



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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26th November 2017 ~ Feast of Christ the King

National Youth Sunday

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

'All good things,' so they say, 'come to an end.' So it is with a certain amount of sadness that I have to tell you that Cardinal Vincent has asked me to say farewell to North Harrow and to take up a new appointment as Parish Priest of St Mary's Cadogan Street in Chelsea. My appointment becomes effective on January 1st 2018 and I will take up residence in Chelsea on January 3rd 2018.

This means that we have the joy of spending the Season of Advent together and celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you who has taken the time to pray for me and to give me your support and friendship over the last six years. It only seems like two minutes ago that I walked into 80 Imperial Close to meet with Fr Kevin as he prepared to hand over responsibility for the parish to me. He told me how sad he was to be leaving, but he re-assured me that the community here was supportive, friendly and welcoming. That has indeed been the case.

These have been years of dynamic change, growth and development for the parish. Who will ever forget the extensive renovation and renewal of the church that was undertaken and completed. Our parish church still fills me with delight every time I walk into it.

I also recall the Love in Action programme and the challenge that it presented to us to "step forward in love," to care for those who needed our help and support, whilst working for greater equality in society. This work goes on and it is truly wonderful.

Also truly wonderful was the selfless decision that was made in our school to expand to three forms of entry so that every catholic child in the area could have a catholic education. This is a truly remarkable thing to have done and it speaks of the generosity of this community who wish to share the good things that we have received with many others.

Now my time here is coming to an end, but the Lord has been good and He is sending a new priest who is full of energy and who I know will dedicate himself to serving you whole heartedly. Fr. Graham Stokes is 45 years old and he was ordained in 2011. Up until now he has been an assistant priest and he is really looking forward to coming to the parish. I know he will continue to build on the good work that has been done here since 1939, when the parish was founded.

In the meantime, please keep me and Fr Graham in your prayers. You will certainly be in ours. I hope to return in early February to say a Mass of Thanksgiving. Hopefully we will be able to have lunch together and to share our memories of my time at this wonderful parish.

Yours devotedly,

Fr Shaun.



Mass Times & Intentions

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

Saturday 25th November 2017 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Jerr Cummins (2nd Anniv) and Mamie Cummins (33rd Anniv)

Sunday 26th – **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**

08.30 Trofimena Arpino RIP

10.00 Connie Teixeira

11.30 The Holy Souls

Monday 27th – Feria

09.30 Mellisa Grove RIP

Tuesday 28th – Feria

09.30 Schokman Family

Wednesday 29th – Feria

19.00 Ana Francisca Texeira RIP

Thursday 30th – ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland

09.30 Ryan Crick & Cornally Families RIP

Friday 1st December – Feria

09.30 Terry Rough (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 either Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205.)

Recently Deceased, Pat Lavin, Carmel McAuley, Bill Seery, Canon Louis Thomas.

Pray Also For Jerr Cummins, Mamie Cummins, Terry Rough, Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre, Catherine Sullivan, Catherine Mariasosai, Michael Chenley, Dymphna O'Shea, Mary Ryan, Jack Drury, Frank Carr, Christopher White, Ian Welham, Nell O'Leary, Joaquim Simões, Catherine Barker and Betty Williams 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. You should be prepared to introduce the agenda item you have submitted.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Monday, 18th December 2017 at 8.00pm.

Westminster Year Book 2018 If you would like a copy at £4.50 each please collect one from the foyer of the sacristy either before or after Mass.

CAFOD Christmas cards are on sale in the porch after all masses. Next weekend Fairtrade food will also be on sale.

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.**

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night On Wednesday, 29th November after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room. The film will be "Their Finest". £1 towards refreshments. Everyone welcome.

SJF Ladies/Knitting Group Meeting On Friday, 15th December at 2pm in the Fisher Room with mulled wine & panettone.

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.

Harrow Citizens - Forthcoming dates for future Citizens meetings 30th November, Borough Meeting, 7-9pm, Northwood School, Potter Street, HA6 1QG;

13th December, Delegates Assembly, 7-8:45pm, Mosaic Synagogue, 39 Besborough Rd, HA1 3BS it would be really wonderful if at least 10 people could attend this meeting; 30th January 2018, Issues Workshop, 7-8.45pm, The Parish Hall, St John Fisher Imperial Close HA2 7LW

If you would be interested in finding out more about Citizens or coming along to any of the meetings please let Fr Shaun know shaunmiddleton@rcdow.org.uk.

Harrow Community Centre for divorced and separated Catholics Next meeting is on Monday, 4th December in the hall in St Bernard's Church, Northolt (near Northolt Station). You are welcome whatever your situation. For more information please ring Jill 87204 3714/Eileen 88756 1284.

Carols by Candlelight - Tuesday 19th December 2017 at St. Dominic's Sixth Form College The Students & Staff of the college warmly invite you to Carols by Candlelight led by Bishop John Sherrington in the Chapel - Service at 6.00pm. RSVP – carols@stdoms.ac.uk. Please see poster in the porch.

Welcome Centre On Wednesdays 12pm-3pm and Saturdays 12pm-3pm at Church of St John the Baptist, Sheepcote Road, Harrow HA2 2JE (opposite Debenhams). Please see poster in the porch.

Support Catholic Schools Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Once again this year, we are asking for your help so that children whose parents are in prison will receive a Christmas gift. If you can help please buy a gift priced



between £5 and £10 and label your gift clearly with the gift code, from the list in the porch, on a post-it note or something easily removable. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT. The sponsoring organisation, Angel Tree, would like the gifts in by December 4th, so that they can be sent in good time for distribution. So when you are doing your shopping over these next days would you buy a gift and bring it along next weekend. This small gesture will make a child living in the most difficult circumstances very happy. It would be wonderful if we could send 55 gifts to these little ones. *Thank you.*