



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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10th June 2018 ~ 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 9th June 2018

9th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
10th Sun	10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Elaine Hards & Family
10.00am	Sarah Shanahan RIP Anniv
11.30am	In Thanksgiving – Arulanantham Family
11th Mon	St Barnabas, Apostle
9.30am	Kamini Rajaratnam RIP
12th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Anna and Jeyaraj Joseph RIP
13th Wed	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor - no mass
14th Thu	Feria
9.30am	Patricia Roach RIP
15th Fri	Feria
9.30am	Julio Vargas RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am – 9.15am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

Mission Stations

In the last month or so we have celebrated in our parish two significant Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith; 45 children have made their First Holy Communion and 48 teenagers received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have celebrated the great feasts of the Ascension, when we mark Jesus being reunited with God the Father, and Pentecost, when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the apostles gathered together in Jerusalem a week later. Last week we had our Corpus Christi procession and there was a whole day of adoration on the bank holiday leading up to it. Quite a month!

But there is a danger, not least amongst priests, of feeling that after all that activity in the church we can 'take our foot off the gas.' Yet our life of faith should not be centered around a physical building. In our 21st century Western European culture our churches might be helpfully considered once again as 'mission stations,' that is places from which we are sent out to proclaim the Gospel having been strengthened and renewed in the Sacramental and communal life of faith. Pope Francis warns us in *Evangelii Gaudium*, quoting the Latin American bishops, that 'we "cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings"; we need to move "from a pastoral ministry of mere conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry".' (Evangelii Gaudium 15).

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption”

Ps 130

If we take our 'foot of the gas' at the end of all this pastoral activity in our church building we are doing exactly what the Holy Father warns us against; being disciples of Jesus Christ is a way of life not a seasonal activity!

Have a blessed week,

Fr Graham

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 or Tony on 020 8868 3205. If you would like to be visited by a priest and/or regularly with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Recently Deceased, Herta Hoffmann, Dipesh Shah.

Pray also For Sarah Shanahan, Ann Lavelle, David McIntosh, Godfrey Taylor, Michael O'Connor, Geraldine Aiello, Luigina Johnson, Susan Tully, Peter Foran, Ellen Trombetti, Teresa Rynne, Kieran Jordan, Jim O'Shea, Michael Murphy, Susan Perrin, Linda Leon, Florence Morawska, Agnes Ray, Austin Hatton, Austin Campbell, Gavin Bissett whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Getting to know 800 people! The gatherings with small groups of parishioners continue. We've been talking about the parish, what works well and what we could do better. Here are some dates for this month for parishioners to host a gathering and a couple which will be hosted in the Fisher Room. The meetings should last no more than an hour and a half and involve simple refreshments. More dates will follow for the second half of July.

New dates for parishioners to host: Tue 12 June – evening; Fri 15 June – afternoon or evening; Mon 18 June - evening
dates hosted in parish (Fisher Room):

3pm Sat 16 June (parishioners in the Rayners Lane area);

3pm Sun 17 June (parishioners in the North Harrow area)

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas Please collect your new rotas for 23rd June to 12th August 2018 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Parish Fairtrade stall will be open in the porch after masses *next* weekend, stocking a range of fairly traded food, tea and coffee. Come and take a look. Every purchase helps a grower in some of the poorest parts of the world make a decent living.

Car Parking Please park with due consideration for others when coming to church including not blocking the entrance to the car park nor parking on the grass verge at the entrance to the church. As well as inconveniencing our neighbours and other parishioners this prevents emergency vehicles being able to access the church. Please use our car park, Imperial Drive and the surrounding streets for parking. This is a very practical way by which we can demonstrate love for our neighbours.

St Dominic's Sixth Form College – The Principal's Charity Concert 2018 The Principal invites you to his annual Charity Concert in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Trust on Thursday, 28th June 2018 at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. RSVP principalsconcert@stdoms.ac.uk.

Mass Intentions Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in 'papers' box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

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.

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.

Parish Patronal Feast Friday 22nd June is the **Feast Day of St John Fisher** (and St Thomas More). This year we will move this to the Sunday so that we can all celebrate together our patronal feast. We'll all be exhausted from the International Day but will no doubt want to celebrate this occasion. Therefore **after the 11.30am mass on Sunday, 24th June** we will have a **'bring and share' picnic on the lawn around the presbytery**. We'll provide you with something to drink to toast St John Fisher if you can bring a picnic dish to share!

International Day Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the porch *this* weekend after the 10am Mass. There are some great prizes. Tickets are £1 each and £5 per book. Thank you for your support.

St John Fisher International Day will take place at our school in Melrose Road on **Saturday, June 23rd 2018, 11am-3pm**. As a parish we take responsibility for the following stalls: Books, Cakes & Refreshments, the Bottle Tombola, Irish Coffee, International Kitchen, Plants, Craft & the Gate Entrance.

All these stalls need volunteers to help on the day If you are free for an hour or two or all of the day please contact Claudia at the presbytery (or Alison 020 8427 2910/ alisonjackson2000@hotmail.com). All offers of help will be much appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet for the **International kitchen**. Please drop off dishes directly to the school kitchen on the day from 11am – disposable containers where possible. If you can spare half an hour to help serve in the kitchen, please sign up on the separate sheet in the porch.

Donations of bottles, books, Jolly Jars, "posh" bags, toys, bikes, scooters, teddies, uniforms and good quality sport and dance wear, are all needed. Please bring your donations to the church porch from Monday, 18th June to latest 9.30am on Friday, 22nd June or the school office. NO bric-a-brac this year.

Cakes of all descriptions – sponge cakes, fruitcakes, tray bakes, small cakes, muffins, cupcakes, biscuits, fruit loaves whatever you want to make/donate are all urgently needed for the Cake stall and Tea/Coffee stall. Cakes can be left at the School or Church on Friday or at the school on Saturday morning. Please contact Alison Jackson if you need to make arrangements for collection.

Calling all gardeners Following the success of the Plant Stall last year we are once again appealing for donations. It would be great if you are planting seeds you could sow a few extra, or maybe you could take some cuttings from garden plants/herbs to put in pots and **remember to label**, or plant up a hanging basket/patio pot. They can be left in the church porch until 10am on Friday, 22nd June or bring to the school Sat morning.

Craft Stall There will also be a craft stall for Bakhita House. We would be grateful if parishioners could make handmade items, i.e. soft toys, dolls clothes, jewellery, knitted garments and fancy goods. Please drop these into the presbytery by Friday, 22nd June.