



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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20th May 2018 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 19th May 2018

19th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Mark Kevin Sundararajan RIP Anniv
20th Sun	PENTECOST SUNDAY
8.30am	Manny De Abreu RIP Anniv
10.00am	Anton Emmanuel 6 th RIP Anniv
11.30am	People of the Parish
21st Mon	Mary, Mother of the Church
9.30am	Mrs. Mary Doherty
22nd Tue	St Rita of Cascia
9.30am	John O'Donague RIP
23rd Wed	Feria - no mass
24th Thu	Feria
9.30am	Kurian Thomas RIP Anniv
25th Fri	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor
9.30am	Conel O'Donal RIP
26th Sat	St Philip Neri, Priest
10.00am	Camille Malone (Sick)

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:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17,
Matthew 28:16-20

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost when the apostles, gathered in the upper room, received the Holy Spirit promised to them by Christ himself before he ascended to his Father. As we continue our journey through May we recognise that Mary was gathered with the apostles in the upper room for this event as dramatically depicted in this painting of the descent of the Holy Spirit by the 16th century Spanish artist, El Greco. Our journey through the month of Mary continues with our second **Saturday mass** of the month **next Saturday, 26th May at 10am.**



On **Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May**, we are hosting the first of Harrow deanery's **days of Eucharistic Adoration** in preparation for the great feast of Corpus Christi on 3rd June. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; I encourage you to consider joining me in spending some time with our Lord that day. Similar opportunities take place in: Harrow-on-the Hill - Sat 26th, Headstone Lane - Sun 27th, Northolt - Tues 29th, Stanmore - Wed 30th, Wealdstone - Thu 31st, Pinner - Fri 1st, Sudbury - '40 hours' from 9.30am Thu 31st - 9.30am Sat 2nd

This is also a great opportunity to pray for the success of the **Eucharistic Congress** in Liverpool in September; tickets are still available for the Saturday and Sunday events (more details overleaf).

There are still a few slots if you would like to host a small **gathering of parishioners** this month; more opportunities including here at the church will come soon for mid-June and the second half of July.

“No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit”

(1 Cor 12:3) 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.

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, Mary Moore, Winifred Noonan, Michael Goldsmith, Fr Patrick Sammon.

Pray also For Mark Kevin Sundararajan, Manny De Abreu, Anton Emmanuel, Kurian Thomas, Ellen Broadrick, Ranees Saverimuttu, Robert Dorr, Franek Szlachta, John Plowright, Theresa Hughes, Joe O’Gorman, Joe McGrath, Aldo Minoli, Bridie White, Patrick Moloney, Frank Gallagher, Sadie Horan, Cornelius Clancy, Mary O’Shea, Augustine Texeira, Mai Dineen, Regina Emmanuel, Sarah Madden, Ronald Martin, Julie Wilson whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Mary Moore who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Friday, 1st June at 1.00pm followed by committal at Carpenders Park. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms We welcome Jack Lynch and Roman Power who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

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 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.

Getting to know 800 people! Following my notice and homily last weekend there has been an encouraging initial response to my invitation to you to host a gathering with a small group of Parishioners that I can come to. As I said, I hope that these meetings will help me to meet the widest possible circle of parishioners. If you feel you could host such an evening or afternoon and invite some fellow parishioners to attend then please contact me (details above) with a proposed date and time from the 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 come but are reluctant to host then I will be arranging for a few similar meetings to take place in the Fisher Room or presbytery garden next month and in July. I hope that we can talk about the parish; what works well and what we could do better. The meetings should last no more than an hour and a half and involve simple refreshments. **Suggested dates remaining:** Tue 22 May – evening, Fri 25 May – evening, Sat 2 June – morning.

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

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.

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.

Parish Fairtrade stall will be open after all masses **this** weekend. We are short of volunteers to staff the stall, especially after Saturday evening mass. If you can help, please email siftraidcraft@gmail.com for more information.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – April 2018 – 1st prize £100 Claire Finney, 2nd prize £50 Marie Gregory, 3rd prize £25 Dorothy Mariampillai. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

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.

Holiday at Home (for 60s & over) A time for those who are over 60 years old to spend time together. 21st to 24th June 2018 at 10.30am to 5.00pm at Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive. Booking forms and more info in the Church porch.

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 was last 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.

“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 and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with **Adoration**. For more information, please contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or call 07738 183829.

St John Bosco - Summer Camp 2018 for Boys aged 8-13 years and Girls aged 9-12 years. For more info and dates please see poster on the notice board in the Church porch.