



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 ~ Thirteenth Sunday of the Year A

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### *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

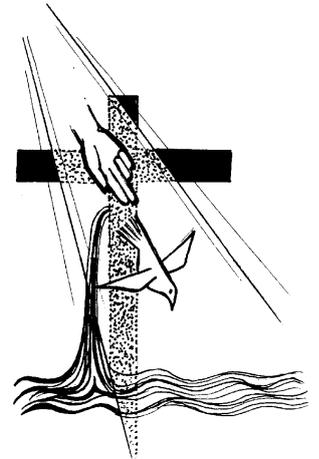
### *We Celebrate...*

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

If we think of the Gospels as something comfortable and comforting, nice and familiar, then the bits that don't fit in with that approach are really going to shock us, to challenge us. Talk about loving Jesus more than our mother and father, more than our children, can never be something which will sit comfortably with us; it speaks of hard choices and brings home to us in very concrete terms what the difficulties of following Jesus, the 'cross' we are to take up, might look like.

But as these hard sayings remind us of the cost of discipleship, they can also help us to rediscover new depths in the texts and stories with which we have, perhaps, allowed ourselves to become overly familiar. To put it bluntly, when we think seriously about the cost of discipleship, we're more likely also to think more seriously about its benefits. We're challenged to be single-minded in following Christ, to place him above all else, because he shows to us the sheer immensity of the gift which he gives to those who follow him.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me,' (Mt 10:40) Jesus says: another familiar saying, perhaps. Yet within this statement is contained the utterly mind-blowing notion that human beings can be so closely united to God that it's possible for Jesus to speak of our relationship with him in the same way as of his relationship with the Father. If we ask ourselves why we should love Christ more than our most dearly beloved relations and friends, then the answer we find is that the friendship, the closeness, already offered to us in Christ is something which goes further and deeper than even the very closest human relationship.



St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, that in our baptism we have been given a share, not only in Christ's sacrifice but also in his victory, a share which transforms our lives and sets us free. Yes, that means being able to identify our sufferings with his, but it also invites us, rather dauntingly, to share in his work of transformation – by taking up our cross and following him, by working out our Christian faith in our lives, Jesus invites us to share in that work of saving and sanctifying the world which he has wrought through his cross and resurrection, and so also in the glory which is that work's fulfilment and reward.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 All Children of the Parish

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Helen Gallagher RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Frank Avery RIP

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Thomas, Apostle

09.30 Audrey Mottl-McIntosh RIP

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Anton Regis (Anniv)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Ruth Paice RIP

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Pat Cahill RIP

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Gavin Bissett (Anniv)

**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.**

**Recently Deceased**, Mary Coen, Catherine Twomey, Perrin Anson.

**Pray Also For** Anton Regis, Gavin Bissett, Julie Goulding, Sean Rynne, Maria Kowalewicz, Robin Shortland, Antonipillai Saverimuttu, Mary McWilliams, Mary Malone, Muriel O'Connor, John Rossington, Martin Mahon, Margaret Burton, Constance Donnelly, Agnes Cunningham, Cyril Fernandes, Mavis Furnell, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher and Anne Hickey whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Baptisms** We welcome Theodore Burnaby and Victor Garcia-Salazar who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas** Please **collect** your new rotas for 8<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 from the relevant pigeonhole in the porch.

**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 **today**. Contact Johnpromise at [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com). Facebook 'SJF Young Adults'.

**Knights of St Columba** Our next meeting is on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**St Edmund Campion Relic** The Relic of St Edmund Campion, the London Saint, will be brought back to St John Fisher Church by the Knights of Saint Columba to be present in our Sanctuary for the 9.30am Masses on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an opportunity to venerate the Relic after Mass while we recite the Litany of the English Martyrs.

**Summer Coffee & Cocktail Morning – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July** Two weeks before the schools break up, you can have a taste of the holidays at your "Spanish flavoured" event, after 10am and 11.30am mass. Please join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments, spend some time with your parish friends, and make some new ones, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, scones and cakes will be available as usual, but this time we will also have Sangria and some savoury snacks (tapas), to help us get in the holiday mood, whether we are staying at home, or travelling further afield. Please also support

the raffle which will be on display in the porch after all masses that weekend, whether you can attend the event or not (£1 a ticket) as all proceeds go to parish funds. The draw takes place at the event after 11.30am mass.

**Summer Literary Evening – Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July** in St. John Fisher Parish Centre, Cost £4 (Licensed Bar), doors open 7pm. Hosted by The Parish Women's Group with Pinner Writers Group. We would like to invite all members of the Parish, their friends and family to what promises to be an enjoyable evening of readings from original creative writing, music, an exhibition of work and book sale of the authors' published works. Special guests: *Judy Karbritz*, our Harrow Community Poet plus local author *Kay Seeley*. Tickets from Barbara Towell: 020 8866 6665 - or on the door.

**Harrow Support Group for separated and divorced Catholics** meet on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 8pm in the hall at St Bernard's Church, Northolt Road. All are welcome, regardless of their situation. For more information please ring Jill 020 8204 3714.

**Alumni of The Sacred Heart Language College, High Street, Wealdstone** On July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 The Sacred Heart Language College will celebrate Mrs Graham/Miss Shea's 40 years of dedicated service to Catholic education. Past pupils are cordially invited to share this special dedication with a celebration of Mass at 5.45pm for 6.00pm followed by refreshments. There will be tours of the school from 4.45pm and an opportunity to meet and catch up before Mass. Please confirm attendance by phone on 020 8863 9922 or email [enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk).

**Building on Success at Salvatorian College** You may have noticed some changes if you have passed Salvatorian College recently, with the erection of hoardings to enable preparatory works for the College Rebuild. Over the summer Kier Construction will take over the site and begin works to demolish existing buildings to enable the first phase of new building. This is a significant milestone in the transformation of the College, building on a 'Good' Ofsted rating awarded in January, and having achieving the best A\*-C GCSE results for boys in Harrow last year. From September 2017, Salvatorian College is entering into a partnership with the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust, one of the most successful Catholic Academy chains in the country. The Trust is led by Executive Head teacher, Mr Martin Tissot, who will assume strategic leadership for the College from September following the departure of Mr Paul Kassapian. There are a few places remaining for admission to Year 7 in Sept 2017, which can be applied for through [www.edmissions.org.uk](http://www.edmissions.org.uk). Applications for the 2018/19 academic year (the first year to be accommodated in the new building) will open in October 2017 through eAdmissions. More information is available on the college website [www.salvatoriancollege.com](http://www.salvatoriancollege.com).

**St John Fisher Catholic Primary School, Pinner – Assistant Caretaker Vacancy** Required September 2017, Part time, permanent post; **Hours:** 25 hours/week term-time plus 3 weeks during holidays; **Salary:** G4.13 £12,738. St. John Fisher is a Catholic, voluntary-aided school which is increasing to three-form entry, with a strong emphasis on inclusion. We are seeking a capable assistant to work and support our Site Supervisor. You will be joining this 'outstanding' school (Ofsted 2009/Section 48 2014) at a time of expansion from two to three form entry. Please see website or contact the school for further information and/or the application pack [www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk). Visits to the school are welcomed. Please ring the office to make an appointment. **Closing Date: noon Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July; Interviews: w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.**