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14th January 2018 ~ Second Sunday of the Year B

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

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another person is our ears. If people could listen to each other the world would be a safer and healthier place. But it's dangerous to listen: you will be invited to share pains as well as joys; you will be disturbed as well as enriched; you will meet people, rather than just be acquainted. God invites us to meet him, too. And to meet God is to be changed.

The story of Samuel and the story of John the Baptist's disciples give us a vivid picture of what it means to encounter the living Word of God. Samuel had been dedicated to God by his mother, Anna, from the moment of his birth. So he served Eli, the priest of God in the sanctuary. He was asleep, when he heard a voice calling his name, and assumed it was Eli. It's not always easy to tell where a voice is coming from. We certainly don't expect it to come from beyond the range of possible people; Eli was the only possible person within Samuel's range. So Samuel was launched on the adventure of becoming a prophet of God, of hearing his word and passing it on to the people. Just as at first he didn't know where the voice was coming from, so he couldn't know where it was leading to. It was not his job to tell God what God should do, but to obey, and to challenge the people to obey, the voice of God.

Like Eli, John the Baptist had to point his disciples away from himself to meet the Lamb of God, Jesus, the one John had been sent to announce. It must have been tempting to keep his disciples around him, to care for them and give them his wisdom; but he like Eli, knew that true wisdom meant he had to point them in the direction of the source of all wisdom. He knew when he was no longer needed. In a sense this is all we need to discover from God – our true name, our true identity. The encounter with God will change us and challenge us, give us a name and identity which we might not have chosen for ourselves.



If we come to Jesus without our own preconceived ideas and agenda, we will hear the truth, we will encounter a love and a joy we would never have known if he had not named us: and we will share his sufferings.

On a personal note, after an exhausting and daunting first few days in the parish it was a pleasure to meet so many of you and to be so warmly welcomed to St John Fisher last weekend. A true revelation of the love of God – an 'Epiphany moment' you might say!

Brother priests from the local area are generously covering the masses here this week and this weekend as I am taking a pre-arranged post-Christmas holiday. As I mentioned last weekend, please keep me in your prayers and be patient as I get to know you, the parish and the life of a parish priest.

Every blessing

Fr Graham

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 13th January 2018 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 14th – 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Maureen Cusack RIP

10.00 Agnes & Daniel O'Sullivan (Anniv)

11.30 Matilda Albert (Anniv)

Monday 15th – Feria

09.30 Norah May Hurley RIP

Tuesday 16th – Feria

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Wednesday 17th – St Anthony, Abbot

19.00 James Campbell RIP

Thursday 18th – Feria

09.30 Norah May Hurley RIP

11.00 Requiem Mass for Mary Walsh RIP

Friday 19th – Feria

09.30 Norah May Hurley 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.

Recently Deceased, Ralph Prior, Mary Walsh, Brigid Kelly, Michael Patrick Connolly, Maeve Maher, Brian Boyle, Julian Stanislaus, Peter Clifford, Sheila Callinan, Patrick Callinan, N. Emmanuel, Anton Ratnarajah.

Pray Also For Agnes & Daniel O'Sullivan, Matilda Albert, Ian Scott, Loretta Souza, Graham Cooke, Freda Glynn, John McGovern, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie, Ellen Breingan, Larry Gibbons, Julia Moran, Flora Buhagiar, William Quinn, John Twomey, Bridget 'Delia' Walsh, William Enwright and Kitty O'Connor whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Mary Walsh who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Thursday, 18th January at 11.00am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Presentation to Fr Shaun In appreciation of his ministry during the past six years, there will be a collection after all masses over the next two weekends 20th/21st and 27th/28th January.

Donations can also be sent via the Parish Office. Fr Shaun will return to the parish on Sunday, 11th February 2018 to celebrate the 11.30am Mass to give thanks for his years at St John Fisher.

Harrow Citizens Meeting On 30th January 2018, Issues Workshop, 7-8.45pm in the Parish Hall, St John Fisher Church.

Theology on Tap The next meeting is on Wednesday, 24th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish bar. Our subject is the Theology of the Laity. What does the term 'Laity' mean; is there a specific mission for the Laity in the Church and how can Christ's faithful be empowered to fulfil such a mission?

Mary's Meals Save all your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) because on 3rd/4th February 2018 representatives from Mary's Meals will be here for their annual collection. Please do not bring clothes before this date as we have nowhere to store them. Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas Please collect your new rotas for 27th January 2018 to 11th March 2018 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Fairtrade Food Stall will be open in the porch after all masses next weekend. There is a good range of products available (coffees, teas, nuts, dried fruit etc) as well as the popular sweets & chocolates.

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night 'La Petite Monde de Don Camillo' On Wednesday, 17th January after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room. £1 towards refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Parish 100 Club The 100 club is a wonderful way to support the parish and fundraise so that we can pay for the new sanctuary. Forms are available from the wall rack by the right hand side notice board in the porch. Please could parishioners who pay yearly make their next contribution of £60 as soon as possible in order to be included in any future lottery draws. Cheques payable to "St John Fisher RC Church". You've got to be in it to win it!

David Martin Morrison please contact Claudia McHugh on 020 8429 5681 / claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

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

Knitting Group We are meeting on Friday, 26th January at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 10th February 2018 at 2pm The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. If you or the person you are accompanying will be attending in a wheelchair please contact Claudia on 8429 5681 by Friday, 2nd February 2018.

St John Fisher Social Club Membership subscriptions for 2018 are now due and can be renewed during club opening hours. Our AGM is on Sunday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Westminster Diocese Justice & Peace Commission European Pilgrimage The pilgrimage will take place from 2nd-11th April 2018 & will visit Calais, Brussels, Strasbourg, Taize, Assisi, Rome and Geneva by coach. Price £695. Preparation days for this participative journey will be on 24th February & 17th March. See the poster in the porch for more information or email justice@rcdow.org.uk for an application form.

Parnells Minor Gaelic Football Club Winter Training commences on Friday 19 January 2018 @ Cedars Community Centre. Boys and Girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Training takes place every Friday from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Indoor facilities for those under 8 with a 4G Astro Turf Pitch for those up to Year 6. Just turn up on the night for a FREE taster session or for further information contact Alan Carolan 07971 611764. See poster in the porch.

Senior Parishioners Christmas Lunch Please sign up if you would like to come. It is a great chance to get together over a good meal and to meet some of our young people who will be delighted to help out on that day. On **Sunday, 28th January 2018 at 12.30pm** in the Parish Hall. RSVP to the presbytery by Sunday, 14th January.

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