



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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30th October 2016 ~ Thirty-First 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.*



As you know our parish recently underwent a programme of formation called Love in Action, which introduced us elements of Catholic Social Teaching. Now we are in a position to introduce you to our parish plan which will enable everyone to participate in bringing that teaching to life within our community.

The parish plan for social action has four strands to it. The first is that we become a founding member of Harrow Citizens. This will be a constituent member of Citizens UK. Citizens UK is the largest and most diverse alliance in the UK of active citizens and leaders from local institutions who are committed to working together for the common good. It is a growing organisation. Currently, there are over 350 local institutions involved and the campaigns that are undertaken make a real difference to the lives of local communities.

Secondly, we will try to reach out to members of the parish who may be feeling isolated. For us, this means young mothers who may be at home, far from their family, coping with the new responsibilities of parenthood. Then there are those people who come to our parish from other parts of the world. They too may feel isolated and alone. In some cases their spoken English may not be too good so we will be trying to extend the hand of friendship to them. This will be a self-referral service so that we will be invited by those who need us into their lives.

Thirdly, with the help of our green fingered parishioners we will be working with our school to re-instate the "Garden of Awe and Wonder" at St John Fisher School. This will help our young people to appreciate the beautiful world which has been entrusted to them.

Our fourth priority is to do something really practical to help those who are less fortunate than us. The idea here is that annually there will be four opportunities to extend the hand of friendship by donating much needed items to worthy causes. This will involve organising the collection of goods and delivering them as well as providing our people with the background to the organisations we are trying the help. Through these collections we will be helping those suffering from food poverty. We will help children in the developing world with their education. We will extend the hand of friendship to people who have been trafficked into the country as sex workers or domestic slaves and we will provide some Christmas cheer to children of people who are in prison.

I am preparing a document which will be shared with all our parishioners which will outline all these initiatives in greater detail. I hope that you will think that this is a worthy legacy for the Year of Mercy which is just about to conclude.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 29th October 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Monica O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Sunday 30th – 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Hannah & Patrick O'Connor RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Russel & Edna Arulanantham (Wedd Anniv)

Monday 31st – Feria, Thirty-First Week of Year 2

09.30 David Rimmer (Anniv)

Tuesday 1st November – **ALL SAINTS**

09.30 Anton Regis, Joseph Vedanayagam, Mrs Susan Vedanayagam, Joseph Emmanuel RIP (*please note some SJF School children will be attending*)

19.00 Mary Keating RIP

Wednesday 2nd – ALL SOULS' DAY

19.00 All Deceased of the Parish

Thursday 3rd – Feria

09.30 Mr & Mrs. Anthony Pillai (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

Friday 4th – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

09.30 Private Intention

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

Recently Deceased, Kathleen Benad, Peter McBride.

Pray Also For Monica O'Sullivan, David Rimmer, Timothy Kelleher, Arthur Moore, Joan, Elaine & Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden, Pauline Thornton and Mary Johnstone.

Please Remember Kathleen Benad who has died. Requiem Mass on Monday, 7th November at 1.30pm at St John Fisher followed by interment at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Mgr Harry Turner Will be looking after the parish whilst Fr Shaun is away on annual leave. Fr Harry recently retired as the parish priest of Harpenden, do make him welcome, you might even want to invite him around for a meal.

Growing in Faith Please remember to take a copy of the GiF Autumn Newsletter, which gives details of how the funds raised by the campaign are being spent. Here at SJF we have received the latest tranche of our own GiF funding which will help us to pay off the debt we incurred when we re-built and re-ordered the sanctuary, created the Fisher Room and put a new heating, lighting and sound system in.

The Parish Newsletter We produce 500 newsletters a week for the parish, but have you noticed how many of them are left? Last year we spent over £3000 on photocopying, which is a lot of money. We all recognise that communication is important. However, with the development of new technology we now have an opportunity to deliver your newsletter by email. We hope to begin to test a new Mailchimp delivery system by the end of November. During December, we will refine the system and by mid-January we hope to deliver the majority of newsletters electronically. We will continue to produce 100 hard copies of the newsletter each week for those who do not have access to a computer. It is also our intention that our parish magazine, The Pylon, will be delivered electronically. We hope that this new

system will be a more efficient way of using our resources as well as showing greater care for the environment.

SJF School will take responsibility for the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, 6th November. Children and Parents from all parishes who attend our school are most welcome to come to this Mass.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 28th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish House, by 14th November at the latest. All those who submit items must be prepared to introduce them at the meeting.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 26th November at 10am-12pm in the Fisher Room. For an appointment, please contact claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 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. **Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents.**

The Certificate of Catholic Practice must now be completed for all applications to schools that use 'practising Catholic' as a criterion for admission. 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>

The certificate is only available from the Church, parents should obtain it either from their priest or from the diocesan website.

Autumn faith sharing groups are starting. The theme this year is 'Living Jesus' – Jesus living in our lives. Contacts are Neville Bayross 8863 8876 & Tony McWilliams 8868 3205. The Thursday morning one is in the Fisher room after morning Mass at 10am.

CAFOD Christmas cards & Fair Trade Advent calendars are on sale (or can be ordered) after all masses this weekend.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 3rd November at 8pm in the Social Club.

Knitting Group Next meeting on Friday, 4th November at 2pm in the Fisher Room - knitting crochet and sewing - come for a social get together and help Bakita House.

Parish Women's Group - Thursday 10th November at 8pm in the small hall Our next meeting will be a paper craft evening where we shall be turning paperbacks into paper hedgehogs or magazines into Christmas trees. Please reserve your place by emailing elena.johnston@btinternet.com by Friday 4th November at the latest. The cost is £2.50 plus you will need to bring a paperback book of at least 50 pages in length.

Autumn Concert with an 'Irish theme' to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday, 26th November @ 7.45pm till late! The evening will include a variety of musical acts. Tickets are £5 and will be available after most weekend masses or from John Durcan 07939 588019/durcanjohn@aol.com. All proceeds go to parish funds.

Action by Christians against Torture (Harrow group) will be holding their annual ecumenical service in St John Fisher church at 3pm on Sunday, 13th November. This will be a quiet service of reflection with music, Bible readings, survivors' stories and prayer. As the Year of Mercy draws to a close the theme this year will be 'The Power of Mercy'. All are welcome.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Friday, 18th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.