



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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17th July 2016 ~ Sixteenth 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

Over the past six weeks we have tried to explore Catholic Social Teaching through the liturgy and by reflection both at home and within parish groups. I hope that you have found the experience valuable and that you have come to appreciate the depth and complexity of the way that Catholicism tries to engage with the world by promoting the Common Good.

This weekend there will be an exhibition from our parish groups which will tell you who they are and what they do. It is important to reflect on all the good things that happen here. From care of parishioners

offered via the SVP, I: I Club or Bethany Group through to social and prayer groups represented by those who meet to share their faith, the young adults and women's groups that we have in the parish. We must not forget the work that that we do to pass on the faith through our catechetical and liturgical ministry. We will also highlight our concern and support of the developing world by having representatives from Traidcraft.

It is good to celebrate the things that we already do so that we can give thanks for them and to think about what else we might do in order to be an active and vibrant presence within our local community.

One thing that we might consider for the future is to become part of a new organisation called Harrow Citizens. This new group is made up of local faith communities, schools, colleges and other community organisations. It tries to discern what the needs of the locality are. Then, through peaceful action, it holds community representatives to account so that effective change within our community might be achieved.

In these days of austerity and cuts we need to be able to work together to protect and promote what is best in our community and to challenge those in positions of responsibility when there is failure to serve the needs of the people. Over the coming months I will attend a number of meetings of Harrow Citizens together with some of our parishioners and I will report back to the parish about our possible involvement. I think it is important to see this new departure for the parish in terms of our Catholic Social Teaching and hopefully we can pick up on this at a workshop that will be offered to the parish on September the 7th and repeated on September 17th. The workshop will be facilitated by Caritas Westminster.



*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.*

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 16th July 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 Robin Andrew Shortland (Anniv)
Sunday 17th – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30 In Thanksgiving – Saud & Maria Francesca Khan (30th Wedding Anniv)
Monday 18th – Feria, Sixteenth Week of Year 2
09.30 John & Nora Riordan RIP
Tuesday 19th – Feria (**St John Fisher School attending**)
09.30 Gavin Bissett (Anniv)
Wednesday 20th – Feria
19.00 Margaret O'Neill RIP
Thursday 21st – Feria
09.30 Madeleine Forde

19.00 Reception Service for Bridie Fitzgerald RIP

Friday 22nd – St Mary Magdalene

09.30 Julia Allen RIP

10.30 Requiem Mass for Bridie Fitzgerald RIP

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, Pat Gavin, Bridie Fitzgerald, Carmina Fernandes, David Josephs, Bruno Zanelli, Jackie Morreau.

Pray Also For Robin Andrew Shortland, Gavin Bissett, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford, Peggy McKenna, Horst Nekut, Kevin Flynn, Arkadiusz Bowcariwski, Paddy O'Brien, Blanche Contaminard, Beatrice Pereira, Bridget Byrne, Ida Bastiampillai, Mary Cleary and John Bennet.

Please Remember Bridie Fitzgerald who has died. Reception Service on Thursday, 21st July at 7.00pm. Requiem Mass on Friday, 22nd July at 10.30am at St John Fisher followed by burial at Carpenders Park. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Please Remember Bruno Zanelli who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 28th July at 12.00pm followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Baptisms We welcome Alessia Anthonypillai, Annie Holland, Lorcan Kelly and Bradley Moniz who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Altar Servers There is no rota over the Summer Holidays 23rd July to 28th August inclusive. 3rd/4th September **Team A** will serve.

Fairtrade food is on sale in the Parish exhibition after all masses this weekend. Thank you for your support over the past year & the stall will re-open in September.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas 30th July to 11th September are ready for collection from the relevant pigeon holes in the porch.

SJF Ladies Club We are meeting on Wednesday, 20th July after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room for a film night "Made in Dagenham". All welcome, tea & biscuits provided, charge £1.

Bethany Group The next meeting is on Thursday, 21st July at 7.30pm. *There is no meeting in August.*

ACAT (Harrow Group) Open Meeting All are invited to a talk by Rhian Beynon of Freedom from Torture at 8pm on Tuesday, 19th July 2016 at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, HA2 0JN. There is no charge but there will be a collection for Freedom from Torture. Please see poster on noticeboard.

SJF Young Adults Group This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together, get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese, discuss and grow in their faith. Everyone is welcome. **We meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Fisher Room after the 11.30am Mass.** Our next meeting is on 4th September. Contact Johnpromise at promisemagnus@yahoo.com. Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

Quiet Day Churches Together are arranging a day of reflection. It is to be at All Saints Church, Harrow Weald which is an old building within a pleasant rural setting. If you think you may be interested make a note of this early autumn date, Saturday 1st October 2016.

Listen to My Heart Beat is a community art project taking place between 8th and 17th July at 12:00 to 17:00 at the Meanwhile Space, 226 Imperial Drive HA2 7HJ (near Rayners Lane Tube). Participants sit next to an instrument and via a sensor box to have their heartbeat translated into a musical sound. Up to five people can take part at any time. For more info visit www.hippiecampus.com.

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. 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.

Harrow Gateway is looking for a new Chairperson. Could it be you? Are you motivated? Do you care about local charities? Interested? Please contact Steven Fife 07815 853529 or Stevenfifer@hotmail.com.

International Day Grand Raffle Prize Winners Please see the list of winners on the noticeboard in the porch.

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.

Leaving the Parish or Change of Address? Please advise Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

Parish Council Many thanks to Mr. John Billiet who has stepped down from being Chair of our Parish Council. John has made a hugely significant contribution to the life of our Parish over many years. We thank him for all he has done and we hope that he will have a more restful time in the future. Taking over from John as Chair is Mr. Neil Cocking. We thank Neil for taking up this responsibility and we assure him of our support and prayers for him as he seeks to lead the Parish community into the next stage of its development. Our next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday, 12th September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.