



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

### *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.*

## *PRIEST TRAINING FUND*

The front of this year's Priest Training fund envelope reads "They've answered the Call and dedicate themselves and their lives." Every year we take up this collection for the support of those men who are training for the priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. Thank God we have 29 men who are training at our diocesan Seminary - Allen Hall, as well as the English and Beda College which are in Rome and the English College in Valladolid, Spain. Every year our diocese spends more than £1.2 million on their formation, which works out at roughly £25,000 per student per year. So over the course of a five year programme we spend £125,000 to form each man for ministry as priests.

The programme of formation for priesthood is long, intense and thorough. After all, we wouldn't want to see a doctor who had done a quick 'on line course' and who then began to practice medicine. Care of souls and the teaching of the faith is equally as important as the maintenance of our physical health.

Over the five years of formation each seminarian receives academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation. After ordination most of our men will serve in our parishes. Though some will take up specialised ministries in our hospitals and prisons. Wherever our priests work the aim is the same. To be with Christ and like Christ the Good Shepherd, to proclaim the gospel and to serve God's Holy People in the world of today. It's tough being a priest today. Most people think that if you have a faith you are slightly deranged, so imagine what the world thinks of those men who have dedicated themselves to the priesthood! Seriously though, offering an alternative view to the rising tide of secular consumerism which engulfs our society is vital. So we need good, holy, able and committed priests who can communicate the truths of the faith and be of service to the communities in which they work.

In 2015 we spent £1.26 million on the formation programme. £875,000 of that came from fundraising and legacies. The shortfall was met by our reserves. For those who supported Growing in Faith £900,000, from that fund was spent on vital refurbishment works to the seminary, though much more needs to be done.

I would really like to commend this collection to you, which we will take up next week - Good Shepherd Sunday. If you pay tax, don't forget to tick the gift aid box which will add 25 pence to every pound you give at no cost to you. Your generosity over the years enabled me and so many others to become priests. As time goes by - 27 years this year - I thank God for the gift of my priesthood and for the parishes in which I have served. Your generosity will enable the priests of tomorrow to say the same.

*Fr Shaun*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Ana Francisca Teixeira RIP

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Panisha Bhadresha

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Mary & Joseph Patten (Anniv)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

09.30 Monica O'Sullivan RIP & Family

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria, Third Week of Easter

09.30 Doreen Carroll RIP

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria

19.00 Tony Crick RIP

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria

09.30 Mrs. T. Doherty RIP

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria

09.30 Noel Dunne 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 inform the presbytery.)*

**Recently Deceased,** John Coen.

**Pray Also For** Mary & Joseph Patten, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, Dr. Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Maura Haygreen, Brian Walton, Frank Baldock, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy, Una Graydon, Bernard Devine, Patrick Kennedy, Teresa Kitchie, Joe & Nora Broderick, Mary Maher, Seamus O'Brien, Richard Plesner and Theresa Sundaram.

**Baptisms** We welcome Adison Sisupalan who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

**Altar Servers** 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April **Team A** will serve.

**SJF Young Adults Group** This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together, to get to know one another and get more involved in the life of the parish and the diocese, discuss and grow in their faith, as well as socialise. Everyone welcome. **We meet today in the Fisher Room after the 11.30am Mass.** Contact Johnpromise [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com) or Sherna Bhadresha [sherna\\_bhadresa@msn.com](mailto:sherna_bhadresa@msn.com)/07785 615791.

**Love in Action Training Meeting** on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room. All parish group leaders or their representatives to attend.

**Applications for Confirmation 2017** A meeting will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre. The candidates must attend themselves and need to be in school year 8 or above. The meeting will last for 1 hour where information will be given for the coming year. Anyone wishing to be confirmed in 2017 will need to attend this meeting.

**Traidcraft Stall** will be open after all masses next weekend. Come and browse the range of Fairtrade food on sale including teas, coffees, spreads, nuts and fruit pots as well as sweets & chocolate.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Join Cardinal Vincent on the pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. With the theme of 'Mary, the Mother of Mercy', the day will include an outdoor Mass, procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and banners along the Holy Mile, prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds, and free time to visit the

Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. The cost is £35 per person, cheques payable to St John Fisher Church. If you would like to book a place on a coach departing from St John Fisher Church, you will find a sign-up sheet and timetable in the porch.

**Easter to Pentecost—*The Way of Light Beyond the Cross*** with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Sr Teresa O'Donovan, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April (10am – 1pm). Suggested donation £6. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. To register please ring 020 8950 4000 or email [bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk).

**Diocese of Westminster Vacancies** Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies.

**Friday Coffee Morning** On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month, there is a chance for parishioners to meet after Mass over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

**Sick List** If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**Mass Intentions** Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk).

**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.

**Leaving the Parish or Change of Address?** Please advise Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.