



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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16th July 2017 ~ Fifteenth Sunday of the Year A

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...

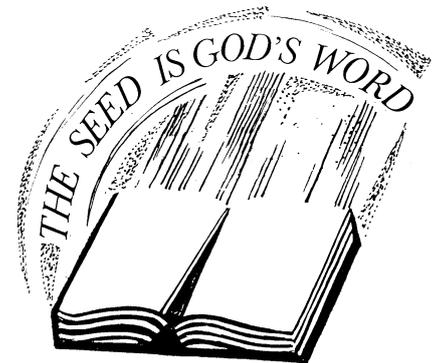
Diversity
A spirit of hospitality
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Forming small faith communities
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Providing a spiritual Oasis
Honouring an understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

The set of parables, which we will hear for the next three weeks, Matthew 13:1-52 are parables about understanding and the growth of understanding. They are often called the Parables of the Kingdom, but the kingdom grows in us as our understanding grows. Yet how do we understand parables about understanding? The answer is in the parables themselves. The good wheat, the good fish which are worth catching, the man who sells everything he has for the treasure he has found, the woman who puts yeast into the bread, so that good bread may grow, these are all the people who understand the parables. If we don't see that we are in these parables and not merely reading them, we will not come close to understanding them, or indeed anything worthwhile.

So even the explanations of Christ are not enough. The disciples must learn more for themselves, by the lives they will lead, as must we. The meaning of parables changes with time. These parables are about growth because understanding changes. So does misunderstanding. A middle ground where we are neither growing in understanding or falling away from the truth is very hard to sustain. Either we are coming towards God and his kingdom or we are turning away, dropping back from what we have been promised. Sometimes we are falling away and going forwards at the same time, though never in the same respect. We pray every day, examine our conscience, try to take on more responsibilities for the good of our neighbour.

Yet all the time, there are other things growing within us. We distort the message, the seed does not grow, and it fails to achieve any growth. It is fear more than anything else which is the reason for the bad soil. We are afraid of persecution, which in these times, means we have an urge to

conform, to be part of consumerist secular society. And so, we worry about things which are out of our control, we seek riches because we think that money will protect us. The remedy for fear is hope. These parables, if we allow ourselves to live in them, as well as by them will teach us what it means to live a hopeful life.



Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 15th July 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Robin Andrew Shortland (Anniv)

Sunday 16th – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Dora Mascarenhas RIP

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 Judy Tyrrell RIP

Monday 17th – Feria

09.30 People of the Parish

11.00 Requiem Mass for Mary Coen RIP

Tuesday 18th – Feria

09.30 Horst Nekut (Anniv)

11.00 Requiem Mass for Johanna Liecinieks RIP

Wednesday 19th – Feria

19.00 Catherine Twomey RIP

Thursday 20th – Feria (*St John Fisher School attending*)

09.30 John McKenna RIP

Friday 21st – Feria

09.30 Maureen, Helen & Brian Gaffney (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 your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please ring either Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)

Recently Deceased, John McKenna, Martin Russell, Freda Morgan, Apondak Dut, Nora O'Shea, Kathleen Delaney.

Pray Also For Robin Andrew Shortland, Horst Nekut, Maureen, Helen & Brian Gaffney, Josephine, Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr Bernard McKenna, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford, Peggy McKenna, Kevin Flynn, Arkadiusz Bowcariwski, Paddy O'Brien, Blanche Contaminard, Beatrice Pereira, Thomas Morris, Bridget Byrne and Ida Bastiampillai whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Apondak Dut who has died. Requiem Mass on Friday, 28th July at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by interment at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Kathleen Delaney RIP late of North View, Pinner who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 26th July at 10am at St Joseph's, Wealdstone followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery. Reception at the Three Wishes public house.

Fairtrade stall is open this weekend in the porch after all masses. Come and stock up before the summer break. Thank you for your support over the past year and we will be back in the autumn.

Catenians at St John Fisher This Sunday, the President of the Wembley Circle of the Catenians, John Steinitz, will join us for Mass. John has been a parishioner here for many years and is also a Foundation Governor at St John Fisher Primary School. The 11.30 Mass will be attended by many of his Circle. If you are interested in knowing a bit more about the many varied activities of the Catenians, then please contact John on 07887 710311.

SJF Knitting Team & Ladies We are having a cream tea afternoon in the Fisher Room on Friday, 21st July at 2pm. Members please come.

Knights of St Columba Our next meetings are on Thursday, 3rd August and 7th September, 2017 at 8pm in the Social Club.

St Andrew's Church Roxbourne - Jubilee Flower and Music Festival On Friday 14th July to Monday, 17th July 2017. Floral displays, exhibition, musical events and refreshments. St John Fisher Church will be participating and displaying a "Sapphire" exhibit. For times, please see poster in the Church porch or www.standrewsroxbourne.org.uk. St Andrew's Church, 89 Malvern Avenue, Harrow HA2 9ER.

Faithcafé - Tuesday 18th July 2017 at Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip We shall be discussing via café Video the life of **St Ignatius of Loyola** – Founder of the "Society of Jesus" - *Serving the Catholic Church for the greater glory of God*. "Jesuits" and well known for his spiritual exercises. Discovering life's journey - Finding God in all things. Social together at 7.30pm. We start at 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

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.

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.

"A hidden gem" That was how one parent described the Social Club when we celebrated the First Communion Mass recently. We are open to all on Tuesday (9-11pm), Friday (9-11pm), Saturday (8.30-11pm) and Sunday lunchtime from 12.00 to 2pm(ish). Why not come in and have a drink in a social environment?

Summer Coffee Morning Thank you so much for your support last Sunday. Raffle prizes – please could Rosmary ticket nr 571-575 and Peter ticket nr 576-580 call Claudia 020 8429 5681 to claim the prize.

Diocese of Westminster Vacancies Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies.

New to the Parish? Please make yourself known after Mass to Fr Shaun 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 or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

Parish 100 Club Draw – May 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 H. McCormack, 2nd prize £50 F Cardona, 3rd prize £25 M. Townsend. Please contact Fiona Moreira at fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk to arrange payment.

Johnpromise Umeozuru Many of you will know Johnpromise who has been with us for three years and who has helped out in so many ways. In September he will begin training for the priesthood. We will say farewell to him after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 23rd July. There will be a bring and share lunch on the front garden – weather permitting or in the hall if it's raining. Please bring food and drink to share. The parish will provide plates, cups and cutlery.