



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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26th February 2017 ~ Eighth Sunday of the Year A

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

When Jesus tells us not to be anxious about life His words should be seen in the context of the whole of the Sermon on the Mount. For those who live the Beatitudes, those who build their lives on the solid rock of Jesus' teaching, there is no need to be anxious about life. This is because the Sermon on the Mount is more than just a list of rules. To understand this it is important to see how any instruction we accept for our lives depends upon the authority of the one who gives it.



When Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, and gives us the Sermon on the Mount as the perfect teaching for living the Christian life, He does so with authority. This is an authority given to Him from eternity by his heavenly Father and is therefore greater than any human authority. It is the authority of the one who lived the Beatitudes in each moment of His life; a pouring out of His life in love for His Father and in service for each one of us. A service which will lead Him to the cross where His authority over all things in heaven and earth is most powerfully revealed. It is on the cross that Jesus Christ opens His arms in love and mercy towards every person, showing that His teaching is not just a set of sayings to help us through difficult times, but is fulfilled as He takes upon Himself all our anxiety and fear.

He is the solid rock upon which we must build our lives, without Him there is no foundation only shifting sands. Each day brings its own trials, and to be a Christian is not to live in a state of detachment from reality. Anxiety and fear are natural human reactions to the uncertainties and trials of life, and later in St Matthew's Gospel we learn of Jesus' own sorrow and struggle at Gethsemane. But through his cross and resurrection Jesus Christ overcomes death and fear, so that we are no longer imprisoned by anxiety for the future. This is our Christian hope, given birth in our hearts by His Holy Spirit. We should not be anxious about our lives, because He is with us, and sends us His help in our weakness.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 25th February 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 26th – 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Helen Wiggins RIP

10.00 Eileen Steinitz (Anniv)

11.30 Michael Arulanantham RIP

Monday 27th – Feria

09.30 Maurice Malone (Anniv)

Tuesday 28th – Feria

09.30 Patrick Sloane (Anniv)

11.00 Requiem Mass for Michael Boland RIP

Wednesday 1st March – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

09.30 Monica Fitzmaurice (Anniv) (St John Fisher School attending)

19.00 Joe Roarke RIP

Thursday 2nd – Lent feria

09.30 Maisie Browne RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Terry Malone RIP

Friday 3rd – Lent feria

09.30 Norah Stalker & Family RIP

10.00 Stations of the Cross

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, Billy Harte, Mr. B.S. Alfred, Terry Malone.

Pray Also For Eileen Steinitz, Maurice Malone, Patrick Sloane, Monica Fitzmaurice, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley, Patrick Savage, Eugenia Chellotti, George Niznik, James Small, Thomas Lee, Francis Roberts, Joan Barry, Jack O’Gorman, Istvan Papp, Katherine Obi, Margaret Caden, Sylvester Rebbitt, Archie O’Brien, François Joseph, Helen Cronin, Delia Murphy and Noel Johns whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Terry Malone who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 2nd March at 11.00am at St John Fisher. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Bishop’s Visitation We welcome our area bishop John Sherrington who is visiting the Parish this weekend. Many thanks to all members of the Parish Council who have given up their time to meet with the bishop and give him a snapshot of Parish life.

Stations of the Cross Will take place every Friday morning during Lent after Mass. Fr. Shaun will lead the Stations this Friday and on Good Friday evening. As is the custom we would invite other parishioners to lead the Stations during Lent, we have lots of different versions of the Stations which are available from the Sacristy. Please would you let Claudia in the Parish Office know if you are able to help, claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

Theology on Tap – “The Death of Jesus” This time we explore the great mystery of the death of God’s son. Why did he die? What are the implications of the way that we think about God as a loving Father if he allowed the death of his only son? How has our theology of salvation developed from our experience of the death of Christ? We will think about all these issues at our next Theology on Tap which will take place on Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Social Club.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 2nd March 2017 at 8pm in the Social Club.

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 on 5th March. Contact Johnpromise at promisemagnus@yahoo.com. Facebook ‘SJF Young Adults’.

Women’s World Day of Prayer service on Friday, 3rd March 2017 at 2pm will be held at Pinner Baptist Church, Paines Lane, Pinner for the Pinner Group and the South Harrow group service will be held at St Andrews Church, Malvern Avenue, South Harrow HA2 9ER at 2pm also.

Harrow Citizens Community Organising Training On Sunday, 12th and 19th March (2-5pm) in the Parish Hall of St John Fisher RC Church, North Harrow. Paul Amuzie (Brent Community Organiser) will be delivering some bespoke training for us over two weeks in March. The training is exceptional. It is incredibly stimulating and inspiring and I’d really encourage you to come if at all possible. It’s a great way to understand Community Organising from the inside and prepare ourselves for the work to come. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Shaun shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk.

Lent Talks 2017 God’s Mission and ours This series organised by our Churches Together is in North Harrow Methodist church hall, Pinner Rd at 8pm on the four Tuesdays in March. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Chris Wright. There is a charge £3 for each session or £10 for the series. Refreshments provided. **Titles of Talks:** 7th March - Announcing God’s plan; 14th March - Calling God’s people; 21st March - Obeying Christ’s Mandate; 28th March - Caring for God’s Creation. There are fliers in the porch with further details.

Thanksgiving for the Holy Year of Mercy The last of 6 talks organised by St Patrick’s, Soho in thanksgiving for the Holy Year and also to mark the proposed stained glass windows for the Church. Dr Gabriele Finaldi, who is a Director of the National Gallery, is giving the talk on “The Crucifixion, icon of love and mercy” on Monday, 6th March 2017 at 7pm. All are welcome.

Cardinal’s Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Claudia at claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 by **Friday, 17th March 2017** with the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Salvatorian College rebuilding party All old boys are invited on **Thursday, 23rd March 2017** from 6pm in the school hall. Music from the BibleCode Sundays, Buffet and Bar. Entry £10 in advance only by calling or texting 07772 816451, alumni@salvatoriancollege.co.uk.

Parish 100 Club Draw – January 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 Peter Snell, 2nd prize £50 Katherine Moore, 3rd prize £25 Joe Riley.

Cantemus Directed by Jean Coward, will sing a Farewell concert on Sunday, 26th March 2017 at 3pm at St. John Fisher Church. Admission free.