



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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29th May 2016 ~ CORPUS CHRISTI

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.*

We frequently bemoan the coverage of the Church and Church teachings in the media. The Church's teachings are reduced simply to opposition to abortion, contraception and the redefinition of marriage. Now, there's no doubt that these are extremely important issues, and that it's good that our voice can be heard on them. But the Church is then presented solely in terms of those issues.

This is unfortunate because Catholicism has a complex and beautiful history and theology at the heart of which is our belief that Jesus Christ was born, lived among us, died for us, rose from the dead and invites us here and now to belief in him. Chiefly this is done through the proclamation of the gospel and the wonder of the sacramental system at the heart of which is the Eucharist. This is Jesus' gift of himself to us, body blood soul and divinity.

Many people are confused by the centrality of our belief and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, they are puzzled and they wonder if that little disc of bread can truly be the reality of Jesus among us. Our belief in the Real Presence is so central to our faith, and yet one that few people outside the Church know anything about. By honouring the Blessed Sacrament through genuflection before the tabernacle and by reverently receiving the host, we are making a public proclamation of the central doctrine of our faith. That Jesus is present among us and that he gives himself as a gift to me each time I receive Holy Communion.



Having received the Lord in so intimate a way we are energised to live the Christian life. The Eucharist gives us the strength and courage to stand up and be counted as catholic people. A people for whom justice, safeguarding the dignity of the human person and having care for creation become fundamentally important.

Next week we will begin to explore some of these issues through our Love in Action programme. At our Masses between the 4th of June and the 10th of July we'll be focussing on the following themes: Dignity and Equality, The Preferential Option for the Poor, the Call to Community, Solidarity Among Peoples, The Dignity and Rights of Workers and Care of Creation. During this time we will be expanding our provision of children's liturgy, there will be take home sheets for you to use with your families and friends. Our parish groups will be encouraged to explore some of the themes together and there will be a programme running throughout our school. So please do get involved.

On 10th September 2013, Pope Francis said "It is important for the whole Church that welcoming the poor and promoting justice not be entrusted solely to "experts" but be a focus of all pastoral care, of the formation of future priests and religious, and of the ordinary work of all parishes, movements and ecclesial groups." We pray that on this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord our hearts will be filled with a desire to follow our Master and to try to realise his vision of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28th May 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Rose Ena King (Anniv)

Sunday 29th – **CORPUS CHRISTI**

08.30 Queenie Lee (Anniv)

10.00 Mick McBreen (Anniv)

11.30 Regina Emmanuel (Anniv)

Monday 30th – Feria, Ninth Week of Year 2

09.30 People of the Parish

Tuesday 31st – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09.30 Christopher & Annachi Ponnukone RIP

Wednesday 1st June – St Justin, Martyr

19.00 Pascal Maloney RIP

Thursday 2nd – Feria

09.30 Michael Else RIP

Friday 3rd – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

09.30 Maria McDonagh 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 ring either Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)

Recently Deceased,

Pray Also For Rose Ena King, Queenie Lee, Mick McBreen, Regina Emmanuel, Jean McSweeney, Ciara Carvell, Brendan Connolly, Patrick Morley, Vincent Breen, Bob Howard, Kathy Casey, Kay McGrath, Jack Keane, Walter Hickey, Magda Gordon, Nora McManamon and Mary Heffernan.

Altar Servers 4th/5th June **Team B** will serve.

New Altar Servers There will be a training session for anyone who would like to become a server. If you have made your First Holy Communion, you would be welcome to come to the meeting on Monday 13th June at 4pm in the Church. Please give your name to Kay so that she knows you are attending.

If you are an adult and one of the following applies to you then contact Kay Missed out on being baptised as a baby • didn't make your First Holy Communion or Confirmation as a child • would like to know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church • would like to become a Catholic. We meet as a group each week and already have some people who are part of the group working towards being a full member of the Catholic Church at Easter. The group is also open to those who just wish to have more of an understanding of the church and are not intending to become a catholic.

Applications for First Holy Communion 2017 Will be available in the Fisher Room Saturday 11th June from 5.30pm till 6pm, on Sunday 12th June after each Mass and on Monday 13th 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.

'The Pylon' The Summer Edition of our exciting Parish magazine is available at the back of the church/in the porch. It contains parish news as well as fiction and of course information about Love in Action. Price £1 (please put money in 'Papers' box).

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, 5th June. Contact Johnpromise promisemagnus@yahoo.com.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 2nd June 2016 at 8pm in the Social Club.

International Day Please keep Saturday, 2nd of July 11am-3pm free in your diaries. 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 mobile unit in the school playground. Donation schedule as follows: **6th June - Jolly Jars and Teddies; 13th June - Books, Toys and Posh Bags; 20th June Bric-a-Brac (no electricals).**

Help to set up will be needed on Friday, 1st 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.

Summer Coffee Morning Please join us on Sunday, 12th June in the parish centre after 10am and 11.30am mass for refreshments and homemade cakes. It is the perfect way to meet fellow parishioners and relax for a while after mass. Raffle tickets are on sale in the porch after every mass (£1 a strip) so please support the event by buying a ticket as all proceeds go towards reducing the parish debt.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Please make the payment of £35 per person by **Sunday, 5th 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. Join Cardinal Vincent on the pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, on 9th July 2016. For more info, please see poster on the noticeboard in the porch.

St John Fisher Preschool – Staff Vacancy Are you under 24 years of age and interested in doing an apprenticeship? 30 hours per week, term time only. Or are you NVQ2/3 qualified? If so, we need someone for 12/16 hours per week. Salaries will be £7.25 - £8 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. If you are interested in either of these posts OR would consider gaining an NVQ2, please contact us for job description and application form at sjf.preschool@gmail.com. Closing date: 17th June.

Principal's Annual Charity Concert at St Dominic's Sixth Form College On Thursday, 16th June at 6.30pm. All proceeds to go to St Luke's Hospice and Macmillan Cancer. Ticket price: £10.00. For tickets or more info, please see poster in the porch or contact Marie Middlemass at mcm@stdoms.ac.uk / Tel 020 8422 8084.

Spirit in the City Catholic Festival of Mercy On 1st-4th June 2016 in the West End of London. Full programme at www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016. Can you VOLUNTEER to make an impact in the city on Sat 4th June? Register: info@spiritinthecity.org.