



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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3rd July 2016 ~ Fourteenth Sunday of the 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.*

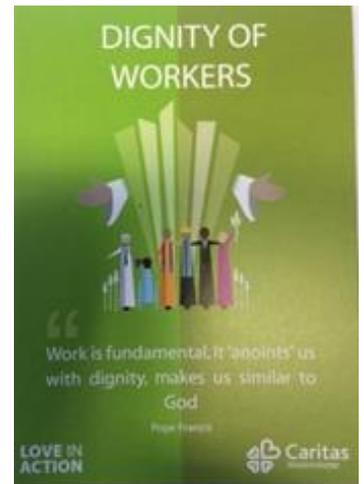
*To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.*

*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.*

DIGNITY OF WORKERS

The Church has long been a supporter of the right of people to work. The beginnings of much of modern Catholic social teaching came during the industrial revolution. Cardinal Manning of Westminster was influential in the writing of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, in 1891 which looked at the rights and treatment of workers, calling for more just pay and conditions. We remember that Manning was one of the most influential figures of Victorian England and it was because of his intervention as a trusted mediator that the Docker's strike of 1889 was concluded peacefully.



It is interesting to note the intervention of G.R. Birt the then manager of Millwall docks who reported to a parliamentary committee about the condition of the dockers at that time. *"The poor fellows are miserably clad, scarcely with a boot on their foot, in a most miserable state ... These are men who come to work in our docks who come on without having a bit of food in their stomachs, perhaps since the previous day; they have worked for an hour and have earned 5d.; their hunger will not allow them to continue: they take the 5d. in order that they may get food, perhaps the first food they have had for twenty-four hours."* Catholic Social Teaching tells us that work is more than simply being able to earn money. It is about being able to support oneself, and one's family. It is about finding a role and place within society. It is linked to flourishing as a person, and finding fulfilment, a sense of purpose and worth.

Linked once more to the guideline of human dignity, we are reminded that people are not "things", not some commodity which can be discarded when no longer seen as being of any use. People are not mere tools as part of a process towards an end point in whatever job they perform. Human beings are greater than anything.

Today we know there is high youth unemployment, denying young people the chance to flourish, not allowing them to have true dignity. We also know many older people find themselves out of work and struggling to find work, again, their dignity harmed.

- What can our community do to support those who have no work?
- How can we help the young and those with experience to support one another?
- Do I make sure that people are treated with dignity in my place of work?
- Could I support paying people the London Living Wage of £9.40 per hour?

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2nd July 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 All Children of the Parish

Sunday 3rd – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Martin Mahon (Anniv)

11.30 Avito Saldanha RIP

Monday 4th – Feria, Fourteenth Week of Year 2

09.30 P.J. Moloney RIP

Tuesday 5th – Feria

09.30 Kathleen Middleton RIP

Wednesday 6th – Feria

19.00 Antonipillai Saverimuttu (6th Anniv)

Thursday 7th – Feria

09.30 Rita Rough RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Norma Ray RIP

Friday 8th – Feria

09.30 Nora Molloy (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.

Recently Deceased, Agnes Campbell, Rita Brennan.

Pray Also For Martin Mahon, Antonipillai Saverimuttu, Nora Molloy, Maria Kowalewicz, Robin Shortland, Mary McWilliams, Mary Malone, Muriel O'Connor, John Rossington, Margaret Burton, Constance Donnelly, Agnes Cunningham, Cyril Fernandes, Mavis Furnell, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher, Anne Hickey, Bartholomew Hourihan, Richard Rossington and Ann Attwood.

Please Remember Rita Brennan who has died. Reception Service on Sunday, 10th July at 6pm at St John Fisher Church, Requiem Mass on Monday, 11th July at 11am followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Altar Servers 9th/10th July **Team A** will serve.

Parish Exhibition As part of our Love in Action programme, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to become more aware of the various groups that work in the Parish. Therefore, every group in the Parish will be part of an exhibition, which will try to inform all our parishioners of the activities that take place at St John Fisher. The exhibition will be in the hall after each Mass on 16th and 17th July. Please take a few minutes after Mass to go into the hall to have a look and show some support for all those in our Parish who give so generously of their time and talent.

Knitting Group In response to Fr. Shaun's homily "Option for the Poor" we are forming a knitting team making scarves and hats for "The Passage" in Westminster & Caritas Bakita House. If you can help, please join us for a meeting on Friday, 15th July at 2.30pm in the Parish hall.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 7th July 2016 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Counting Rota Your new rota will be available from the relevant pigeon hole in the porch and/or emailed to you. If you have any queries, please contact Claudia.

Parish 100 Club Draw – June 2016 Winners: 1st prize £125 Mary Else, 2nd prize £70 Helen Sherwood, 3rd prize £50 Diana Menezes.

Flower Arranging Meeting On Saturday, 16th July at 10am in the Fisher Room for ladies interested in joining the flower arranging group in Church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham The Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Walsingham will depart from outside of the Church (Imperial Drive) at 06.30am on Saturday 9th July. Please be prompt. There will be transport along the Holy Mile for those with walking difficulties. The full timetable is below. Pilgrims are reminded to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water to drink.

06:30 Coach Departs from the Church

10:00 Coach arrives in Walsingham

10:30 Free time to Visit the Slipper Chapel and Holy Door and time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

11:45 Gather For Mass in Six Acre Field

12:00 Mass

13:30 Lunch

14:15 Gather for Procession

14:30 Procession along the Holy Mile to Priory

15:45 Benediction in Priory Grounds

16:15 Prayers at the Original Shrine

16:45 Coaches Depart

20:00 Arrive back at St John Fisher

Harrow Support Group for separated & divorced Catholics Next meeting will be on Monday, 4th July at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information, please contact Jill 020 8204 3714 or Eileen 020 8756 1284.

Jubilee Mass for Workers and Volunteers of Mercy At 2.00pm on Saturday, 10th September the Cardinal will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral for all workers and volunteers whose work and voluntary service embodies mercy. This includes, but is no way limited to, those who work in social care in the State or private sector. Also, so many of our diocesan and parish organisations, i.e. Caritas and the SVP. You are most welcome to participate in this Diocesan event in the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Albans On Saturday, 8th October starting at 2.30pm in Verulamium Park with a short liturgy focusing on our Proto-Martyr, we will process to St. Alban's Shrine in the Abbey, where Bishop John Sherrington will preach at Evensong at 4.00pm. Everyone from across the Diocese is most welcome.

4th Headstone Scout's Summer Fete On Sunday, 10th July 2016 at 11.30-3.30pm. This year we celebrate 100 Years of Cubs and 30 years of Beavers at 4th Headstone Scout Hut, Northumberland Road, North Harrow. We would also love to see ex-Cubs and Beavers, including mums and dads, and hearing their memories of the cubs. Please see poster in the porch.

Parish Cleaner – St John Fisher Church We are currently seeking a Parish Cleaner for our parish. The successful candidate(s) will ideally have some previous experience in a similar role and must be able to work to their own initiative. Hours of work: 10 hours per week Mon-Fri from 6.00-8.00am, Salary: £9.40ph, Closing date: 7th July 2016. For further details, or to apply for this position, please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/jobs.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.