



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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24th April 2016 ~ Fifth 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.*

What is Love in Action?

From the 4th June through to the 10th of July, we will work together as a parish to gain a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). To help us do this we will promote a programme called Love in Action. Love in Action is designed to introduce our parish, youth groups, school and faith-sharing groups to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Once we have completed the programme, we will have the tools to start our own social outreach projects.

Why 'Love in Action'?

As members of the Catholic Church, we are all called upon to preserve the dignity of all human beings, to care for creation, and to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need. These principles form part of CST, a body of work developed by Church leaders over the centuries. Pope Francis emphasises that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world: to put love into action.

How does it work?

Through Love in Action, we will be introduced to the six principles of CST through Sunday Liturgy, group activities, and school assemblies. The seven-week programme includes an introductory week to Love in Action, and then each week we will explore a different theme from CST. These themes are Dignity and Equality, The Preferential Option for the Poor, The Call to Community, Solidarity among Peoples, The Dignity and Rights of Workers, The Care of Creation.

The Love in Action pack includes the following resources:

- Parish leaders and liturgy sheets
- Take-away leaflets and sheets
- Notes for children's liturgy leaders and primary school staff
- Resources for groups of young people
- Media resources.

What happens when the programme finishes?

At the end of the parish engagement programme, the parish will be invited to a workshop which will help us to consider how the principles of CST can be put into practice in our everyday lives. We will be given the resources to help us work together to recognise the needs of our parish or local area, and to plan achievable and effective social actions.



Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd April 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Kathleen Allen (Anniv)

Sunday 24th – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Maria Teixeira (Anniv)

11.30 Ita Osterman RIP

Monday 25th – ST MARK, Evangelist

09.30 Noel Dunne RIP

Tuesday 26th – Easter feria, Fifth Week of Easter

09.30 Rosanna Celada RIP

Wednesday 27th – Easter feria

19.00 Eric Savundranayagam (Anniv)

Thursday 28th – Easter feria

09.30 Special Intentions

Friday 29th – ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe

09.30 Mary Standon (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, Stephen Whelan.

Pray Also For Kathleen Allen, Maria Teixeira, Eric Savundranayagam, Mary Standon, Richard Murray, Christian Cousins, Bill Williams, Janet Pyne, Ina Valerie, Joe Dias, Noel Ryan, Violet Harris, John O'Brien, Lilien Whitfield, Tom Hayes, Eileen Lee, Kathleen Lucas, Ellen Downes, Pauline French and Maureen Nolan.

Priest Training Fund Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection last weekend. The response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for the current seminarians, was heart-warming. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes at the back of the church. Don't forget to tick off and complete the claim for Gift Aid – that adds 25 pence onto every pound you give at no cost to you.

Altar Servers 30th April/1st May **Team A** will serve.

Forthcoming Sacraments at St John Fisher Please keep in your prayers those in the Parish who are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 6th May and the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday, 1st May at 11.30am Mass, Saturday, 7th May midday and Sunday, 8th May at 11.30am Mass.

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 on Sunday, 1st May.* Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com or Sherna Bhadresa sherna_bhadresa@msn.com/07785 615791.

St John Fisher Social Club Concert with an Irish theme in the church hall beginning at 8.00pm on Saturday, 30th April with all proceeds to parish funds. It promises to be great fun so please come along and support us. Tickets are £8 each (£6 concessions) and will be available after most masses.

The Pylon - Summer 2016 edition Please send us your articles, original short stories, poems, book/film reviews, accounts of parish events, holiday recommendations, recipes, advice, about your pets - with photo - in fact anything you think would be of interest to our readers. Contributions written by children and younger members of our parish will be most welcome. We look forward to receiving these and aim to publish as many as possible. Thank you. **Deadline: Sunday, 1st May.** Please email to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in appropriate pigeonhole in the porch for the attention of Barbara Towell.

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.

Singing practice for St Joseph the Worker Migrants Mass On 25th April at 6.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. All welcome. Meet at information desk at 6.20pm. Further details from Barbara Kentish at justice@rcdow.org.uk (**Mass for Migrants on 2nd May 10.30am – please see poster in the porch.**)

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).

Marriage Care Do you believe in supporting Marriages? Are you looking to volunteer in a friendly and supportive environment? Our London centre is looking for volunteers for the following roles: **Head of Centre** to lead and support the team; **Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators** to present and facilitate marriage preparation courses to small groups of couples (training provided); **A Publicity Officer** to promote relationship support services and volunteering in the local area; **Qualified Counsellors** to provide relationship counselling for couples and individuals. For more info or to apply visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

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.