



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ~ Ss THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>Ss THOMAS MORE &amp; JOHN FISHER</b>
8.30am	Bella D'Souza RIP
10.00am	Philip Mendonça 3 <sup>rd</sup> RIP Anniv
11.30am	Norah Hurley RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Lillian Weldon RIP
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Mrs. Mulkerns RIP
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>St John Southworth, Priest &amp; Martyr - no mass</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>St Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
9.30am	Tommy McMahon RIP
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Ss PETER AND PAUL, Apostles</b>
	<b>Holy day of Obligation</b>
	(St John Fisher School attending)
9.30am	(baby) Leo
7.00pm	Teresa Durkin (Int)

#### 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:

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, 2 Corinthians 8:7.9. 13-15,  
Mark 5:21-43

### SO WHO IS OUR PATRONAL SAINT?

Saint John Fisher was born in Yorkshire in 1469. After school he studied at the University of Cambridge and in 1491 was ordained priest. In 1497, he became chaplain and confessor to Margaret Beaufort, the mother of King Henry VII. He went on to become chancellor of Cambridge University in 1504.

Fisher gained a reputation as a scholar and a pious, humble man. He was appointed Bishop of Rochester in Kent and served as tutor to Prince Henry (later King Henry VIII). He soon encountered conflict with the new king, his former pupil, when Henry began a series of encroachments on the church in the name of reform.

In May 1532 Henry VIII, having become increasingly dissatisfied with his marriage to Catherine of Aragon for not producing a surviving male heir, sought an annulment. Fisher became the queen's supporter against the divorce. When Pope Clement VII refused to annul the marriage, Henry assumed supremacy of the Church and declared his marriage to Catherine null and void. In quick succession Parliament passed the Succession Act, separating England from the Catholic Church and acknowledging Henry and his new wife, Anne Boleyn, as heirs to the throne. Fisher refused to acknowledge the succession and was sent to the Tower of London on April 26, 1534, where he remained for more than a year, under severe conditions.

In May 1535, Pope Paul III named John Fisher cardinal priest of San Vitale in hopes of inducing Henry to ease on Fisher's treatment. The act had the opposite effect: Henry refused the appointment and Fisher was sent to trial for treason for denying that the king was the supreme head of the Church of England. He was found guilty and condemned to death by beheading, which occurred on June 22, 1535 at Tower Hill. On May 19, 1935, he was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

Have a blessed two weeks and I look forward to seeing you all again when I get back from France.

*Fr Graham*

**“Your words gladden the heart, O Lord, they give light to the eyes”**

*Psalm 18:9*

**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**, Mahes Sebastian, Con Buckley.

**Pray also For** Philip Mendonça, Ralph MacDonald, Gabriel Andrews, Mary Antonympillai, Peter Lavin, Patrick Keane, Jack Lynch, William Harries, Marie Carr, Janeka Parkinson, Mary Coen, Michael Healy, Milan McCann, Alex Joseph, Rita Brennan, Ferdinand Monteiro, Kathleen Carroll, John Kennedy, Flory d'Souza whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Welcome to Fr Christopher Clohessy** who will be staying with us for the next three weeks whilst Fr Graham is away on his summer break. Fr Chris works in Rome for most of the year and we are very blessed to have him with us.

**Friday this week, 29<sup>th</sup> June, is the solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul and is a holy day of obligation** when we are required to attend mass. Masses here are at 9.30am with the upper years of St John Fisher School and at 7.00pm.

**Parishioner Gatherings!** In the recent get-togethers with small groups of parishioners, we've been talking about the parish, what works well and what we could do better. The meetings typically last no more than an hour and a half and involve simple refreshments. It seems to work best when people host them in their homes. Some dates at the end of July that are available for this include:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – evening
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon or evening
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July – evening

If you would like to host an event, please e-mail Fr Graham or leave a message and he will get back to you after his break. If you want to suggest another time then please do!

**The Pylon Summer Edition** is now available to view at <https://stjohnfisher.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/summer-2018.pdf>.

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

**Welcome Ministry Rota** Please **collect** your new rota from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch. We need more volunteers so if you are interested or no longer want to be on the rota, please contact Sue Moriarty at [suemoriarty@sky.com](mailto:suemoriarty@sky.com).

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. RSVP [principalsconcert@stdoms.ac.uk](mailto:principalsconcert@stdoms.ac.uk).

**Sick List** If, in the past, you have asked for someone to be put on the sick list it would be very much appreciated if you could let Claudia know whether that person should be taken off – hopefully because they are now better.

**In case you are admitted to hospital** In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be

passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Priest Training Fund** £1,730.44 was collected. Thank you for your support.

**Sea Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> July** On this day the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).