



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 ~ Corpus Christi

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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

In many Catholic countries on Corpus Christi, processions of the Blessed Sacrament wind through the streets of the towns and villages, as the people sing and pray. What we celebrate is the triumph of Christ the King who comes to take possession of the kingdom he has won through his defeat of sin and death. Our procession mirrors the great triumphs of Roman generals who paraded through Rome with their victorious army after a successful campaign. The *Te Deum*, the hymn we sing on Sundays and solemn feast days, gives an image of such a procession. It lists the ranks of apostles, prophets and the white robed army of martyrs. In a Roman triumph the soldiers marched unarmed and in their white togas through the city; the martyrs are their spiritual counterparts.

In the readings today a direct connection is made with the original miraculous bread showered on the people of Israel during their pilgrimage of redemption from slavery in Egypt. The manna that rained down from heaven was quite specific in where it fell. It was not scattered indiscriminately over the desert, but was gathered from around the tents and in the confines of the camp. The manna separated the people from what surrounded them. It marked them out as having



a special identity and the privilege of a special mission. It made them into one people. It forged them into one body to be an instrument of God's glory. The Eucharist, God's gift of himself to us unites us and energises us for our mission which is to live and spread the gospel.

The Eucharist is at the heart of the Church. It is the beating heart of the Church. The heart and the Eucharist are dynamic. The Eucharist draws us together but in order to send us out. The manna ceased to fall when the people crossed the Jordan. It was an anticipation of that life they would enjoy with God in the land. It was food for the journey. The Eucharist is food for our pilgrim journey, which is a procession to the kingdom. That place of Justice, Hope, Peace and Love which we are called to build here on earth in anticipation of our future heavenly reality.

*Fr Shaun.*

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Nancy Hawkins RIP

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – **CORPUS CHRISTI**

08.30 Aleksandra Nekut (Anniv)

10.00 For the dead and injured of Grenfell Tower

11.30 John Hayes & William Pal RIP

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Feria

09.30 Des Riggs RIP

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – St Alban, Protomartyr

09.30 Joseph Thiruchelvam RIP

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

19.00 Philip Mendonça (Anniv)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – STS JOHN FISHER, Bishop and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs

09.30 Marie Tranor RIP

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** (*No Friday abstinence*)

09.30 Kevin McGuire (Anniv) & Noreen O'Connor (Anniv)

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**, Pat Cahill, Joe Fernandes, those who died in Grenfell Tower.

**Pray Also For** Aleksandra Nekut, Philip Mendonça, Kevin McGuire, Noreen O'Connor, Cassie Kerrigan, Kathleen Lucas, Yolanda Cobb, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, Jim Delahunty, Jim Bruce, George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Xavier Teixeira, Billy Aherne, Ann Kilcoyne, Patrick Flaherty, Vincent McGreevy, June Cahalin, Frances Potter, Timothy Harrington, Ralph MacDonald and Gabriel Andrews whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Confirmation 2017** The meeting on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00-6.30pm is for collection and ordering of certificates and photos. Price of photo is £12.50.

**Theology on Tap – “Aspects of the Modern Papacy”** Our next session takes place in the Parish Bar on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm, when we will be discussing aspects of power and authority in the Church. All are welcome.

**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 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](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. Please leave them in the Church porch on the morning of Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June or Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Knitting Group** will next meet on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All donations of wool will be very welcome which can be dropped off in the presbytery.

**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 Karbitz*, our Harrow Community Poet plus local author *Kay Seeley*. Tickets from Barbara Towell: 8866 6665 - or on the door.

**Sick List** If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**Mass Intentions** Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in ‘papers’ box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk).

**Getting Married** Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

**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.

**Leaving the Parish or Change of Address?** Please advise Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

**Because you're worth it** Many thanks to everyone who will bring toiletries for the women at Bakhita House this weekend. We also thank Sr Doreen who will share the story of Bakhita with us.