



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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11th June 2017 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

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

We see in the extraordinary encounter between God and Moses a sense that God was mysterious and yet intimate, morally demanding and yet tender and fatherly – it is only when the Lord has described himself as a God of tenderness and compassion that Moses has the confidence to ask God to adopt his people and forgive them their sins. The revelation of God's compassion directly affects our ability to relate to Him.

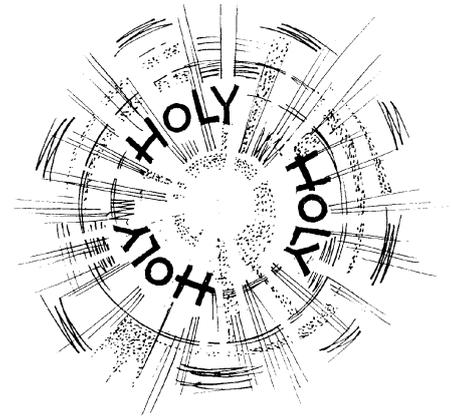
That dialogue between God and humanity which liberates humanity into an ever clearer understanding of our fundamental dignity reaches its most perfect expression in the life of Jesus, the Word made flesh. But that moment in human history is also transformative in a new way. As today's gospel tells us, God has sent his son to save us from the dire effects of that rebellious spirit and to offer those who believe in him nothing less than life eternal – an eternity of loving friendship with the Lord of all.

As St Paul reminds us in the brief second reading, the community that was born in the disciples who responded to the Son of God became increasingly aware that God calls us to moral perfection and that this perfection is completely attainable if we are open to God's Spirit. St Paul instructs the Corinthians to greet each other 'with the holy kiss' but his own greeting to them must necessarily take the form of an expressed desire. He expresses it thus: 'the

grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God (presumably the Father's love) and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. These are three expressions of one and the same love that binds all creation into a loving communion with the Father through His Son and in His Spirit, a God who is both present to us but whose inner life remains mysterious.

The rebellious human mind will find any excuse to reject the whole idea of a supreme being. That is why it is only in the Church, the community of those who are being perfected in love, that there can be any hope of avoiding misleading or confused statements about the relationships between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God must remain a mystery to our minds – or we have made some serious blunder in our thinking. But the point of life is not to understand the ineffable but to be docile to the divine plan and drawn into that intimate communion which is the life of the Trinity.



Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 10th June 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Phyllis Healy & Christy Conlon (Anniv)

Sunday 11th – **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

08.30 Queenie Lee (Anniv)

10.00 Augustine Texeira (Anniv)

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 12th – Feria

09.30 June Collins RIP

Tuesday 13th – St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

09.30 Nora Molloy (Anniv)

Wednesday 14th – Feria

19.00 Gerald Clancy (Anniv)

Thursday 15th – Feria

09.30 Betty McNally RIP

Friday 16th – Feria

09.30 Richard Wear 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 a sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please ring Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)

Recently Deceased, Bastiampillai Anthonypillai.

Pray Also For Phyllis Healy, Christy Conlon, Queenie Lee, Augustine Texeira, Nora Molloy, Gerald Clancy, Luigina Johnson, Susan Tully, Peter Foran, Ellen Trombetti, Teresa Rynne, Kieran Jordan, Jim O'Shea, Michael Murphy, Susan Perrin, Linda Leon, Florence Morawska, Agnes Ray, Austin Hatton, Austin Campbell, James Burke and Sandy Pufler whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Maximilian Brown who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

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 next weekend. This appeal forms part of our Love in Action campaign.

Confirmation 2017 Our next meeting is on Monday, 19th June at 6.00-6.30pm where payment can also be made for photographs.

Confirmation 2018 Our next meeting will be on Monday, 12th June from 5.30-6.30pm.

Applications for First Holy Communion 2018 will be available in the Fisher Room on any of the following: Sunday 11th June from 9.15-9.45am and 12.30pm and Monday 12th 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 is open in the porch after all masses *this* weekend.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 15th June at 7.30pm.

Theology on Tap – "Aspects of the Modern Papacy" Our next session takes place in the Parish Bar on Wednesday, 21st June at

7.30pm, when we will be discussing aspects of power and authority in the Church. All are welcome.

International Day – 24th 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 electricals) and bottles are very welcome. Please bring donations to the church porch or 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). 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. Please leave them in the Church porch on the morning of Thursday, 22nd June or Friday, 23rd June.

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, 23rd June.

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.

Summer Literary Evening – Thursday, 13th 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 Karbitz*, our Harrow Community Poet plus local author *Kay Seeley*. Tickets from Barbara Towell: 8866 6665 - or on the door.

Priest Training Fund Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund. £2,148.63 has been raised by the Parish. Brilliant!