



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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24th July 2016 ~ Seventeenth 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.*

OK, the washing is done, you've got the sun cream packed, you've checked that all the documents you need are in place and you are ready for the off! The holiday season is with us once again and I hope that wherever you are going that you will have a wonderful time. That you will meet interesting people and that you will have a whole raft of new experiences that will be the basis of some lovely memories when you return to us.



As most of you know I choose not to go away in the summer. The parish gets really quiet and that enables me to catch up with all the little jobs that tend to go on to the back burner throughout the year. I find that a 'staycation' works for me and I know that a good number of people in the parish feel the same way.

So, whether you are off to pastures new or whether you will enjoy the bliss which is North Harrow in the summer months, I hope that the desired outcome will be the same. Just to slow down, relax and take life at an easier pace. This is really necessary. It seems to me that people are working harder than ever. Our bosses (and yes that includes the church for me) expect us to do more and more with fewer resources and this can lead to feelings of frustration. So, it's important just to stand back, to take a proverbial breath and then to get things into perspective.

This helps us to realise that life is not just about work or fulfilling all the responsibilities that come our way. But that life is also about enjoying this beautiful planet that God has given us and it's about making the most of the relationship that we have.

Whatever you are doing and wherever you are going have a restful holiday, spend quality time with the people that you love and remember that you will be held in the prayers of the parish community.

As usual over the summer months, things will be a little less formal. There will be no singing at Mass and shorter sermons. Do please step forward if you see that we need to make up the numbers of ministers and readers over the holiday period.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd July 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Anton Regis (20th Anniv)

Sunday 24th – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Sally Sloane (Anniv)

10.00 Wojciech Mlek RIP

11.30 Samuel Barker

Monday 25th – St James, Apostle

09.30 Noreen Simpson RIP

Tuesday 26th – Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Catharine & Edward Barker RIP

Wednesday 27th – Feria, Seventeenth Week of Year 2

19.00 Alan Casey RIP

Thursday 28th – Feria

09.30 Fr Bill Boxall RIP

12.00 Requiem Mass for Bruno Zanelli RIP

Friday 28th – St Martha

09.30 People of the Parish

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, Stephen Jordan, Michael O'Hanlon.

Pray Also For Anton Regis, Sally Sloane, Caroline Reddyhoff, Jim Leeson, Christopher Mortimer, John Malone, Alice Thoumine, Jean Cross, Jack & Ita Ryan, Janet King, Tim Hutton, Chrissie Hurley and Jenny Dancaster.

Baptisms We welcome Scarlett O'Sullivan who is 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.

Parish Workshop I hope that everybody got something out of Love in Action. Our focus on Catholic Social Teaching. Hopefully we can pick up on this at a workshop that will be offered to the parish on September the 7th at 7.30pm and repeated on September 17th at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The workshop will be facilitated by Caritas Westminster.

Flower Ladies Those ladies who are interested in joining the flower rota, we are meeting on Thursday, 11th August at 7.00pm in the Fisher Room.

Knights of St. Columba Next meetings on Thursday, 4th August and Thursday, 1st September 2016 at 8pm in the Social Club.

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'.

Knitting Group We are meeting on Friday, 9th September at 2.00pm in the Fisher Room. We would be grateful for donations of wool which can be dropped off at the presbytery. If you have any queries, please contact Teresa Arrigo at t.arrigo@virgin.net.

Parish 100 Club Draw – July 2016 Winners: 1st prize Peter Alexander £125, 2nd prize Mandy O'Connor £70, 3rd prize Winifred Kennedy £50.

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.

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.

Diocese of Westminster Job Vacancies For more info please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> including Parish Cleaner, South Harrow and Youth Worker, Rickmansworth.

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.

Sick List If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

In case you are admitted to hospital In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

Mass Intentions Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

Newsletter This will be the last full edition of the newsletter before the summer break. We will produce the next newsletter for 3rd/4th September. Next week's newsletter will contain details of Masses to be said during August.