



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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17th September 2017 ~ Twenty-Fourth 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 MSP UK Mission otherwise known as the Missionary Society of St. Paul is a Roman Catholic Society of Apostolic Life. In 1969 Pope Paul VI visited Kampala, Uganda and he challenged Africa to be missionary. The call of Pope Paul VI inspired Cardinal Dominic Ekandem to initiate the founding of the Missionary Society of St Paul and the Bishops'

Conference of Nigeria established the Missionary Society of St Paul in 1977. The Conference entrusted the Seminary formation of the young congregation to the St Patrick's Missionary Society. On Mission Sunday of 1986, the Congregation sent the first missionaries to Africa and The United States of America. Since the year 2000 the MSP have been present in the UK.



Drawn from the diverse ethnic backgrounds, members strive to live out their calling and identify themselves in the MSP family where bonds of brotherhood, respect and mutual trust are experienced. Love and reconciliation form the basis of this family, and the source of energy and strength to carry out your ministry.

In docility to the Holy Spirit and in imitation of the unique example of St. Paul their Patron, they witness in an age that seems to have lost its moral bearings; a world full of hatred, violence, ethno-racial divisions, insecurity, economic imbalances, terrorism and environmental degradation.

Their mission is to create and sustain in people of different cultures, ethnic and racial backgrounds, striving to promote a sense of unity and oneness that is apostolic in character and functionally embracing in all. They strive to serve the needs of the poor and the marginalized of the society. To those who are lost in the maze of life, they proclaim Christ the hope of life.

Their vision is to faithfully carry out our missionary mandate through a broad spectrum of parish-based apostolate, hospital/school/prison ministries. They strive to offer hope to the youth, succour to the refugees and migrants; and people from the ethnic minority. This weekend the MSP will be in our parish to tell us about their work and to ask for our financial assistance, so there will be a retiring collection to which you are invited to contribute.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 16th September 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)
18.00 In Thanksgiving – Agnelo & Janet Texeira (25th Wedd. Anniv.)
Sunday 17th – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08.30 People of the Parish
10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30 Pat Woodger RIP
Monday 18th – Feria
09.30 Una Tobin (Recovery)
Tuesday 19th – Feria
09.30 Anthony McNulty RIP
Wednesday 20th – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul Chöng Ha-sang
and Companions, Martyrs
19.00 Donal Ryan RIP
Thursday 21st – ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist
09.30 John Shiel RIP
Friday 22nd – Feria
09.30 Marie Wimala Chandra RIP, Victoria & Antonypillai
Bastiampillai RIP, Dudley Kingsley 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, Martin McNicholas, Betty McCoy, Desmond Machale, Padrig Shea, Fergus Hanna.

Pray Also For Mavis Pereira, Elmo Joseph, Reginald Dingley, Florida Lawani, Margaret Garvey, Tony Garvey, Maria Keiko Matsumura, Clara Mars-Harris, Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward Ofulue, Patrick O'Malley and John Hayes 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.

Altar servers If anyone would like to train to serve at either 8.30am or 11.30am mass, please see Kay after mass. Currently we are full at 6pm and 10am mass and will advertise when we have space.

"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 from 12pm 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.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 21st September at 7.30pm.

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.

Do you buy Sainsbury's own-brand tea? If so, you may have noticed that the widely recognised and independently assured Fairtrade Mark has been replaced with Sainsbury's own 'Fairly Traded' label. CAFOD, Traidcraft and others have got together to ask Sainsbury's to re-consider. www.dontditchfairtrade.com has

more information, an online petition to sign and other ways to take part in this campaign.

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 Thursday, 21st September 4.00-6.00pm (Headteacher's address 4.45pm). www.tshlc.harrow.sch.uk.

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

Gumley House School FCJ, Isleworth – Open Events On Tuesday, 26th September & Thursday, 12th October 2017 from 9.00am-12.00pm (Headteacher's address 10.40am). On Thursday, 12th October 2017 6.00pm-7.15pm. Last tour at 7.15pm with Headteacher's address 7.45pm. Please join us to take a tour of the school. For more info see www.gumley.hounslow.sch.uk.

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School Reunion Did you go to Cardinal Wiseman? Were you 16 in 1976? You would be 57 now. Desperately seeking this year group for Reunion Saturday, 23rd September at Brent Valley Golf Club 7.30 onwards. Spread the word amongst those you know in this year. Contact Mary 07951 771265.

Knitting Group We are meeting on 22nd September, 6th October and 20th October at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All donations of wool are very welcome which can be dropped off in the presbytery.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on Monday, 9th October at 6-7pm and Saturday, 14th October 2017 at 9.30am-12.30pm in the Fisher Room (*forms have to be with the schools by 31st October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number. If applying for the London Oratory please bring copies of any forms you need to submit.

The Certificate of Catholic Practice must now be completed for all applications to schools that use 'practising Catholic' as a criterion for admission. The Certificate of Catholic Practice is a form approved by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to be given to parents, on request, by the priest at the Church where the family normally worships. The Certificate is available to download at the link below. Please note that the current version has the copyright symbol at the bottom. <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions>