



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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15th October 2017 ~ Twenty-Eighth 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

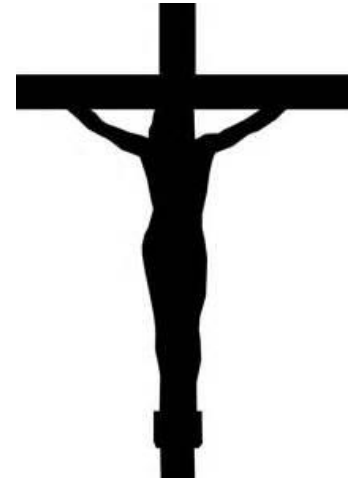
We Celebrate...

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

During the month of November it is traditional for us to remember and to pray for the dead. We believe that all of us who were baptised in Christ form the Body of Christ and are forever interconnected.

When we celebrate the Eucharist we have a glimpse of this Communion we share with Christ and all the members of His Body. We are present to one another in a unique way. Some Byzantine art illustrates that during the liturgy we are transported into heaven to the throne of God and there we join the Angels and Saints and our deceased brothers and sisters in worship of the one God. It

makes sense then, that in times of trial, we would ask these friends of ours, the saints to pray for us. We ask people here on earth to pray for us. Why can't we ask those in heaven to pray for us?



What happens when people die and meet God is a mystery. However, we do know that we are accountable for the way we have lived our life. We also know that God is Love. God's mercy knows no bounds. When we pray for someone who has died we are accompanying them with our love. We offer our prayers to support them whatever they may be experiencing and however they need our prayer.

One of the notions that we have in relation to this process of coming into God's presence is that of Purgatory. People often think of it as a form of detention centre that people go to before they can be admitted into heaven. In fact it is not a "punitive" concept but rather, true to its name, one of deep cleansing. But, let's try to think of purgatory like this. When we die, we carry with us all of the accomplishments, honours, victories, qualities we feel earn us a place in heaven. We come before the pearly gates our hands full of ourselves. God patiently looks upon us with love and waits. God waits until we begin to get tired and one by one put down all the things we are carrying. Then, when our hands are empty can God embrace us and welcome us home. That's what purgatory is about.

Today you will receive an envelope. Please enclose a list of your deceased loved ones in this envelope together with any offering that you may wish to make. Special sheets of paper on which to write the names of your loved ones are also available. Then return the envelope to Fr. Shaun at the presbytery. Any money collected will be distributed to priests working in poor diocese in England, Wales and Scotland. This is a good way for us to support priests in our own country who don't have much income. Those priests will then offer Masses for the dead as will we during the month of November.

Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14th October 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Harry McKinney (Anniv)

Sunday 15th – 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 People of the Parish

10.00 Ana Francisca Texeira (Anniv)

11.30 Joe O'Regan (Anniv)

Monday 16th – Feria

09.30 Fergus Hanna RIP

Tuesday 17th – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

09.30 Goldwin Viegas RIP

Wednesday 18th – ST LUKE, Evangelist

19.00 Monica O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Thursday 19th – Feria

09.30 Matilda Anthonisz (Anniv)

Friday 20th – Feria

09.30 Evelyn K. (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, Israel Granados, Richard Forbia.

Pray Also For Harry McKinney, Ana Francisca Texeira, Joe O'Regan, Monica O'Sullivan, Matilda Anthonisz, Evelyn K., Pauline Roa, Mary Smith, Marguerite Atkinson, Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Benny Hoft, Vincent Bourke, Bo Claeson, Angela Doctrove, Winifred Maher, Margaret Sullivan and Victor Crick whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Kias Mendonça-Yeboah who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish House, by 13th November at the latest.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas Please collect your new rotas for 28th October to 10th December 2017 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please collect your new rota for 14th October 2017 to 28th January 2018 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch. We need more volunteers so if you are interested or no longer want to be on the rota, please contact Sue Moriarty at suemoriarty@sky.com.

CAFOD Christmas cards Last year, thanks to your support, the parish donated £277 to CAFOD from the sale of Christmas cards and Traidcraft gifts. CAFOD, Christian Aid, SCIAF & Traidcraft also receive a portion of the price of every pack of cards sold. This weekend you can view the full range of 2017 cards, place orders and pick up a Traidcraft catalogue to take home and browse. You can also select from the Traidcraft online shop www.traidcraftshop.org.uk & email your order to sjftraidcraft@gmail.com. From 21st October, the stall will be open every weekend to pick up orders and buy cards. By ordering from the stall, you are helping small scale producers in some of the world's poorest communities, supporting the charities and saving postage costs.

Mass for the Bereaved Each year in November we celebrate a Mass for those who have been bereaved. This will be held on the Feast of All Souls, on Thursday, 2nd November at

7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Small Hall.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 19th October at 7.30pm.

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night On Wednesday, 18th October after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room. £1 towards refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Knitting Group We are meeting on 20th October at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

St John Fisher Social Club 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?

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 - anything that you think would be of interest to our readers. (Word limit approx. 1,200.) Photographs accompanying submissions, greatly appreciated. If you have any photographs of the International Day that you would be willing to share, please email them to geraldine2906@gmail.com. We 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.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School - September 2018 intake

The school is holding an open day for prospective parents on **Saturday, 4th November 2017** with tours at 9.00am and 10.00am. If you are interested in looking at the school please contact the office to book on one of the tours, tel 020 8868 2961.

1:1 Club – North Harrow parish This club is a social club where those with intellectual disability and those without come together in friendship and community once a month. Due to changes in structure this club is looking not only for those who would benefit from the club's social aspect but also for volunteers to give as much or as little time as they can. The next event will be a Christmas Party on the 1st December 2017. If you would like to join in or would be interested in volunteering, please contact Gail Williams on 020 8202 3999 or via email gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk. For more information, please visit www.stjoseph.org.uk.

Parish 100 Club Draw – August 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 Veronica Too, 2nd prize £50 C&P Ponnukone, 3rd prize £25 Mary Press.

September 2017 Winners: 1st prize £100 W&M Johns, 2nd prize £50 Jocelyne Phinieffs, 3rd prize £25 Samuel Alexander. Please contact Fiona Moreira at fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk /020 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

International Day Thank you all so much for all the effort that was made for the International Day. After expenses were deducted the parish share is £3,991.63 which is a fantastic result. It is so wonderful to see the parish and school working together. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the day so successful. Here's to next year.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 6th October You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.