



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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31st July to 28th August 2016 ~ 18th to 22nd 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.*

At World Youth day, which is being held in Krakow, Pope Francis reflected on the visit of Jesus to the home of Martha and Mary. In his reflection Pope Francis advised everyone to share God's merciful love by building bridges and by tearing down barriers, walls and barbed wire. "Mercy moves us beyond our comfort zones and makes us ready to embrace everyone."



Recalling the legacy of Saint John Paul II, who began the tradition of World Youth Days, Pope Francis praised the "enthusiasm, dedication, zeal and energy with which so many young people live their lives." He warned them not to be tempted by "dark paths" or to "run after peddlers of fond illusions."

Instead, he urged them to be like Mary, Martha's sister in the Gospel, who made space to listen to Jesus in the midst of her busy life. The Pope told the young people to imitate Mary of Bethany and Mary of Nazareth by welcoming Jesus, by helping the poor and by listening attentively to other cultures and peoples, "even those we are afraid of because we consider them a threat".

The Pope continued. "Knowing your enthusiasm for mission, I repeat: mercy always has a youthful face! Because a merciful heart is motivated to move beyond its comfort zone. A merciful heart can go out and meet others; it is ready to embrace everyone. A merciful heart is able to be a place of refuge for those who are without a home or have lost their home; it is able to build a home and a family for those forced to emigrate; it knows the meaning of tenderness and compassion. A merciful heart can share its bread with the hungry and welcome refugees and migrants. To say the word "mercy" along with you is to speak of opportunity, future, commitment, trust, openness, hospitality, compassion and dreams."

The call, which the Holy Father makes to each one of us to be disciples of mercy, seems really hard to take up, especially when we have witnessed so much senseless brutality of late. But, if we are to be authentic witnesses to the Gospel, mercy has to be our ultimate mission. Because when we are merciful we imitate in a profound way the one who we call Lord, Jesus of Nazareth.

As many people in our parish begin to prepare for their summer break I hope that like Mary, you too will be able to take time to contemplate the merciful face of Jesus because through him we will find true rest for our souls.

Fr Shaun

Please keep the sick in your prayers and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. A list of both 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.)

Saturday 30th July (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Elinor Thiruchelvam (Special Int)
Sunday 31st – 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 Pascal Maloney RIP
10.00 John de Freitas (Anniv)
11.30 People of the Parish
Monday 1st August – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
09.30 Indra Swampillai RIP
Tuesday 2nd – Feria, Eighteenth Week of Year 2
09.30 Shreya Magdalene Joseph (8th Birthday)
Wednesday 3rd – Feria

11.00 Requiem Mass for James Joseph Ashe RIP

19.00 Michael Barrett RIP
Thursday 4th – St John Vianney, Priest
09.30 Joseph Kelly (Anniv)
Friday 5th – Feria

09.30 Indra Swampillai RIP

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Saturday 6th August (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish
Sunday 7th – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 Fiona Gallagher RIP
10.00 Josephine Durkin RIP
11.30 Gerald Clancy (Anniv)
Monday 8th – St Dominic, Priest
09.30 Magdalene Gerard (Anniv)
Tuesday 9th – ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe
09.30 Francis Thiruchelvam (Special Int)

11.00 Requiem Mass for Mauro Chelotti RIP

Wednesday 10th – ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr
19.00 Billy Sheehan RIP
Thursday 11th – St Clare, Virgin
09.30 Tony Crick RIP & All Deceased Members of the Ryan, Crick & Moore Families RIP
Friday 12th – Feria, Nineteenth Week of Year 2
09.30 Mary Ryan RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Saturday 13th August (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Carrie Hartigan RIP
Sunday 14th – **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 In Thanksgiving - Jacinto & Lourdes D'Silva (40th Wedd Anniv)
11.30 Patrick & Bridgette De Silva RIP
Monday 15th – Feria, Twentieth Week of Year 2
09.30 Kathleen Middleton RIP
Tuesday 16th – Feria
09.30 Felecidade & Athanas D'Mello RIP
Wednesday 17th – Feria
19.00 Agnes Campbell RIP
Thursday 18th – Feria
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP
Friday 19th – Feria
09.30 Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Saturday 20th August (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Wojciech Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family (Anniv)
Sunday 21st – 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 Virginia & John Dellamura RIP
10.00 People of the Parish
11.30 Kevin Hayes & William Pal (Anniv)
Monday 22nd – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09.30 In Thanksgiving - Agnes
Tuesday 23rd – Feria, Twenty-First Week of Year 2
09.30 Desmond Gaynor (Int)
Wednesday 24th – ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle
19.00 Mrs. Mary Thireasa Alphonesses RIP
Thursday 25th – Feria
09.30 Joan Lynch RIP
Friday 26th – Feria
09.30 Helen, Maureen & Brian Gaffney (Anniv)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Saturday 27nd August (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 John Kennedy (Anniv)
Sunday 28th – 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30 Michael Daley (Anniv)
Monday 29th – The Passion of St John the Baptist
09.30 Maggie Mullane RIP
Tuesday 30th – Feria, Twenty-Second Week of Year 2
09.30 Eddie Doherty RIP
Wednesday 31st – Feria
19.00 Noeleen Bell RIP
Thursday 1st September – Feria
09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP
Friday 2nd – Feria
09.30 Kathleen Middleton RIP

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

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.

Knitting Group Will resume on Friday, 9th September at 2.00pm in the Fisher Room. Any articles of clothing which are finished will be collected on that day. If possible, we shall invite Sr. Doreen who can pick up the scarves, hats etc. for distributing to the needy. We can spend some time knitting, chatting and having tea. It would be great if everyone can attend, when we can discuss future developments. Wool donations can be dropped off at the presbytery.

Altar Servers 3rd/4th September **Team A** will serve.

St Alban's Parish Picnic St Alban's Church are having a picnic in the church grounds on Sunday, 7th August from noon to 2.30pm. They will be very pleased to see members from all our local churches. Why not get together with a friend or friends and enjoy lunch al fresco? Take own food, soft drinks available.

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 7th at 7.30pm and repeated on September 17th at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The workshop will be facilitated by Caritas Westminster.