



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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16th September 2018 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 15th September 2018

15th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Con Buckley RIP
16th Sun	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Tony Dellamura RIP Anniv & Family
10.00am	In Thanksgiving - Diamond Jubilee Wedding Anniv of Mr & Mrs W.J. Navaratnam
11.30am	People of the Parish
17th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Fr. Robert Barry (Relief from MS)
18th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Robert Plourde (Recovery from Op)
19th Wed	Most Holy Name of Mary - no mass
20th Thu	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
9.30am	Bridget Morley RIP
21st Fri	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist
9.30am	Helen Hartnett

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 2:12.17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

HOME MISSION SUNDAY



Mission has traditionally been associated with spreading the Gospel to faraway lands and has been work undertaken by missionary orders such as that of Sr Rose Mary who came here a few months ago for a missionary appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. But the work of mission is critical to all of our lives. Home Mission Sunday gives us an opportunity to focus on the spread of the Gospel in our local area.

Our impression of Jesus and Christianity can help or hinder our desire to talk about him so it's interesting to see how people think of Jesus. In a recent survey over half of non-Christians described active Christians they knew as 'friendly' and 'caring' with words such as 'hypocritical' and 'homophobic' being used by less than 10% of respondents. But four out of ten adults did not believe Jesus to be a real person who actually lived and only 1 in 10 described Him as God in human form.

There is much work for us to do and the place to start is with prayer...why not light a candle and say a prayer for someone you know and love who doesn't come to church or believe in Jesus...and then tell them you've done it?

The retiring collection today supports the work of the bishops' Home Mission Office.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation”

Mark 16:15

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, Desmond Harris, Claire Anne Nolan.

Pray also For Tony Dellamura, Molly McCann, Jean Casey, Francis Kerr, Ann Maybury, Mavis Pereira, Elmo Joseph, Reginald Dingley, Florida Lawani, Margaret Garvey, Tony Garvey, Maria Keiko Matsumura, Clara Mars-Harris, Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward Ofulue whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome into our community Julia Krumenauer who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Confirmation The next Confirmation meeting will be on Monday, 24th September at 5.30pm-6.30pm in the large Hall.

First Holy Communion This is the last week to catch Kay at Mass if you still have a query about the date of your meeting or applying. All information has now been sent to parents so if you haven't received it make sure you see Kay at Mass.

Parishioner Gatherings Fr Graham plans to continue offering parishioners the opportunity to meet with him in small groups, in your homes or in the St John Fisher Room, to get to know you and reflect and discuss the life of our parish. He will be happy to have this discussion at the coffee morning after today's 11.30am mass and then be suggesting more dates; in the meantime if you would like to host an event do contact him.

Coffee Morning Today after both 10am and 11.30am masses in the Parish Hall. Come along and get to know more of your fellow parishioners and learn about the activities of the parish. Even if you don't know many people, a warm welcome awaits you, so pop in, even if you can only stay a short while. Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be available. Raffle prizes will be on display in the porch after all masses so please buy a ticket for £1 sold in the porch, and make sure you give us your name & telephone number. The draw will take place around 1.30pm. All proceeds to the parish fund.

Harrow Citizens – St John Fisher Group Next meeting on **Thursday, 20th September** at 7.30pm in the small hall. All welcome to come and support our prime means of social action.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 28th September** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. Donations of wool can be dropped off at the presbytery.

'More than just a Choir' is looking forward to entertaining you in St John Fisher Parish Hall on **Saturday, 29th September at 7.30pm**. Please give your support for a very good cause to those who suffer from learning difficulties. Proceeds shared between the choir and parish funds. Ticket £5.00, light refreshments provided.

Parish Women's Group On **Saturday, 10th November** at 2.30pm - 4pm. Chance to make/paint Christmas decorations/gifts in pottery at delightful cafe/workshop Picazzo Arts, Wealdstone, www.picazzoarts.co.uk. Fun and fulfilling. All women in the parish are invited. £5 deposit. Further details from Deirdre at dshanahan1@hotmail.com / 07702817449.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – July 2018 - 1st prize £100 Barrett Family, 2nd prize £50 Sarah O'Toole, 3rd prize £25 Lina

Quinton. **August 2018** – 1st prize £100 Margaret Maybury, 2nd prize £50 Angela Andrade, 3rd prize £25 MJ & AP Hughes. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form College Open Days We have received posters advertising open days at local Catholic Secondary Schools & Sixth Form Colleges including Sacred Heart Language College, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, St Gregory's Catholic Science College, Gumley House School FCJ, Gunnersbury Catholic School, St Dominic's Sixth Form College; these are on display on the noticeboard in the porch.

Readers Workshop – Two Training Sessions at St George's, Sudbury. Theory on **Saturday, 29th September**, Practice on **Saturday, 13th October**, both 10.30am-12.00pm. For more info please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on **Tuesday, 2nd October** at 7pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London, W8 6SA. Bishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

The Guild of Our Lady & St Joseph invite you to hear internationally recognised author, spiritual theologian and retreat master, **Fr Jacques Philippe** speak on 'How to Grow Closer to God through the trials and suffering of life' at Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, NW8 8LA on **Sunday 16 September**. Doors will open at 6:45 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:15 pm. Admission: £5 at the door. If interested please register at guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com. For more info, please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

The Grace of the Present Moment A morning reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver at Niland Centre. Give your spirit time as another month unravels and allow God's grace to sooth you. **Thursday, 27 September** (10.00 am - 12.30 pm). Suggested donation £6; registrations welcome. Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Information: nilandcentre@gmail.com.

Beginning Experience Healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex from 5th to 7th October 2018. For more details please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

St John Fisher Preschool are open 5 days per week. Mon, Tues & Weds 9.15am-3.45pm and Thurs & Fri 9.15am-12.45pm term time only. We are situated in the parish hall and take children from 2 years & 4 months. We currently have a limited amount of sessions available for both funded and non-funded children. All 3 & 4 year olds are funded for 15 hours per week (the term after they are 3) with some funded for up to 30 hours if eligible. We are approved by Harrow to offer a limited amount of funding to 2 year olds (providing you meet the criteria) and can accept childcare vouchers. Please contact 07586 345706 or sjf.preschool@gmail.com for further information, we welcome all enquires.

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.