



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 ~ Pentecost Sunday

### *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 English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day." Christians borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday.

*Shavuot* was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exod 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon his first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

The Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 tells us that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and that the words that they uttered could be understood by all the people. The content of their miraculous messages proclaimed God's mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12).



At some point, Peter, one of the leading followers of Jesus, stood up and preached his first sermon explaining to the people that Jesus had been raised from the dead and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise. When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter's first sermon!

The Spirit continues to be poured out on us - just ask the children and young people who have received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation recently. Now the Spirit will make herself known again as we begin to engage with our programme of Love in Action when we will encounter the riches of Catholic Social Teaching.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

08.30 Jose Abreu

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Kathleen Prendeville (Anniv)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Feria, Seventh Week of Year 2

**09.30 Requiem Mass**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 John Campbell RIP

**13.30 Requiem Mass for Ida Trombetti RIP**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Sarah Delaney

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Cathy O'Connor RIP

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Anton Emmanuel (4<sup>th</sup> 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 ring either Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)*

**Recently Deceased**, Paddy Rooney, Andy Hourihan, Vasanthi Thissanayagam, Josephine Durkin.

**Pray Also For** Kathleen Prendeville, Anton Emmanuel, Thomas Durkin, Cathleen Smith, Hilda Rogers, William Irving, Carl Johns, James Moreland, Eugene Murray, Anne Griffin, Peter Digby, Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman, Ellen Broadrick, Rane Saverimuttu, Somasundaram Sundararajan, Robert Dorr, Franek Szlachta, Theresa Hughes and Joe O'Gorman.

**Please Remember** Ida Trombetti who has died. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm at St John Fisher followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Altar Servers** 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May **Team B** will serve.

**Applications for Confirmation 2017** Meeting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Applications for First Holy Communion 2017** Will be available in the Fisher Room Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30pm till 6pm, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June after each Mass and on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June between 7.00pm-7.30pm, for any child who will be in school year 3 or above from September 2016. The cost of the programme is £20 which covers the cost of the workbooks. If your child was baptised outside of the parish you will need a photocopy of a baptism certificate when you register.

**Mission Appeal** Next weekend the Columban Fathers will be here to tell us about their work and to make a Mission appeal.

**Growing in Faith** The latest newsletter is available in the Church porch.

**SJF Ladies Club** We are having a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit meeting on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May after 7pm Mass in the small hall. All welcome.

**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.** Contact Johnpromise [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresa [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com)/07785 615791.

**Eucharistic Ministers** urgently required to volunteer for an occasional Eucharistic Adoration rota duty (every 3/4+ months?). Adoration generally takes place on 1st Fridays after 9.30am Mass at 10-11am. The Minister's duty at 11am is to lead parishioners in the Divine Praises after which the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the monstrance and replaced in the tabernacle. Please contact either John Cunningham (07929 191262 or 020 8863 6659) or notify Parish Secretary, Claudia McHugh.

**Traidcraft Stall** will be open after all masses next weekend. Come and browse the range of Fairtrade food on sale incl. teas, coffees, spreads, nuts and fruit pots as well as sweets & chocolate.

**International Day** Please keep Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of July free in your diaries because that is the date for our International Day. As usual the whole of our community, parish and school will work together. As a parish we take responsibility for the following stalls: Books, Cakes and Refreshments, the Bottle Tombola, Irish Coffee, the International Kitchen and the Gate Entrance.

We need men to come forward to help with the BBQ and as usual there will be a sign-up sheet for the international kitchen. This is your chance to share something of your culture through food.

Donations of Jolly Jars, Handbags, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Bottles and Cakes are all very welcome. So have a root through your homes and bring your donations to the church porch or to the school.

Help to set up will be needed on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July as well as the day itself. I hope that we will all have a wonderful time. It is a great day for the parish and the school, please be a part of it.

**Welcome Ministry Rota** Please collect your new rotas from the porch and/or see our website. We need more volunteers so if you are interested please contact Sue Moriarty at [suemoriarty@sky.com](mailto:suemoriarty@sky.com).

**Church Cleaning** To keep our lovely church looking good we are looking to recruit a couple of people to join the cleaning team that meets at 10.00am, once every four weeks, on a Thursday. The cleaning includes sweeping, dusting and hoovering and will take about 1.5/2 hours. Please contact Claudia McHugh on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk).

**Flower Arranging** We are looking for volunteers to train to arrange our flowers in the Church. Full training will be given by Ann French who taught flower arranging for many years in Hillingdon. If you are interested and think you can help, please contact Ann on 020 8868 5163. I'm sure you will all agree flowers make the architecture of the Church come to life.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Please make the payment of £35 per person by **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016** (cheques payable to St John Fisher RC Church). Please ensure you bring a picnic lunch (including plenty of water). There are still spaces available so if you would like to book a place on a coach departing from St John Fisher Church, please contact Claudia McHugh on 020 8429 5681/[claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk). Join Cardinal Vincent on the pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. For more info, please see poster on the noticeboard in the porch.