact Claudia on 8429 5681 by Friday, 22nd January 2016.

Bible Study Course Join Fr. John Egan as he journeys through the Bible uncovering for us the 'big picture' of salvation history on Tuesday, 2nd Feb 2016 @ 7.30pm for 7 consecutive Tuesday nights at 'Our Lady of the Visitation' (Parish Centre), Greenford UB6 9AN. Cost is **Free!** To book, contact the parish office on 020 8578 1353. See poster in the porch.

Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Winter Training at Cedars Community Centre. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Fridays from 6pm - 7pm. See poster on noticeboard.

Crib Offerings Thank you for your generous donations. £857.06 was raised which will go towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster).