



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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1st May 2016 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.*

Excerpts from Cardinal Nichols' Pastoral Letter on the Joy of Love

Just three weeks ago, Pope Francis made public his Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family, entitled 'The Joy of Love'. This Exhortation embraces many topics; it also embraces the reality of our lives. He speaks of love as a craft, something at which we have to work hard, with care, understanding and perseverance. Love is always a journey, in all true friendship and especially in family life. The Holy Father spells out three reasons why this sensitive appreciation of the journey of love is so crucial.



Firstly, he tells us how important it is to prepare for this journey. This begins within a person's own experience of family life. He lays great stress on the importance of the ways in which we prepare couples for marriage itself.

Secondly, Pope Francis speaks very realistically about the problems which we face on this journey of love. He appeals for the strengthening of marriage and family life.

Thirdly, he explains that we always have to work out, step by step, the journey that we are on. He puts this very simply: 'No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed'. At every stage of this journey he asks that we never lose sight of our true goal, and never give up on it. That goal is expressed in the vision of faithful married love, which he describes as a place where God truly dwells and a true and precious pathway to holiness on which we are never without His presence.

Pope Francis speaks so sensitively about all these matters. While expressing beautifully God's plan for marriage, he wants the Church to be like a 'field hospital', with a particular concern for all those who, as he puts it, are in 'situations which do not yet or no longer correspond to her teaching on marriage'.

At this point, it is so important not to reduce this great Exhortation to being simply about whether people who have been divorced and remarried can go forward to receive Holy Communion. The quest is much wider. It is a quest for every person to understand much more deeply their situation before God. When we hide nothing from the Lord, when we reflect carefully in prayer, when we open our hearts to the wonder of God's plan for our happiness, we begin to sense the call of our conscience, that inner core and sanctuary where God's voice echoes within us.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 30th April 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Seamus & Neil Browne (Anniv)

Sunday 1st May – 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Michael Hughes (Anniv)

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 2nd – St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09.30 Bartholomew Wynne RIP

Tuesday 3rd – STS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles

09.30 Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe (10th Anniv)

16.00 Reception Service for Kathleen Middleton RIP

Wednesday 4th – THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

12.00 Requiem Mass for Kathleen Middleton RIP

NO EVENING MASS

Thursday 5th – Easter feria, Sixth Week of Easter

09.30 Patricia Forrest RIP

Friday 6th – Easter feria

09.30 All deceased Members of Ryan, Crick, Connally & Moore Families RIP

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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, Kathleen Middleton, Pascal Maloney, Kay Hussey, Mick Murphy.

Pray Also For Seamus & Neil Browne, Michael Hughes, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Mollie Baldock, Mary Price, Tony Watts, Lawrence Philpott, Herbert Hoffmann, Brigid 'Bidsy' O'Gorman, Mary Fernandes, Joan Hainsby, Elizabeth Simmonds, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Annachi Ponnukone, Sr Veronica Carr, Patrick Hedderman and Tom Ryan.

Kathleen Middleton RIP Fr Shaun would like to thank everyone for their messages of condolence on the recent death of his mother, Kathleen. Her body will be received into St John Fisher Church at 4pm on Tuesday, 3rd May and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul on Wednesday, 4th May at 12Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Baptisms We welcome Fionah Adena, Cora Halpin and Rachel Jesudasan who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Altar Servers 7th/8th May **Team B** will serve.

Saturday Classes Next meeting on 14th May 2016 in the Fisher room.

Applications for Confirmation 2017 A meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd May at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre. The candidates must attend themselves and need to be in school year 8 or above. The meeting will last for 1 hour where information will be given for the coming year. Anyone wishing to be confirmed in 2017 will need to attend this meeting.

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, discuss and grow in their faith, as well as socialize. Everyone welcome. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Fisher Room after the 11.30am Mass. Our next meeting is today.** Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa sherna_bhadresa@msn.com/07785615791.

First Holy Communion Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

Sacrament of Confirmation We pray for, and congratulate, our 47 young parishioners who will be conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 6th May by Bishop John Sherrington.

First Holy Communion Please be aware that the 11.30am Mass next Sunday will be a First Holy Communion Mass, you may wish to attend another Mass that weekend and free up some space for our visitors.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 5th May 2016 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Join Cardinal Vincent on the pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, on 9th July 2016. With the theme of 'Mary, the Mother of Mercy', the day will include an outdoor Mass, procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and banners along the Holy Mile, prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds, and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. The cost is £35 per person, cheques payable to St John Fisher Church. If you would like to book a place on a coach departing from St John Fisher Church, you will find a sign-up sheet and timetable in the porch.

Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden - The Annual May Procession takes place on Sunday 8th May, beginning at 3.30pm from the Shrine Church, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Come and join us as we continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy and claim Our Lady's prayers. Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo & Overground Line. Bus routes 18,187,206,220, 226,228, 260, 266 & 487. Home of the Door of Mercy for North West London.

Spirit in the City (1st - 4th June 2016) Catholic festival of Mercy in the West End of London. Join the programme of prayer, talks, celebrations in Notre Dame de France and the all day festival in Leicester Square gardens on Saturday. For details visit: www.spiritinthecity.org or T: 020 7440 2663 Full programme: www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016.

Cleaner (Part-time) Required for 2 hours per week @£15 per hour. Please contact Lucy Mulvaney 020 8864 0663.

Summer Accommodation in London Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Visit www.allenhall.org.uk or email allenhall@rcdow.org.uk, Tel 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Summer Training has commenced @ Northwick Park. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Training takes place as follows U6, U8, U10 & Girls U12 every Wednesday from 6.30pm, U12 & U14 Every Thursday from 6.30pm, U16 every Tuesday from 7.00pm. Just turn up on the night for a FREE taster session or for further information contact Tony Griffin 07966 160999 or Alan Carolan 07971 611764. Find us on facebook "Parnells Minor Gaelic FC".

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.

Priest Training Fund Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund. £2,270.12 has been raised by the Parish. Brilliant!