



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 ~ Feast of Christ the King

### *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

The Jubilee year of Mercy comes to an end on the Feast of Christ the King which we celebrate this weekend. Last year, as the Holy Year began, an editorial was published in a Jesuit magazine, *Civilita Cattolica*, entitled "A merciful Church for a Wounded World. Just think for a moment of the power of that phrase. It seems that the image of the Church as a fortress of Christian propriety, as a place of battle with secular society has been realigned and has been replaced by the model of the church as a merciful servant.



From the beginning of his ministry as Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis has wanted to place the reality of God's mercy at the centre of his pontificate. In his first Angelus address after his election on 17 March 2013, the new Pope quoted a book by Cardinal Walter Kasper called "*Mercy: The essence of the Gospel and the key to Christian life*". The pope told the crowd who stood below the Apostolic Palace in St Peter's Square "this book has done me so much good". I believe that the year of Mercy has been Papa Bergoglio's attempt to tell us that the essence of our faith is found in Mercy. Because in our merciful encounter with each other, we encounter the mercy of God. Indeed the Pope's own motto, "*miserando atque eligendo*," recalls that moment when Jesus encountered the tax collector Matthew and 'having mercy chose him.'

The Holy year of mercy has challenged us to look wounded humanity with the eyes of mercy and to try and heal the wounds of those who have suffered. The vocation of the church is to warm the hearts of the faithful by being close to them. The pope has asked that the church take on the role of a 'field hospital,' where those who have been injured by the way that life has sometimes treated them, can find a place of peace, healing and belonging.

When he promulgated the Bull for the Holy Year, which he entitled "The Face of Mercy" the Pope said that during the Holy Year we had to look into the faces of our brothers and sisters who suffer and recognise our common humanity. Recognise the suffering of others and most importantly, do something about it.

It was Pope Francis spiritual father, St. Ignatius of Loyola, who stressed that "love ought to be shown in deeds more than in words." And so the spiritual and corporal works of mercy have been high on our agenda over this past year.

This weekend we begin our programme of Love in Action, standing alongside those who suffer by committing ourselves to the corporal works of mercy. So if you can, please sign up to buy a small Christmas gift for a child whose parent is in prison. These little ones will know that there are people who care about them and we will live the words of Matthew 25. "I was in prison and you visited me."

*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.*

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 The Holy Souls

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**

08.30 Carl Van Dort & Heather Sekarajasingham RIP

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Katherine Hayes (Anniv)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Billy O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

09.30 Kieran (Sick) & Nuala Markey

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Feria, Thirty-Fourth Week of Year 2

19.00 Christine Somerville RIP

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

09.30 Mary Glenc RIP

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Private Intention

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**, Vincent Keating, Leo Willig.

**Pray Also For** Katherine Hayes, Billy O'Sullivan, John Sinn, Timothy Dineen, Patrick Kiernan, Patricia Mangan, Anita Simoes, Ellen Papworth, Joseph O'Regan and Theresa Pereira whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher – Change of Date**

This will now take place on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.**

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in the social club. This time we will be thinking about life after death.

**Annual Parish Meeting** on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

**Saturday Morning Religious Education Class** There will be a class for children in the Fisher Room on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk).

**School Admission** Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM COLLEGE on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10am-12pm in the Fisher Room. For an appointment, please contact [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Tiny Tim Appeal'** St John Fisher Prison Advice & Care Trust Christmas gifts for children. If you would like to buy a Christmas gift for the child of somebody serving a custodial sentence, then please sign up but remember that there is an upper limit of £10 per gift. Please place all your gifts in the box which you will find in the porch. The cut-off date is Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. The gifts will be collected by PACT a day or so after this, so we need your gifts in by this specified date.

**Fairtrade food & CAFOD Christmas cards** are on sale in the porch this weekend. 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.

**Car Park Clean-up Next Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 12 noon.** Volunteers required to help tidy the church car park and trim the shrubs. Many hands make light work. Please bring a brush and secateurs if you can. All welcome.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will close with light refreshments.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> December** after the 11.30am in the Fisher Room. Contact Johnpromise at [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com). Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

**Autumn Concert** with an 'Irish theme' in the Church Hall on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:durcanjohn@aol.com). All proceeds go to parish funds.

**Christmas Coffee Morning Craft Table – 11<sup>th</sup> December** We will have a craft table this year, so please get busy with your home-crafted items and drop them into the presbytery by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Churches Together in North Harrow - First Sunday of Advent** The Churches Together Service marking the start of Advent this year is on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at the Parish Church of St. George, Pinner View, Harrow.

**Churches Together in North Harrow** St John Fisher members are currently looking for new representatives. To find out more, please contact Angela on 8866 3318 or Nicola on 8868 2536.

**Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School** The Academy Trust of the School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for entry in September 2018. The consultation will close on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. If you would like to read the arrangements or comment on them, please follow the admissions link on our website [www.cvms.co.uk](http://www.cvms.co.uk) <<http://www.cvms.co.uk>>

**Salvatorian College 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** All old boys are invited on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. School is open from 5pm with memorabilia on display, Mass at 7pm at St Joseph's Wealdstone, Reception afterwards in the school. Please RSVP and send any old photos or memorabilia you would like to share to [admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk).

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund** You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details. Thank you for your support.