



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

### *PRIEST TRAINING FUND*

#### *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 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 39 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.

We spend approximately over a million pounds per year on the formation programme. £875,000 of this comes from fundraising and legacies. The shortfall is 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. Please take an envelope from the porch. 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 - 28 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Mary Standon (Anniv)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Billy Harte RIP

10.00 Manuel de Freitas (Anniv)

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Easter feria

09.30 Ranjan Cooray RIP

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

09.30 Christopher & Annachi Ponnukone (Anniv)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – STS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles

19.00 John McDermott RIP

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

09.30 Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe (Anniv)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter feria

09.30 Marie Wimala Chandra RIP, Victoria & Antonypillai

Bastiampillai RIP

**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.**

*(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**, Ann Deering, Caitano Fernandes, Ella Haggarty, Larry O'Rourke, Tom Kelly, Betty Reilly, Bruce Anthony Angus.

**Pray Also For** Mary Standon, Manuel de Freitas, Christopher & Annachi Ponnukone, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Pauline French, Maureen Nolan, Mollie Baldock, Mary Price, Tony Watts, Lawrence Philpott, Herbert Hoffmann, Bidsy O'Gorman, Mary Fernandes, Joan Hainsby, Elizabeth Simmonds, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Ida Trombetti, Sr Veronica Carr and Patrick Hedderman whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptisms** We welcome Jaysen Jeyaseelan who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

**Mgr Harry Turner** will be looking after the parish whilst Fr Shaun is away on annual leave. Please do make him welcome.

**Confirmation 2017** Our next meeting will be on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm. This meeting will contain important information finalising the details of the Confirmation Mass.

**First Holy Communion 2017** The red ties that were ordered are now available for collection at £6.50 each. There are some red Knitted broaches available for girls if anyone is still looking for something red.

**Concert at St John Fisher** Please give a very warm welcome and support to those who suffer from learning difficulties. "More than just a choir" will give a concert to that effect on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Proceeds shared between the choir and parish funds. Ticket £5.00, tea and coffee provided.

**The Pylon Summer edition 2017** Please send news items/photos from your church groups, articles, short stories, poems, recipes, holiday/theatre/book recommendations - anything you feel would be of interest. We are looking for contributions from all age groups. Deadline: Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. Please email [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto:barbaratowell@sky.com) or place in pigeonhole for Barbara Towell or Geraldine Kennedy. Thank you in advance.

**Harrow Citizens** The second part of the Harrow Citizens training will take place at St Peters Church, Sumner Road, Harrow HA1

4BX on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2-5pm. 'Building powerful communities and working for the common good'.

**Harrow Citizens Pre-Founding Assembly** You are cordially invited to attend the assembly on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm-9pm (doors open at 6.45pm) at St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School, 120-138 Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2DJ - Entrance on the corner of Station Road and Elmgrove Road.

**Human Trafficking - a global issue** Come and hear more about the work of Harrow Against Trafficking at a talk organised by Action by Christians Against Torture on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill. All are welcome. Further details are on a poster in the porch.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm in the **small hall**.

**International Day – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Calling all gardeners** This year we plan to have a Plant Stall at the International Day. It would be great if you are planting seeds you could sow a few extra, or maybe you could take some cuttings from garden plants/herbs to put in pots and **remember to label**, or plant up a hanging basket/patio pot. More information about where to bring them nearer the day.

**International Kitchen** In the porch you will find sign-up sheets for the International Kitchen. This is very popular and only works with your help, so please do get involved and share some of your home and culture with the parish. If people could spare half an hour on the day to help serve in the kitchen that would be fantastic - there is a separate sheet for this.

**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 **7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Contact Johnpromise at [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com). Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

**St John Fisher Preschool** are looking for a new staff member to start in September 2017. Are you Level 2 or 3 qualified? If so, we need someone for 12/16 hours per week, with the flexibility to cover extra sessions when required. Hours 8.30am-1pm or 8.30 am-4pm term time only. Competitive salary, depending on qualifications and experience. If you are interested in this post, please contact us for full job description and application pack at [sjf.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.preschool@gmail.com). Closing date for returning completed applications will be **15th May 2017**.

**May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden** Join the pilgrims at the London Shrine of Our Lady, praying for the Capital and our Diocese as we walk through the streets of NW10 on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. Preacher, Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem. Bakerloo & Overground to Willesden Junction, Bus routes 18, 187, 206, 226, 228, 260, 266 & 487.

**Mary's Meals** is looking for warehousing space close to the A40 in the Ruislip/ Northolt/Greenford/ Hayes area. Please contact [Mirvette@forwardinfashion.nl](mailto:Mirvette@forwardinfashion.nl).

**Diocese of Westminster Job Vacancies** For more info please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>.

**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.