



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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13th May 2018 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
week beginning Sat 12th May 2018

12th Sat	ST PANCRAS, Martyr
10.00am	Peg Martin (Sick)
	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Maurice Malone RIP Anniv
13th Sun	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	John & Mary Small RIP Anniv, Pat & Catherine Ward RIP Anniv
11.30am	Norah May Hurley RIP
14th Mon	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle
9.30am	Anusha Sarvananthan RIP
15th Tue	Easter feria
9.30am	Marie & Ernie Crompton RIP Anniv
16th Wed	Easter feria - no mass
17th Thu	Easter feria
9.30am	Jeyarani Sylvester RIP, Selvam Vendakone RIP
18th Fri	St John I, Pope & Martyr
9.30am	John Monaghan 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:

Sat vigil: Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39.
Sun: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;
John 20:19-23.

GETTING TO KNOW 800 PEOPLE!

Thanks to your warm welcome and generosity I am glad to say that I am feeling much more settled in North Harrow than on 3rd January this year! Yet a quick handshake after Sunday mass doesn't enable us to engage in any meaningful way so I am trying something that a few other parishes have done from Chelsea to Nova Scotia.

Would it be possible for some parishioners to host an evening or weekend afternoon in different parts of the parish and beyond, where a small group of Parishioners, (no more than say 10 people) are invited? I hope that these meetings will help me to meet the widest possible circle of parishioners, those who have already talked to me, those to whom I have only spoken briefly and those whose voices have not yet been heard. If you felt that you could host such an evening and invite some fellow parishioners to attend then please contact me (details above) with a proposed date and time from the initial list below. If you would like to host but don't know sufficient parishioners we can invite some near you. If you would like to be part of a group but cannot host then we will arrange for a few meetings to take place in the Fisher Room or presbytery garden. We'll start with a couple of weeks in May then the same in June and when I return from my break in July. I am hopeful that this will be a success but the plan can also be adapted if needs be. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

I hope that we can talk about the parish; what works well and what we could do better. Over the last few months you may have heard me talking about wider dreams for our parish community; it would be good to get your thoughts on this too. The meetings should only last an hour to an hour and a half and involve simple refreshments, if at all.

Have a blessed week

Fr Graham

suggested dates to begin:

Fri 18 May - evening

Sat 19 May - afternoon

Tue 22 May - evening

Fri 25 May - evening

Sun 27 May - afternoon/eve

Thu 31 May - evening

Sat 2 June - morning

"I am with you always, yes, to the end of time"

Matthew 28:20

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

SVF 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,

Pray also For Maurice Malone, John & Mary Small, Pat and Catherine Ward, Marie & Ernie Crompt, Angela Cawley, Brian Tunnacliffe, German Tse Kwong Pin, Angela Castagna, Jim (Zdislaw) Morawski, Thomas Durkin, Cathleen Smith, Hilda Rogers, William Irving, Carl Johns, James Moreland, Rita Rough, Eugene Murray, Anne Griffin, Peter Digby, Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Shasa Paterson-Jones and Sabrina D'Souza who were married in our church this weekend.

Confirmation 2019 If you are in school year 8 or above you are invited to register your interest. See Kay before Mass on Saturday or after Masses on Sundays.

Applications for First Holy Communion 2019 will be available in the Fisher Room on any of the following: Saturday 19th May from 5.30-5.45pm; Sunday 20th May from 9.15-9.45am and 12.30pm and Monday 21st May from 7.30-8.00pm, for any child who will be in school year 3 or above from September 2018. The cost of the programme is £20 which covers the cost of the workbooks. If your child was baptised outside of the parish you will need a photocopy of a baptism certificate when you register.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration Advance notice that on **Monday, 28th May** we will be hosting a Day of Adoration as part of our Harrow deanery preparations for the feast of Corpus Christi. This will begin after the morning mass and conclude with benediction followed by mass at 7pm. Please use the sign-up sheet in the porch for you to sign up to being present with our Lord for half an hour! There will be no adoration before mass that Monday.

Altar Servers Albs Help is required from parents in washing and ironing the albs. Please contact the parish office. *Thank you.*

Harrow Citizens Would you like to find out more about Harrow Citizens? Perhaps you are able to give a little time to promote this work in the parish or join an action group? All are welcome to find out more and share ideas on **Wednesday, 16th May at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.**

Parish Fairtrade stall will be open after all masses *next* Sunday (20th May). We are short of volunteers to staff the stall, especially after Saturday evening mass. If you can help, please email sjfraidcraft@gmail.com for more information.

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night “Queen of Hearts” on Tuesday, 15th May (please note new date) at 7pm in the Fisher Room. £4 including pasta. Please contact Teresa 020 8427 3063 to book.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 25th May at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All donations of wool will be very welcome which can be dropped off in the presbytery.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 17th May at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

The Pylon - Summer edition 2018 Please send us your articles, accounts & photos of parish events, reports from parish groups, original short stories, holiday or book recommendations, about your pets, recipes, advice etc (Word limit approx. 1,200.) Either email barbaratowell@sky.com or place in appropriate pigeonhole in the Church porch. Once again, The Pylon is holding

a Creative Writing Competition for younger readers: 1st Prize of £10 and a prize for runners up in each of the age groups a) Ages 16 – 12; b) Below 11 years. All winning pieces will be published in our Christmas edition. We are asking for either short stories, flash fiction or poetry on *any topic*. This must be your own original work. Please ask parent/guardian/teacher to verify. Make sure you include this; plus your full name, age and contact details on the work or email. **Deadline for all submissions is Sunday, May 13th.**

International Day – 23rd June 2018 - Calling all gardeners Once again we will have a Plant Stall at the International Day. 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. More info about where to bring them nearer the day.

International Kitchen In the porch you will find sign-up sheets for the International Kitchen. This is very popular and only works with your help, so please do get involved and share some of your home and culture with the parish. If people could spare half an hour on the day to help serve in the kitchen that would be fantastic - there is a separate sheet for this.

Craft Stall Once again this year there will 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 at the latest by Friday, 22nd June.

An Invitation to Young Adults from the Cardinal The Cardinal invites young adults, aged 18 to 30, to join him at Archbishop's House for three meetings (15th May, 29th May, 19th June, all at 6.30pm) to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. The first meeting is this coming Tuesday but all are welcome to attend whichever meetings they are able. More details can be found on the youth section of the diocesan website (www.dowym.com). If you would like to come along, please let us know by sending a quick email to youth@rcdow.org.uk.

115th Annual May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 13th May 2018. Beginning at the Shrine, 1 Nicoll Rd, NW10 9AX, at 3.30pm.

“Adoremus Congress” – 7th to 9th September, 2018 The bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on the above dates. The Echo Arena in Liverpool will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the 8th September and will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers **Bishop Robert Barron** and **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with **Adoration**. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or call 07738 183829.

Churches Together in North Harrow (CTNH) – Pentecost Picnic On Sunday, 20th May from 12.30pm-3.00pm at Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive. Bring your own food. Drinks, hot and cold, will be provided. See poster on the notice board.

Knights of Saint Columba Annual Sponsored Walk The Knights will be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of the Ealing Centre for Independent Living, which supports people with disabilities. The walk will take place on Sunday, 3rd June along the canal bank between Hanwell and Southall. With the permission of Father Graham, the Knights will be collecting offers of sponsorship after all Masses **this weekend**. Please be generous!