



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> 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 words that St. Luke records a kneeling Simon Peter as addressing to Jesus—"leave me alone"—don't seem like an auspicious start for the one chosen to be leader among the apostles. But, as our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah reminds us, reluctance on the part of those chosen to be missionary prophets of the Lord is not a new thing. Within seconds, though, Simon is on his feet and has abandoned everything to follow Christ. What has happened?

The short answer is that Simon has met Christ. Simon has truly met Jesus, recognised Jesus Christ to be who He is: the promised one, the one sent from God, the one who will fulfil God's plan of salvation for his people and the world. But it is important to note that Simon is busily going about his daily routine when Jesus arrives. To be more precise, then, it is Simon who has been met by Christ, and Christ who



has intervened in Simon's life. There is a subtle but important difference: it is not Simon who finds Jesus, but Jesus Christ who hunts out Simon, Jesus who reveals his own identity, Jesus who gives Simon's life new purpose and meaning. Jesus is the prime actor here, and Simon, for his part, allows himself to be found, opening up his fears to Jesus and allowing himself to be discovered, to be shown who Christ is. Simon allows Jesus to take centre stage, not only on the beach, but in his whole life. Simon is open enough to Jesus's work to allow himself to be set free from the shackles of his past, for a new way of living, to leave his boats and belongings on the seashore, and so to receive the new life that Christ gives him.

Simon would already have known something about Jesus. Earlier in the gospel we read that Jesus had healed Simon's mother-in-law, and it's clear that Simon has just about enough belief to cast out his nets again after a hard night's fruitless labour. Perhaps Simon had thought that Jesus was a wonder-worker or a wandering sage. But putting nets out into the deep is a gesture of faith, one that defies human logic—in human terms it seems like it is the least sensible course of action, probably more deleterious than worthwhile, and certainly not good business acumen—but Simon is willing enough to give it a go on Jesus's say so. It's a gamble, but one taken in hopeful trust. And seeing the fruits, Simon is converted. Almost without knowing it, Simon is, by his conversion, brought into Jesus's plan for the salvation of the world, given his own unique role to play. In falling to his knees in front of Jesus, Simon has taken the first steps toward becoming Peter.

There are, I suppose, times in all of our lives when we wish, like Simon, that the Lord would leave us alone. Times when Jesus asks us to do things that only make sense because it is the Lord who asks. Times when we have to allow ourselves to be found afresh by the Lord, so as to glimpse in grace the smallness of our own plans, fears and anxieties. "Do not be afraid," the Lord says to us, if only we would hear him.

*Fr Shaun*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)  
18.00 Christy Conlon & Phyllis Healy (Anniv)  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
08.30 In Thanksgiving – Carlo & Emilia Dellamura (50<sup>th</sup> Wed Anniv)  
10.00 Mr & Mrs. M. Froh & Family (Special Int)  
11.30 People of the Parish  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Fifth Week of Year 2  
09.30 Doreen Carroll RIP  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Feria  
09.30 Brid Haswell RIP  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
09.30 Peter Flanagan RIP  
19.00 Jacqueline Cloona RIP  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria

*No Morning Mass*

**19.30 Station Mass** – Angela Clusker (Anniv)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Lent feria  
09.30 Betty Carlin (Birthday)

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**, Esther Ringland, Martin Crehan, Julie Wildey, Ita Osterman.

**Pray Also For** David Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan, Daya Rajakarier, Daisy Rowland, Robert O'Beirne, Neil Browne, Joe Donoghue, Patricia Martin, Florence Else, Donald Bayross, Martha Dyball, Tessa Corrigan, Bernard Hickin, Patrick Hannigan, Teresa Fernandes, Angela Clusker, Albert Smith, Joan Hickey, Denny Bowles, George Ransley and Winnie McDonagh.

**Baptisms** We welcome Jack Davoren and Desiree Fernando who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

**Altar Servers** 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Feb **Team B** will serve.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place every Friday Morning during Lent. If you feel you could lead the Stations, please contact Kay or Claudia. We have a number of different versions of the stations that you might like to use. These are available in the sacristy.

**Ash Wednesday** Mass will be celebrated twice in the Parish on Ash Wednesday and there will be a collection for Catholic Charities on that day.

**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, 11<sup>th</sup> February at St John Fisher, North Harrow\*

*\*No Confessions at this Mass*

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at St Gabriel's, South Harrow

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at St Joseph's, Wealdstone

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at St William of York, Stanmore

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at St Luke's, Pinner

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

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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. **Our next meeting is today.** Contact Sherna Bhadresa at [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com)/07785 615791. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

**St John Fisher Social Club AGM** is held today at 7.30pm in the small hall.

**Saturday Religious Education Classes** Next Meeting on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 9.00am-10.30am in the Fisher Room.

**Parish 100 Club Draw – January 2016 Winners are:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize – £125 Peter Rodrigues, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £70 Cecelia Dhar, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - £50 Ann Anderson.

**Church Theatre Group** Please look at the new list of events which are on the notice board in the porch.

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

**Lent House Groups** There are four house groups meeting weekly from February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup> and looking at the book "Transformed by the Presence of Jesus". If you would like to join a group contact Marian for details of venues and times at [marian@stjulians.plus.com](mailto:marian@stjulians.plus.com) / 020 8427 2870.

**Lent Lunch** Churches in North Harrow arrange to serve a light lunch on each Saturday during Lent. These raise money for St. Luke's Hospice who rely on voluntary contributions, as they have little NHS support. Do please go, dates as follows: Feb 20<sup>th</sup> North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Rd; February 27<sup>th</sup> Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive; March 5<sup>th</sup> Venue to be arranged; March 12<sup>th</sup> St George's, Pinner View; March 19<sup>th</sup> St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway, Hall entrance and car park Norwood Drive. There is no charge for the meal, just a box on the table for your donation.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 3pm** The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) / 8429 5681 by **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016** with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**Getting Married** Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**New to the Parish?** Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Shaun or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information. A welcome pack is available from the wall rack in the Church porch.

**Leaving the Parish or Change of Address?** Please advise Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.