



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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10th September 2017 ~ Twenty-Third 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

Today is Education Sunday. It is a time to celebrate the people working and studying in Catholic education; the teachers, staff, pupils and all those who contribute. Similar to recent years, Education Sunday 2017 comes at the start of the academic year, allowing us to come together in prayer and celebration at Mass to give thanks to God for the gift of our catholic schools and colleges.



This year's theme is 'gathered in my name', a quote from today's Gospel. This theme allows us to reflect on the truth that when pupils gather in Catholic schools, they are gathered in Jesus' name. This year, at Masses across the country, Catholics will hear about how children are gathering, what happens at school and the values that run through this.

Churches play a vital role in education in this country, running one third of all schools. The Catholic Church is the largest provider of secondary schools, and the second largest provider (after the Church of England) of primary schools in the country. Every day, more than 850,000 students attend a Catholic school. We also have a thriving University and College sector.

Our community is rightly proud of its schools. Catholic schools remain the most ethnically and socio-economic diverse schools in the country. And continue to outperform the national average from primary through to GCSE. It is important to pay tribute to the many teachers, leaders, support staff and governors, without whose dedicated commitment Catholic schools would not be the nurturing and thriving places so many children benefit from.

So let us use Education Sunday as a celebration of the commitment and achievements of Catholic education. Education Sunday provides an opportunity for schools to share their work, strengthening the partnership with parishes which is vital to maintaining the ethos and mission of our community's schools. Please do remember in your prayers all of our schools in Harrow, especially St John Fisher, which has changed the lives of so many children and has given them the opportunity to work for a better world.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9th September 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 10th – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Patrick Cunningham (Anniv)

10.00 Eileen Carey (4th Anniv)

11.30 Celine Marie Arulanantham (Anniv)

Monday 11th – Feria

09.30 Denis Shea RIP

Tuesday 12th – Feria

09.30 Adelija RIP

Wednesday 13th – St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

19.00 Sr. Aileen Vear RIP

Thursday 14th – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

09.30 Michael Casey RIP

Friday 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

09.30 June Collins 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 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, Tony Hayes, Dudley Kingsley, Joe Biggins, Marie McDonagh.

Pray Also For Patrick Cunningham, Eileen Carey, Celine Marie Arulanantham, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin, Joan Salisbury, Bridie Lagrue, Pearl Bryant, Eileen Carey, Dennis McHugh, John Furlong, Betty Trundle, Monty Moriarty, Alma Houghton, Gerry Furnell, Kitty Young, Philomena Dias, Georgina Wilson, Molly McCann, Jean Casey, Francis Kerr and Ann Maybury whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP On Wednesday, 4th October, a Memorial Mass for Cardinal Cormac will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Next meeting is on Monday, 11th September at 5.30pm.

Traidcraft stall is open in the porch after all masses this weekend. Come and browse & support our parish Fairtrade shop.

Tai Chi at St. John Fisher The new term begins on Thursday, 14th September at 1.30pm - 3pm in the small hall. This is open to both men and women of any age. New members are most welcome. If you have not been before and would like to find out whether this is "for you", please come along and try it out. Your first session will be free.

"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?

Singalong Concert (with a Latino / Italian theme) On Saturday, 7th October at 7.30pm in the Parish hall. Ticket £5 - including tea/coffee & cake. Come & join us for a fun musical evening! Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend and will be available on the door. In aid of the Church fund.

New Church Cleaners Help is needed for one of the Thursday morning cleaning teams. If you can spare an hour, once every

four weeks, to keep our Church clean please contact Claudia at the Presbytery – contact details overleaf.

Parish 100 Club Draw – June 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 Patricia McCarthy, 2nd prize £50 Suzie & Hugh Amui, 3rd prize £25 Maria & Josie Conlon.

July 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 Christina Mantle, 2nd prize £50 Anne Georgi, 3rd prize £25 Geraldine Kennedy.

Please contact Fiona Moreira at fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk /020 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

The Pylon - Christmas edition 2017 Please send us your articles, accounts of parish events, reports from your church group, original short stories, poems, book/film reviews, holiday recommendations, recipes, advice, about your pets - in fact anything that you think would be of interest to our readers. (Word limit approximately 1,200.) Photographs accompanying submissions, greatly appreciated. If you have any photographs of the International Day that you would be willing to share, please forward them to geraldine2906@gmail.com so that they can be included. We will welcome contributions with a Christmas flavour as well as items written by children & younger members of our parish. Thank you. Deadline: **19th November**. Please email items to barbaratowell@sky.com or geraldine2906@gmail.com. Alternatively, place in appropriate pigeonhole in the porch at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Sacred Heart Language College – Open Events On Wednesday, 13th September 6.30-8.30pm (Headteacher's address 7pm & 7.45pm) and Thursday, 21st September 4.00-6.00pm (Headteacher's address 4.45pm). www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk.

St Joan of Arc Catholic School - Open Events On Thursday, 5th October 6.00-9.00m (Headteacher's address 6.30pm & 7.30pm) and Friday, 6th October 9.00am-11.30am. www.joa.herts.sch.uk.

St. Gregory's Catholic Science College – Open Evening On Thursday, 21st September from 3.00pm. www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk.

Gunnersbury Catholic School – Open Days Visitors will be able to tour our school guided by a current pupil, meet staff and Gunnersbury boys, visit departments and observe lessons. Wednesday, 27 September 2.00pm–3.30pm (Headteacher's address 2.45pm), 6.00pm–8.00pm (Headteacher's address 6.30pm & 7.30pm) and Wednesday, 4 October 2017 2.00pm–3.30pm (with Headteacher's address at 2.45). Wednesday, 11 October 9.30am–10.30am (*by appointment only, please telephone Mrs Kerans on 0208 568 7281 to arrange*). www.gunnersbury.com.

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.

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

Summer Coffee Morning £427.90 was raised. Thank you so much for your support. Raffle prize – please could Peter blue ticket nr 576-580 call Claudia 020 8429 5681 to claim the prize.

Mission Appeal Next weekend the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP) will be here to tell us about their work and to make a Mission appeal.