



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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12th November 2017 ~ Thirty-Second 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

This weekend we commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Both 'Remembrance' and 'Armistice' are words which look back to past wars. 'Armistice' recalls the day when, thankfully, the madness of World War I ended. World War 2 finished in a much more up-beat fashion, with VE and VJ Days

marking the end of the war in Europe and the Far East respectively. Both words mean the end of conflict, whether in exhaustion or in triumph. It is right that we remember with gratitude the courage and suffering of those who died in those wars, knowing that we now live in freedom because of their service and self-sacrifice. It is right that we should honour and respect those who 'loved not their lives even unto death'.



We can rightly say that sometimes it is necessary to stand against aggression; often there seems to be no other solution. So it is right to express our gratitude for those who gave their lives for us. But our remembering should not be simply for our own people. What about all those who also believed they were fighting for a good cause, for their freedom and their families? If we ignore them, we will be maintaining the same attitude of 'us against them', and keeping the conflict alive in our own minds.

You may remember that Pope St John Paul II visited the UK just at the time of the Falklands War. In his sermon at Coventry, he had the courage to say that in the settlement of international disputes, war should not even be considered as an option. Jesus told us to pray for our enemies, and he set the tone by praying for those who were crucifying him: 'Father, forgive' – words that are now on the altar of the bombed-out Coventry Cathedral. If we cannot pray for our enemies, the enmity continues within us and the war has been fought in vain, whether we win or lose.

Jesus said: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' We can all be peacemakers. We may not be able to influence international politics. But we all have roots of violence within us. There may be people or groups who we hate, or feel contempt for; and those for whom it might never occur to us to pray for. In the spirit of Christ, we can work to change ourselves, with his help.

May today be a genuine Remembrance Sunday: a day when we remember lovingly before God all his people who died in the major wars of the past century. But let us not forget as we remember the fallen to commit ourselves to work for peace.

Fr Shaun

Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 11th November 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 The Holy Souls

Sunday 12th – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe RIP

10.00 Gabriel Faria RIP

11.30 For the Fallen

Monday 13th – Feria

09.30 Mary Rodrigues (Anniv)

Tuesday 14th – Feria

09.30 Paul Cleland (Anniv)

18.00 Reception Service for Mary Grogan RIP

Wednesday 15th – Feria

11.00 Requiem Mass for Mary Grogan RIP

19.00 Joe Kelly RIP & All the Kelly Family

Thursday 16th – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

09.30 Bernie Heeney RIP

Friday 17th – Feria

09.30 Ratnayake Family

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, Eddie Barrett, Alan Clive Tomsett, Winnie Moore, Bernie Heeney.

Pray Also For Mary Rodrigues, Paul Cleland, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Mrs. Ofulue, Charles Harris, Bill Smith, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Josef Schuster, Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh, Suleiman Raie, Peter Sen, Grace Rossington, Wanda Owczarczak, Timothy Dineen and Anne Doherty whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our Weekly Newsletter You can subscribe to receiving our weekly newsletter by following this link <http://eepurl.com/coXHxD>.

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.

Love in Action Pope Francis has declared Sunday, 19th November 2017 to be the first World Day of the Poor. On this World Day we are called to love and share with the poorest amongst us, and bear witness to Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

In our communities, we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. At St John Fisher over this weekend, we are asking people to bring tinned pies of the Frey Bentos variety or tins of mincemeat or Irish stew. These will be donated to the Harrow Food Bank. This practical help forms part of our Love in Action Campaign. *Thank you.*

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.

CAFOD Christmas cards & Fairtrade Advent calendars are on sale in the porch after all masses this weekend. Come and

browse or pick up a catalogue to read at home.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 16th November at 7.30pm.

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

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 as well as the popular Irish Coffee table, a children's corner with lucky dip, and craft & 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 meet 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 Friday, 1st December 2017. If you would like to join in or would like to volunteer, please contact Gail Williams 020 8202 3999 or 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.

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 either Fr Shaun or Kay O'Connor 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.

Pie and a pint Lunch As so few people signed up for this event we have had to cancel it. Many thanks to the people who said that they would come and our apologies. We will try to organise another Parish social event in the New Year when the time pressures of getting ready for Christmas will not be an issue.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Please return your envelopes today. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.