



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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4th September 2016 ~ Twenty-Third 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.*

Before the summer break we were exploring together some of the main themes of Catholic Social teaching. Over a six week period, through the liturgy and pre-prepared material we looked at the themes of 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. At the end of this part of the process we held a parish exhibition to highlight some of the initiatives that already take place in the parish.



Now we take up the next part of Love in Action. This involves a workshop which will last just over an hour. During the workshop we will be guided by the themes we have already explored and attempt to think about what it would mean for us as a parish to try to be a living example of social justice in our community here in North Harrow. To help us with this we need to think about what justice means for us as a catholic community so that we can begin to see how we can take up the challenge of bringing justice to those situations where there is injustice.

To help us with this there will be one workshop, facilitated by Caritas Westminster, which will be repeated on two occasions. The workshop will be held on

Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

For those who cannot make that day or time it will be repeated on

Saturday 17th September at 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

Perhaps you have never been involved with a parish activity before, if this is the case, I would really encourage you to come along to either of these meetings. We all live in this part of London, we are all aware of how difficult life has become especially in the face of the cuts made by the local authority. In order to try to make a practical difference and to improve the quality of our lives together please think about coming along. We should remember the words of Pope Francis who said, "Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of community!" Let us hope that the practical application of Love in Action will bring new life and energy to our parish and our local community.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 3rd September 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Ian Jessey RIP

Sunday 4th – 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Tony Dellamura & All Dellamura Family RIP

10.00 Ana Francisca Texeira RIP

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 5th – Feria, Twenty-Third Week of Year 2

09.30 Teresa Hayden

Tuesday 6th – Feria

09.30 David Josephs RIP

Wednesday 7th – Feria

19.00 Palmiro Pieroni (Sick)

Thursday 8th – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09.30 Maureen Murphy (Anniv)

Friday 9th – Feria

09.30 David Kennedy 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,

Pray Also For Michael Roache, Mary Glavin, Bernard Fielder, John Bennett, Marie Lisicki, David Freear, Romanus Nwokoro, David Miller, Declan Hurley, Celine Marie Arulanantham, Clara Mars-Harris, Mary Glenc, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin.

Baptisms We welcome George Allday, Rory Bucksey and Samuel Warden who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Welcome Back We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. Normal service will resume soon.

Altar Servers 10th/11th September **Team B** will serve.

Parish Council Meets Monday, 12th September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

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 **today**. 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. Sr Doreen will be giving a talk. 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.

Fairtrade food stall will be open next weekend in the church porch after all masses.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Monday, 12th September at 7.30pm.

SJF Ladies Club We are meeting on Wednesday, 14th September after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room for a film night "Eddie the Eagle". All welcome, tea & biscuits provided, charge £1.

Parish 100 Club Draw – August 2016 Winners: 1st prize Geraldine Kennedy £125, 2nd prize George Standon £70, 3rd prize P. Harrison £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.

Tai Chi at St. John Fisher's begins again on Thursday, September 15th at 1.30pm - 3pm. Venue: large hall of the Parish Centre. We welcome new members - both men and women of all ages. For more info please contact Barbara Towell at 020 8866 6665.

Parish Women's Group - Book Evening Chosen book to read is 'The Watercross Girls' by Kay Seeley. This is a mystery novel set in Victorian times. It can be purchased on Amazon or ordered from good bookshops. Kay Seeley, the author, will be present for the evening to read from the novel and answer questions. This will be on **Thursday, October 13th at 8pm** in the small hall of the Parish Centre. Further info nearer the time or contact Barbara Towell 020 8866 6665.

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.

Diocese of Westminster Job Vacancies For more info please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>.

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.

Thinking of getting married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops' Conference that at least six months notice is given of your intention to marry. This gives time to complete the necessary paperwork and to attend a course of marriage preparation.