



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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14th May 2017 ~ Fifth 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

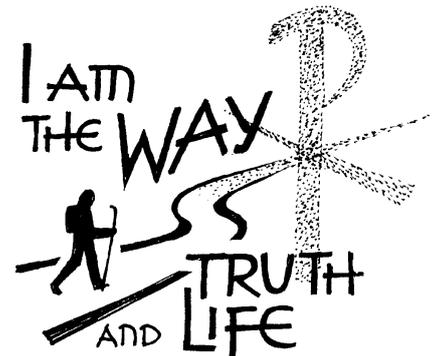
We Celebrate...

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

In today's Gospel Christ tells his disciples that he is going to his Father's house where he will prepare a place for them also. Jesus intimates that going to heaven is their final destination. He tells them they know the way to get there. Yet, their puzzled reactions are like those who rely on a Sat Nav, but then suddenly find themselves without it. They feel they have no idea about either where Christ is going or what way there is. They feel blind and helpless.

Yet Christ reassures them that they do know the way and that they do know the destination to which they are heading. For he tells them, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Christ is the Way, because he is the truth and the life. He is the Truth as the authentic and full revelation of God, the Father. He has shown them the Father. And he is the Life, because he offers to them eternal life, that life which is a share in God's own life, the life of the Father, given through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christ has revealed to us our destination and he is like a roadmap that shows us how to reach it. For it is in his own humanity, his own human actions and words that he has both travelled that road for us and given us an example to follow, so that we can find the way for ourselves. By his own death and resurrection he has put an end to death and made



eternal life possible for everyone, travelling the road that leads directly to the Father. And in his life and teaching he offers us a sure guide for knowing how to live in the present, helped and enabled to do by the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we can also be worthy of a place in the Father's house.

Yet Christ, as the Way, the Truth and the Life is more than just a roadmap to the Father, Because Christ is also the destination. For he makes the Father visible to us in his own actions and teaching, and he himself gives us the life of the Father through the gift of the Spirit.

So, when we contemplate Christ's actions and teaching, when we imitate the pattern he gives us and when, through the sacraments, we come to share in his death and resurrection, we also come to our destination in the present life. We already see the Father. And we experience eternal life in the here and now, not fully, of course, but in part and in reality. The full bliss of a place in our Father's house is something that awaits us after death, but in Christ and in our life in Christ we are, in part, already there.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 13th May 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Christy McDyre RIP

Sunday 14th – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Imilia Barreto RIP

10.00 Maria Teixeira (Anniv)

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 15th – Easter feria

09.30 Ann Deering RIP

Tuesday 16th – Easter feria

09.30 Rita Rough (1st Anniv)

Wednesday 17th – Easter feria

19.00 Bill Kennedy

Thursday 18th – St John I, Pope & Martyr

09.30 John Monaghan RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Salvatrice Amico RIP

Friday 19th – Easter feria

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam 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.

Recently Deceased, Salvatrice Amico, Richard Wear.

Pray Also For Maria Teixeira, Rita Rough, Angela Castagna, Jim (Zdislaw) Morawski, Thomas Durkin, Cathleen Smith, Hilda Rogers, William Irving, Carl Johns, James Moreland, Eugene Murray, Anne Griffin, Peter Digby, Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman, Ellen Broadrick, Raneer Saverimuttu, Somasundaram Sundararajan, Robert Dorr, Franek Szlachta and John Plowright whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Salvatrice Amico who has died. Requiem Mass on Thursday, 18th May at 11.00am at St John Fisher Church followed by interment at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms We welcome Burgundy Walsh who is being baptised in our church this week.

Priest Training Fund Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection last weekend. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes at the back of the church.

Because you're worth it Many of us are aware of the scourge of Human Trafficking where unsuspecting people are brought into the country and used for the purposes of domestic or sexual slavery. To combat this, we have set up a Safe House for such people. We propose to hold a collection of toiletries which can be used as a welcome gift to women who come into our care. This collection will take place on the weekend of 17th and 18th June when Sr. Doreen Bradley will tell us about the work that she does with these women. So please buy an extra toiletry over these coming weeks and bring it to the parish on the 17th/18th June. This appeal forms part of our Love in Action campaign.

Confirmation 2017 Our next meeting will be on Monday, 15th 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 available for collection at £6.50 each. There are also some red Knitted broaches available for girls.

Fairtrade stall Our Parish Traidcraft stall is open in the porch after all masses this weekend. Thank you for your support. Every purchase, however small, helps to improve the life and prospects of some of the poorest small scale farmers in developing countries.

First Holy Communion Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please collect your new rotas from the relevant pigeon hole in the porch. We need more volunteers so if you are interested or if you no longer want to be on the rota, please contact Sue Moriarty at suemoriarty@sky.com.

Theology on Tap – “Women and Ministry: What do people really think?” Our next session takes place in the Parish Bar on Wednesday, 17th May at 7.30pm, when we will be discussing the role of women in the Church today. All are welcome.

The Pylon Summer edition 2017 Please send news items/photos from your church groups, articles, short stories, poems, recipes, holiday/theatre/book recommendations. We are looking for contributions from all age groups by Sunday, May 28th 2017. Please email barbaratowell@sky.com or place in pigeonhole for Barbara Towell or Geraldine Kennedy.

International Day – 24th 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.

Craft Stall There will also be a craft stall for Bakhita House. We would be grateful if parishioners could make handmade items such as soft toys, dolls clothes, jewellery, knitted garments and fancy goods. Please drop these into the presbytery by Friday, 23rd June.

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.

Mental Health Workshop will take place in SJF Parish Hall on Saturday, 17th June at 10am-3pm. If you would like to attend, please visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth. For more info, please see poster in the porch.

The Great Get Together Many of you will remember the tragic death of the late MP Jo Cox. In her memory local people all over our country have been asked to get together for a street party. As members of Harrow Citizens, we will be delighted to join others for a BBQ on Sunday, 18th June at 1.30pm at St. Peter's Church, Sumner Road, West Harrow HA1 4BX. The event is free – donation on the day. We will put a list in the porch so we can let our hosts know how many people are coming. Please sign up not only to remember Jo but also to forge closer links in our community.

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. Please contact us for full job description and application pack at sjf.preschool@gmail.com. Closing date for returning completed applications will be **15th May 2017**.