



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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29th October 2017 ~ Thirtieth 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

In answering the question, 'which is the greatest commandment of the law' Jesus shows His mastery of sacred Scripture. Firstly, he cites Moses's command to Israel in Deuteronomy (6:5) "to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul", words from the *Shema*, the prayer at the heart of daily Jewish worship. The command to "love your neighbour as yourself" can be seen to précis the many passages of the Law

like that in today's reading from Exodus urging our concern for the stranger (or immigrant), the widow (or single-parent), and the orphan (or children in care). Jesus is not replacing these more detailed requirements of social justice and compassion, however adept we may be at ignoring their demands in present-day society.

If we place these questions in their dramatic context near the opening of the Gospel's passion narrative, we see something of the terrible ironies that play around this scene. All seemingly agree upon what love of God and neighbour should be, but how does that love appear in the life and death of Jesus of Nazareth? Whatever their knowledge of the Law, these people are about to engineer the execution of Him who is both Son of God and Son of Man.

If we are really in the business of loving God and neighbour, we shall need the power and victory of the Messiah. It is not enough to mean well. That is to under-estimate the forces of evil that confront us. We shall need God's grace, the power of the Messiah at work in our lives, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in the Church and its sacraments. We shall need the divine life communicated to us in the holy humanity of Christ, in His precious body and blood, which is our Eucharist; and we shall ultimately need courage to live out the love of God and neighbour which Jesus calls us to.



Fr Shaun.

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 28th October 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Maura Sheehan (Anniv)

Sunday 29th – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 In Thanksgiving – George & Jocelyne Phinieffs (50th Wedd Anniv)

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 In Thanksgiving – Russell & Edna Arulanantham (30th Wedd Anniv)

Monday 30th – Feria

09.30 Helen Gallagher RIP

Tuesday 31st – Feria

09.30 Elma Mellor RIP

Wednesday 1st November – **ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)**

09.30 Gwladys Smith (Thomas) RIP (*please note some SJF School children will be attending*)

19.00 Tommy Harvey RIP

Thursday 2nd – ALL SOUL'S DAY

No Morning Mass

19.00 All Deceased of the Parish

Friday 3rd – Feria

09.30 David Rimmer (Anniv)

10.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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 Katherine on 020 8868 8512.)

Recently Deceased,

Pray Also For Maura Sheehan, David Rimmer, Esmé Phaire, Michael Rooney, Timothy Kelleher, Arthur Moore, Joan, Elaine & Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone and Alan Forbes whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Maureen Cusack who has died. Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 31st October at 11am at St John Fisher followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Bernard Pereira who has died. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 8th November at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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. You should be prepared to introduce the agenda item you have submitted.

First Holy Communion Programme All parents should now have received in the post the programme with the dates up to May 2018. If you haven't received your copy through the door, contact Kay.

CAFOD Christmas cards & Fairtrade Advent calendars are on sale in the porch. Next weekend Fairtrade food will also be on sale.

Theology on Tap Our next session is taking place on Wednesday, 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Parish bar. The subject we shall explore is 'Art & Theology' All are welcome.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 2nd November at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parish Women's Group Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th November at 8pm. A parishioner and her husband will be talking

about holidaying in Peru, with photos and there will be time to chat over some Peruvian drinks & snacks. All welcome. A donation of £1 is requested.

Knitting Group We are meeting on 10th and 24th November at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

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 9am & 10am. Please contact the office to book on one of the tours, tel 020 8868 2961.

School Admission Fr. Shaun will sign school forms for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE on **Saturday, 9th December at 9.30am-11.00am** in the Fisher Room. For an appointment, please contact Claudia McHugh 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.* **Please note that candidates who apply for 6th FORM should attend – not parents.** *If you have an earlier deadline for 6th form applications in West London, please contact Claudia for an earlier appointment.*

Keep the date for the Christmas Coffee Morning - December 10th after 10am & 11.30am mass We will have on sale home-made savoury and sweet food, hot and cold drinks, and soup. We will also have the popular Irish Coffee table, a children's corner with lucky dip, and craft and cakes for sale. If anyone would like to join our happy crew, by helping in any small way, please let Claudia know; also donations or promises of craft and cakes would also be most welcome. Our Christmas Hamper, delicious home-made Christmas Cake and wines will be on display in the porch, and the raffle will be drawn at the end of the event, £1 a ticket. Please make a note of the date, come along to get to know more people in your parish community, and unwind together before Christmas.

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 / www.stjoseph.org.uk.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Friday, 17th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

Pie and a pint (or a glass of wine for the ladies) A chance to get together over a simple meal and a drink in the Parish Hall on Sunday, 19th November after the 11.30am Mass. Do come along to enjoy a delicious artisan pie with veg and gravy. **Tickets: Adult £10, child (under 12s) £5.** Sign-up sheets in the porch.

Thank you As we speedily move towards the end of this year I wish to thank Fr. Shaun and each one of you for your tremendous support for the work of Bakhita House. First of all, we appreciate your prayer which is reflected in your great generosity, through financial support, the wonderful work of the knitting group, the amazing collection of toiletries and the art and craft materials and other items given by individual parishioners. There are many groups of people working to combat human slavery so please continue to keep all concerned in your thoughts and in your prayers. A huge thank you. **Sr. Doreen**