



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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24th January 2016 ~ 3rd 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.*

The setting for today's gospel is Jesus' own home synagogue which he would have known from his childhood, a familiar place. The drama is played out: Jesus stands up to read, the official hands over the large scroll of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus unrolls the scroll at his chosen place, he proclaims the prophecy. Handing back the sacred text there is silence and anticipation. "All eyes in the synagogue are fixed on him." He sits, (to teach) and then come the resounding words of the Christ which we hear this morning in our own churches and congregations: "Today this text is being fulfilled even as you hear it".

This prophecy of power and service is being fulfilled even now as we hear it today and as he, the same one, is present in our assemblies and in our mass. His mission is the same one into which we were "Christened": baptised and anointed in the one Holy Spirit. St Paul explains this in

the second reading today. Any and every Christian community, parish, congregation or meeting is called to be the living embodying of the presence, salvation and mission of Jesus the Christ in that particular place and at that particular time.

Christianity is not a religion of the book, but of a person, the living person of Jesus who calls all to become part of the ongoing embodying of his life in each generation and in every place. Christianity is centred around the living and crucified Lord who comes to us in word and in sacrament and also in the poor, the imprisoned, the hungry and the naked, the broken hearted and the lost.

Pope Benedict in his encyclical on Charity taught that Christianity can no more give up works of mercy than it can give up the sacraments or the Scriptures. None of the three are optional. In this "Year of Mercy" it is refreshing to remind ourselves of the essential structuring character in the Christian life of works of charity and mercy along with our devotion to the Scriptures and the sacraments.

Today through Mary's Meals, we are bringing our old clothes which will be sold so that hungry children may be fed. Through this simple work of mercy we enable the vision of Mary's Meals which states that, "every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. What's important to us is the hungry child. When there are hungry children in front of us, we're going to feed them, and at the same time we're going to work on the solution to getting them fed in the long term, creating a global movement of people who believe in this vision."

Fr Shaun



Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd January 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Elsa Dias (Anniv)

Sunday 24th – 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Grace Monica O'Sullivan RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Rasiah Albert (Anniv)

Monday 25th – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Tuesday 26th – Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops

09.30 Teresa Gormley RIP

Wednesday 27th – Feria, Third Week of Year 2

11.00 Requiem Mass for Hilda Sacchett RIP

19.00 Danny O'Neill RIP

Thursday 28th – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Catherine Mariasoosai RIP

Friday 29th – Feria

09.30 Jimmy Devlin 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, Maureen Geraghty, Ellen Breingan.

Pray Also For Elsa Dias, Rasiah Albert, Henry Kobus, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donaghue, Anton Constantine, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Daniel Dhar, (baby) Lillie Rose Devaney, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley and Kitty Edwards.

Altar Servers 30th/31st Jan **Team B** 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.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please collect your new rotas from the porch. The rota can also be viewed on our website.

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'.

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

Confirmation Candidates who are helping on Sunday 31st at the Senior Citizens party are reminded to go to the parish centre. If the main doors are closed then walk round the front of the church and follow the path between the church and Fr Shaun's house and that door will be open.

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.

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 on noticeboard.

Annual Mass for all those buried in Harrow Weald Cemetery will take place at All Saints Church, Uxbridge Rd, Harrow Weald on Monday, 15th February 2016 at 11.00am. This Mass also includes all those buried in Wealdstone and Carpenders Park Cemeteries.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Claudia at claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 by **Friday, 26th February 2016** with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Diocese of Westminster Vacancies Please visit

<http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies.

SVP Vinnie Packs If you can sponsor a pack containing cold weather essentials for the homeless then please send £3.25 per pack to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** (cheques made out to SVP) or go to www.virginmoneygiving.com.

London Air Ambulance Please collect plastic milk bottle and small plastic water bottle tops to raise money for London Air Ambulance. These should be placed the container in the kitchenette opposite the Fisher Room. Thank you.

Stamps for St. Luke's Hospice Please keep your used stamps and place these in the pigeonhole for Barbara Towell, or if too many, hand them into the parish office.

Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Winter Training commences on Friday 15th January 2016 @ Cedars Community Centre. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Training takes place every Friday 6pm - 7pm. Indoor facilities for those under 8 with a 4G Astro Turf Pitch for those up to Year 6. Just turn up on the night for a FREE taster session or for further info contact Alan Carolan 07971 611764 or Tony Griffin 07966 160999. See poster on noticeboard.