



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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14th February 2016 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent 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.*



This Lent, as you fast and give alms, we are asking you to think about our poorest sisters and brothers who have to walk long distances to collect water every day.

The day water came to 14 year old Proscovia's community, her life changed completely. Her mother was close to removing her from school forever because she needed the young girl to collect water for the family to drink, wash and cook with. This would mean she kept her family alive, but Proscovia's dreams of getting an education would die.

When Proscovia cranked the pump on that incredible day and water finally flowed from it, she knew she no longer had to walk hours to collect it each day. She could wash when she wanted and she could cook when she wanted. It meant that she was never late for school or missed a day.

With water in her village, she has a chance to dream: "One day, I would like to become a civil engineer, so that I can build my own house." But the incredible transformation didn't end there. Proscovia's community learned how to maintain the water pump. They now know what needs fixing and club together to get it repaired. This was all thanks to the compassion and generosity of CAFOD supporters like you.

Friday, 19th February is CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Attached to the newsletter this week is your Fast Day envelope. We will collect your Fast Day envelopes and offerings after all our Masses next weekend.

There is good news: the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5m and if you tick the Gift Aid box on your envelope, the government gives an extra 25% of your donation at no extra cost to you.

Please give what you can so that the world's poorest people are lifted out of poverty. Thank you for your support.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 13th February 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Monica O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 14th – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Mrs. Peggy Froh (Speedy Recovery)

11.30 Patrick Hallissey RIP

Monday 15th – Lent feria

09.30 Philip Mendonça RIP

Tuesday 16th – Lent feria

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 17th – Lent feria

19.00 Phillip McManus RIP

Thursday 18th – Lent feria

09.30 Herta Moser

Friday 19th – Lent feria (Lent Fast Day)

09.30 Donal Ryan (Anniv)

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,

Pray Also For Donal Ryan, Nora Broderick, Fr Jeremy D'Cruz, Kathleen Beesley, Cecilia Woodhall, Aurora Fernandes, David Notley, Bridget Davis, (baby) Terisa Stokes, John Duffy, Eileen Reilly, Ann Kelleher, Oswald McCarthy, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Theresa Orakwue, Agnes D'Souza, Patricia Rebbitt, Bridget Mary Hoft, Winifred Roach, John Foley, Pat Ryan, Gabriel Dias, Lil Cawley, Joan Chan and Delia Burke.

Altar Servers 20th/21st Feb **Team A** 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.

Year of Mercy - Harrow Deanery Station Masses 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. **Dates as follows:**

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, 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. Contact Sherna Bhadresa at sherna_bhadresa@msn.com/07785 615791. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

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

Fairtrade food stall will be open in the porch after all masses next weekend. On the stall will be spring Traidcraft catalogues, 'Real' Easter eggs (with the Easter story) to buy or order & special offers.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8.30am, 9.30am (see note below), 11.30am

Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass as Normal

Easter Monday Mass at 11am

Palm Sunday – 20th March 10am Mass We will gather at 9.30am outside St. John Fisher Church in order to process to St. Alban's for an ecumenical Liturgy of the Word at 9.45am. Thereafter we will return to St. John Fisher for Mass which will resume at the offertory. Please make every effort to be on time and collect your palm so that we can leave together for this special occasion.

Lent House Groups Details of the ecumenical groups were given in last week's bulletin, and some application forms for these are still available in the porch. **Our parish house groups** are 1) after Monday morning Mass, details and booklets from Neville Bayross (8863 8876), and (2) after Mass on Thursday mornings in the Fisher Room next to the sacristy, details and booklets from Tony McWilliams (8868 3205).

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 20th North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Rd; February 27th & March 5th Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive; March 12th St George's, Pinner View; March 19th 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.

SJF Ladies Club Our Deanery Holy Door is situated at St. William of York Church, Stanmore. Fr. Michael has kindly agreed to accommodate us at 11am on Wednesday, 9th March to go through the Holy Door as this is normally open only on Mondays at 9.30am followed by mass. Anyone wishing to join us and needing transport, please ring Teresa on 020 8427 3063 so this can be arranged.

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

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).

Poppy Appeal The Royal British Legion would like to thank the Parish for their contribution of £88.78.