



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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25th September 2016 ~ Twenty-Sixth 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.*

In 1061 Our Lady asked Richeldis de Faverches to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth. With the destruction in the 16th century, the infrastructure to welcome pilgrims was destroyed. In 1896 Charlotte Boyd bought the Slipper Chapel, and the development of the facilities to receive pilgrims was re-established. The generosity of thousands of pilgrims over the years has given us land and property where we can

celebrate our faith, and at this time in the Shrine's history we need to create an infrastructure that will serve today's pilgrims and the generations who, over the centuries, will continue to find peace at Our Lady's Shrine. We are therefore looking to upgrade, renew, and, where necessary, rebuild facilities for day-pilgrims and residential pilgrims. In particular, we wish to create a new resource centre for young people and make our residential facilities available to disabled pilgrims.



The proposals for the Shrine are to provide adequate shelter in the case of rain, larger facilities for catering, a pilgrim hall where groups can meet, a new shop and toilets. In addition, we are looking to make alterations to the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation, to create more seating, and to build a new sacristy. As you know, we have been blessed with a wonderful donation of £4 million to help with the building works; in addition, the same Trust fund will be paying for a major new work of mosaic art in the Chapel and around the Shrine.

At Elmham Residential House, plans have been drawn up for the rebuilding of the 1980's block behind Friday Market. It was proposed that the existing block should be refurbished. But our architects advised us that it would be more cost effective to rebuild.

A new Centre in the High Street which will be known as Dowry House will be completed in autumn, and be open by the end of the year. The Bishops have agreed to a "one off" collection in all parishes and this takes place today. There is much happening in the background and in the not too distant future we pray that work may begin. So please pray that as Our Lady once asked Richeldis to build a replica of her Holy House, we may continue to build a shrine where all who wish to come to Walsingham in remembrance of Our Lady's Annunciation may be welcome.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 24th September 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Margaret Garvey (Anniv)

Sunday 25th – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Constancio & Rosemary Fernandes RIP

11.30 John Patrick Hayes (Anniv)

Monday 26th – Feria, Twenty-Sixth Week of Year 2

09.30 Frank Clements RIP

Tuesday 27th – St Vincent de Paul, Priest

09.30 Mauro Chelotti RIP

Wednesday 28th – Feria

19.00 Shammy Stanislaus (Anniv)

Thursday 29th – STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL, Archangels

09.30 Noreen Simpson RIP

Friday 30th – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Maureen Vahey 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, Josefina Fernandes.

Pray Also For Margaret Garvey, John Patrick Hayes, Shammy Stanislaus, Francis Lewandoski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini, Raymonde Thillier, Rosemary Faleiro, Sean Caden, Delia Mulvaney, Keith Cullis, Agnes van Rosse, Eileen Lynch, Bridget & James Horkan, Mary Kane, Peter Lambie, Michael Mascurine, Margeret Doran, William Murphy and William Rebbitt.

Theology on Tap I wanted to tell you of an initiative that I am starting here in North Harrow. It's called Theology on Tap. We will meet in the parish bar on the third Wednesday of each month. There will be some input and then there will be a discussion on a given topic over a drink and sarnies. The idea is to provide a forum for adults who just want to explore the faith and do a bit of theology in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. We intend to have our first meeting on Wednesday, 19th Oct at 7.30pm. Then we will try to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. I am grateful to Peter Keenan who previously taught at St Dominic's and who will help to animate the evening.

Fr. Shaun

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on Saturday, 1st and 8th October 2016 at 9.30am-11.30am in the Fisher Room (*forms have to be with the schools by 31st October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number. If applying for the London Oratory please bring copies of any forms you need to submit.

Please note that our server went down on Thursday morning this week and some emails were lost so if you emailed Claudia for an appointment on that day and have not had a reply please contact her again. Many thanks.

The Certificate of Catholic Practice must now be completed for all applications to schools that use 'practising Catholic' as a criterion for admission. The Certificate of Catholic Practice is a form approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

to be given to parents, on request, by the priest at the Church where the family normally worships. The Certificate is available on the diocesan website at the link below. Please note that the current version has the copyright symbol at the bottom.

<http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/education/admissions/certificate%20of%20catholic%20practice%202015.pdf>

Since the certificate is a Church form, it should not be available on the school website and should not be given to parents by the school. Parents should obtain it either from their priest or from the diocesan website.

The Pylon - Christmas edition 2016 It is that time again! The Pylon is your magazine, so please would you let us have: information/news from your parish group, articles, holiday or book recommendations, original poems or short stories, Christmas recipes, articles - indeed anything you think would be of interest to other parishioners. We welcome items from children and the youth of the parish. **Please send via email to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in the appropriate pigeonhole.** **Deadline for submissions: Sunday, November 20th.**

From now on The Pylon will be an online magazine; however, hard/paper copies will be available on request.

Coffee Morning Takes place **today** in the Parish Hall after both 10am and 11.30am masses. Come along and get to know more of your fellow parishioners and learn about the activities of the parish. Even if you don't know many people, a warm welcome awaits you, so pop in, even if you can only stay a short while. Coffee, tea, juices, croissants, cakes and crisps available, and the raffle is only £1, and you can buy a ticket and see the prizes in the porch after every mass.

December 11th - Put this date in your diaries, as our Christmas Coffee Morning will have a craft table this year, so get busy all you crafters, as all contributions are very welcome which can be dropped off at the Parish office.

SJF Ladies Club We are meeting on Wednesday, 28th September after 7pm Mass in the small hall for a get together and a cup of tea.

Singalong Concert On Saturday, 8th October at 7.30pm in the Church hall. Ticket £5 - including tea/coffee & cake. Come & join us for a fun musical evening! Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend and will be available on the door. In aid of the Church fund.

Flower Arranging For ladies who attend these classes we are meeting at St Thomas More Church, Eastcote on Saturday, 8th October at 10am, for a pedestal demonstration and to construct a small design yourselves. Any queries, please contact Ann on 020 8868 5163.

St John Fisher School Harvest Festival We are delighted to invite senior parishioners to our Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on Tuesday, 11th October at 10.00am in the school hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

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.

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.