



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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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

The scriptures tell us that Jesus's disciples were still afraid to speak publicly and to proclaim Jesus to others. Even though they knew that he had risen from the dead and had Ascended to the Heavenly Father. They had to wait for the Holy Spirit to take hold of them and give them courage, in the face of doubt, persecution, ridicule and rejection. Perhaps at times we too may be shy about proclaiming our faith in the Lord. Perhaps today we can pray for this Spirit to descend upon us and to give us renewed courage, so that our faith becomes so much a part of ourselves that it comes naturally to us and easier to speak of our faith, in an unforced manner.



Each person has different gifts. Being open to the power of the Spirit helps us to realise that we need all the gifts that each person has, so that we can continue the work of Christ in our world. How different our world looks when we begin to recognize that each person brings his or her own gifts, and that we need those gifts to live in the fullness of Jesus Christ.

We know that the Spirit is at work in our lives especially when the love and sacrifice we show is clearly coming from a place that is bigger than ourselves and our own limited motives and actions. When we relate to others in a loving and unselfish way, we become deeply aware that there is a power and a loving presence at work in us that is outside of ourselves transcending our limitations, not explainable by our own actions, but bigger, and as the Jesuit theologian Karl Rhaner put it "of which are just a cooperating part."

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that after the Spirit descended people of different languages and cultures could all hear and understand, but what is interesting is that the people were not speaking the same language, they were still speaking in the language of those different cultures but even so they could understand. This is a reminder that the Spirit brings not uniformity, but diversity and variety. This is a salutary reminder that we are all one despite our diversity, because the common language we speak is the language of God, that is the language of love.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

08.30 June Collins RIP

10.00 John & Monica Woodard and David & Jill Spurrell (60<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary)

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Arulanantham Family

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

09.30 Pauline Thiruchelvam (Best wishes in New Home)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 June Collins RIP

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Feria

19.00 Patrick Byrne RIP

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Bruce Anthony Angus RIP

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Jim McDonough

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**, Regina Willie, Johanna Simon.

**Pray Also For** Grace Schifano, Aoife Conroy, Jim O’Gorman, Marian Tallon, Anne Tyhurst, Bridie Aherne, Rajesh Rajakarier, Christopher Duncan, Ronald Batchelor, Thomas Quinn, Dymphna Lynch, Bernard Payne, Rosa Faleiro, Ann Lavelle, David McIntosh, Godfrey Taylor, Michael O’Connor and Geraldine Aiello whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June. This appeal forms part of our Love in Action campaign.

**Confirmation 2017** Our next meeting will be on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00-6.30pm where payment can also be made for photographs.

**Confirmation 2018** Our next meeting will be on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30-6.30pm.

**Applications for First Holy Communion 2018** will be available in the Fisher Room on any of the following: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30-5.45pm; Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 9.15-9.45am and 12.30pm and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 6.45-7.15pm, for any child who will be in school year 3 or above from September 2017. The cost of the programme is £20 which covers the cost of the workbooks. If your child was baptised outside of the parish you will need a photocopy of a baptism certificate when you register.

**Fairtrade stall** The Traidcraft stall will be open in the porch after all masses *next* weekend.

**SJF Young Adults Group** This is a space for all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to come together. All welcome. Next meeting on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June** after the 11.30am Mass in the Fisher Room. Contact Johnpromise [promisemagnus@yahoo.com](mailto:promisemagnus@yahoo.com).

**Parish Women's Group walk** Come along for a summer stroll around Ruislip Lido, followed by a drink, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We will be meeting at the church car park at 7pm. Please let Elspeth

(07779 392244 or [elspeth.everitt@gmail.com](mailto:elspeth.everitt@gmail.com)) know if you are coming and whether you would like a lift or can offer space in your car. All women in the parish, & friends, are very welcome.

**St. John Fisher Social Club** are running an Irish theme concert to take place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in the parish hall. Nearly all of the acts are parishioners and all are local residents. Tickets are £5 each with all proceeds to parish funds. For tickets/further information, please contact [durcanjohn@aol.com](mailto:durcanjohn@aol.com).

**International Day – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 11am-3pm** As usual the whole of our community, parish and school will work together.

We need men to come forward to help with the BBQ and as usual there is a sign-up sheet for the **International kitchen**. This is your chance to share something of your culture through food. Please drop off dishes directly to the school kitchen on the day from 11am – disposable containers where possible. If you can spare half an hour to help serve in the kitchen, please sign up on the separate sheet in the porch.

Donations of Jolly Jars, “posh” bags, toys, bikes, scooters, teddies, uniforms, books, Bric-a-Brac (no electrical items) and bottles are all very welcome. So have a root through your homes and bring your donations to the church porch or to the mobile unit in the school playground (please inform school office).

**Volunteers to help on the day** If you are free for an hour or two or all of the day please contact Claudia at the Presbytery (or Alison on 020 8427 2910 / [alisonjackson2000@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonjackson2000@hotmail.com)). All offers of help will be much appreciated.

**Cakes** of all descriptions – sponge cakes, fruitcakes, tray bakes, small cakes, muffins, cupcakes, biscuits, fruit loaves whatever you want to make/donate are all urgently needed for the **Cake** stall and **Tea** stall. Cakes can be left at the School or Church on Friday or at the school on Saturday morning. Please contact Alison Jackson if you need to make arrangements for collection.

**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, i.e. soft toys, dolls clothes, jewellery, knitted garments and fancy goods. Please drop these into the presbytery by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**International Day Raffle Tickets** will be on sale in the porch this weekend after the 10am Mass. There are some great prizes. Tickets are £1 each and £5 per book. *Thank you for your support.*

**Mental Health Workshop** will take place in SJF Parish Hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am-3pm. If you would like to attend, please visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/mentalhealth](http://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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** Thank you for your generous response - £2,330.52 was donated.