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21st January 2018 ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

In Chelsea we established a low key ecumenical partnership which was in its infancy. I was shocked by the protests of one of the other ministers at an initial meeting; if we were to go to each other's services as part of our 'getting to know each other' they would not be able to receive Holy Communion at St Mary's and we would not be able to receive at their services. There was no suggestion of doing anything illicit yet this initial protest alerted me to how easy it is to become complacent about the lack of unity amongst Christians.

We have now entered the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity which concludes with the feast of the Conversion of St Paul on Thursday, 25th January. At the Upper Room in Jerusalem Jesus prayed for his disciples, 'May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.' (John 17:21)

Christian Unity is not only Jesus' prayer for his disciples in the Church, it is his plan for the completion of his creation and the redemption of all humanity. So the barriers between Christians stand in the way of Christ's will. Let us unite and pray during these next eight days that these barriers be broken.

**'Lord,
we humbly ask that, by your grace,
the churches throughout the world
may become instruments of your peace.
Through our joint action as ambassadors
and agents of your healing,
reconciling love among divided peoples,
may your Name be hallowed and glorified.
Amen'**

We will pray this prayer at the parish mass on Tuesday which will be a Mass for the Unity of Christians. If you are unable to join us please try to pray this prayer on that day.

Fr Graham

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 20th January 2018 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Christy Conlon RIP, Phyllis Healy RIP

Sunday 21st – 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Alan Clive Tomsett RIP

10.00 People of the Parish

11.30 Rasiah Albert RIP Anniv

Monday 22nd – Feria

09.30 Norah May Hurley RIP

Tuesday 23rd – Feria

09.30 Eddie Barrett RIP

Wednesday 24th – St Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

19.00 Elsa Dias RIP

Thursday 25th – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

09.30 Stephen Delmer RIP Anniv, N. Emmanuel RIP

Friday 26th – Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

09.30 Brian, Helen & Maureen Gaffney RIP 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.

Recently Deceased, Richard Knight, Patrick O'Malley.

Pray Also For Rasiah Albert, Stephen Delmer, Brian, Helen & Maureen Gaffney, Annette Motley, Ariti Papson, Ida Buhagiar, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan, Denise Mitchell, Henry Kobus, June Smith, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donaghue, Anton Constantine, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Daniel Dhar, (baby) Lillie Rose Devaney and Zygfryd Wypchol whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Presentation to Fr Shaun In appreciation of his ministry during the past six years, there will be a collection after all masses **this and next weekend**. 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 but **please drop them off before 11.30am Mass on 4th February at the latest**. 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 is open in the porch after all masses this weekend. There is a good range of products available (coffees, teas, nuts, dried fruit etc) as well as the popular sweets & chocolates.

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!

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

St John Fisher Social Club Membership subscriptions for 2018 are now due and can be renewed during club opening hours or after all Masses on 27th/28th January and 3rd/4th February. Our AGM is on Sunday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

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.

Annual Mass for Bereaved Parents will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday, 10th March 2018 at Westminster Cathedral. Parents will be invited to write the names of their deceased children on a card which will be taken up with the offertory. All are welcome. Please see poster in the porch.

Adult Faith Formation Courses Please see below a list of courses which may be of interest. Registration is required, email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, please leave a message at 020 7931 6078. Further info at <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

Journey through Lent with Marks' Gospel with Sr Anne Walsh OP and Sr Karen Marguerite OP - 25th Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 15th Feb, 8th Mar, 2018 at 7.30-9.00pm, Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey WD23 4EE. Suggested donation: £5.00.

Faith Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Speakers: Sr Karen Marguerite OP and Sr Anne Walsh OP - Sat 27th Jan 2018 at 10.00am-4.00pm (including Mass with Fr Chris Vipers), Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey WD23 4EE. Suggested donation: £14.00.

Refreshments will be provided. Please bring packed lunch.

Mindfulness in Christian Tradition (1) with Mgr Malachy Keegan This seminar will explain Mindfulness and the great help it gives us in managing our lives well. We will learn how to live in the present moment, without worrying about the future and dwelling in the past. We will learn practical ways of being closer to God, to ourselves and to others - 27th January 2018 at 10.00am to 3.00pm, Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London, NW1 1TA. Suggested donation: £14.00.

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.

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 Graham 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.