



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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13th November 2016 ~ Thirty-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.*

Today's gospel opens with an evocation of the beauty of the Jerusalem temple. In the Passover spring sunlight the majesty of the architecture and the stonework of the House of God is praised. But like the prophet Jeremiah before him Jesus prophesies that "not a stone will be left upon a stone". He goes on to foretell of wars and the violence and civil unrest which will take place in the coming decades. (The temple will be destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.).

But the emphasis in his teaching is not on this stone temple at all, nor even, at this point, about the end of the world. The emphasis lies on his disciples' life in the world in the meantime before his return in glory. And this "meantime" is the crux – "but before all this happens...". His Christian disciples are to be women and men and children of hope and courage and joy, each in their own time and place.

In our own uncertain times now in 2016 there are wars and rumours of wars, earthquakes and disasters. Our Christian brothers and sisters are being brought before the tribunals, harassed and persecuted. The political and international situations are bewilderingly unstable.

In these disconsolate days, Christ calls us now, in our time, to become courageous—and even long-distance—bearers of hope and joy. The Christian vision does not deny the reality of evil, of brokenness, of suffering and sorrow and the fragility of goodness. But there is a transformative agenda to all Christian engagement. In the transfiguring light of the Risen Lord his disciples are called to confront evil and even to suffer under it, but also to curtail its power, to cherish signs of life and light and love and help them to flourish.

The heart of today's gospel is not about doom sayings or apocalyptic sign but a call by our Master to a significant (sign making) lifestyle of transfiguring Hope, large-heartedness, courage and joy. We are to avoid Utopian dreams on the one hand and cynical world weariness on the other. "My brothers and sisters never grow tired of doing what is right." This, so to speak, is our Trump card!



Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 12th November 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Albert & Louiza Fernandes RIP

Sunday 13th – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 The Holy Souls

10.00 John Mascarenhas RIP

11.30 For the Fallen

15.00 Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) – Annual Service

Monday 14th – Feria, Thirty-Third Week of Year 2

09.30 Paul Cleland (Anniv)

Tuesday 15th – Feria

09.30 Stephanie McGinty RIP

Wednesday 16th – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

19.00 Pat Butler RIP

Thursday 17th – Feria

09.30 Mr & Mrs Benjamin RIP, Stanislaus Stephen RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Alan Forbes RIP

Friday 18th – Feria

No Mass

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, Alan Forbes, Noel Desouza, Peter O'Brien.

Pray Also For Paul Cleland, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Josef Schuster, Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh, Suleiman Raie, Peter Sen, Grace Rossington, Wanda Owczarczak, Timothy Dineen, Anne Doherty and Maura Kugler whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Alan Forbes who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 17th November at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Please Remember Peter O'Brien who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 30th November at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by interment at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Monday, 5th December at 8.00pm.

Baptisms We welcome Sadew Jayasinghe, Sebastian Maybury-James, Olivia Ogbulie and Herzon Vidal who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Theology on Tap What has influenced our ideas about the resurrection? How do other world faiths view life after death - are we all coming back as grasshoppers? Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 23rd November at 7.30pm in the social club. This time we will be thinking about life after death.

Annual Parish Meeting 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.

Saturday Morning Religious Education Class There will be a class for children in the Fisher Room on Saturday, 3rd December from 9.00am–10.30am. New children wishing to attend will need to register beforehand. Contact Kay for more information 020 8429 5682 / kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk.

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. 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.

Fairtrade food & CAFOD Christmas cards are on sale in the porch this weekend. Come and browse or buy or take-away a catalogue to look through at home. Volunteers are still needed to help on the stall up to Christmas, especially after 8.30 & 10am masses. Please give your name & contact details in at the stall if you can help occasionally.

Action by Christians against Torture (Harrow group) Annual Ecumenical Service at St John Fisher church **today at 3pm**. 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.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm.

SJF Ladies Club on Wednesday, 16th November after 7pm Mass in the small hall for a tea and biscuit get together.

Knitting Group Next meeting on Friday, 18th November at 2pm in the Fisher Room. Come for a social get together & help Bakita House.

Celebrate Advent with Friends for Friends Help us decorate the 1:1 Club Christmas Tree, hear the Christmas story, sing your favourite carols on Sunday, 4th December at 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will close with light refreshments. Just send us a quick email to info@friendsforfriends.org.uk.

SJF Young Adults Group This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together. Everyone is welcome. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, 4th December** after the 11.30am in the Fisher Room. Contact Johnpromise at promisemagnus@yahoo.com.

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.

Autumn Concert with an 'Irish theme' 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.

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