



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
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30th September 2018 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 29th September 2018

29th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Donal Shannon RIP
30th Sun	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	John Murphy RIP
10.00am	Fr Christopher Clohessy
11.30am	People of the Parish
1st Mon	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
9.30am	George Standon (Sick)
2nd Tue	The Holy Guardian Angels
9.30am	Alice Standon RIP Anniv
3rd Wed	Feria - no mass
4th Thu	St Francis of Assisi
9.30am	Bernard Barker RIP Anniv
5th Fri	Feria – Harvest Fast Day
9.30am	Chris Caldwell RIP Anniv
10.00am	Adoration & Benediction

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:

Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11,
Mark 10:2-16 (or 10:2-12)

BEING ABLE TO CHOOSE TO FAST OR FEAST



The Church has always encouraged the practice of fasting, for example by not eating meat on Fridays. It is a way of helping us acquire mastery over our base instincts and freedom of heart, thus putting Christ above our immediate desires. It is associated with penance and helping us to prepare for great feasts; we endure a small amount of pain to help us reflect on what Christ went through for us. Yet we are very blessed in being able to *choose to fast or feast*. So many people around the world have no choice in the matter. Would you or I ever choose to fast by drinking the dirty water this Ugandan woman has to drink?

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day this coming Friday, 5th

October, encourages us to fast for all the spiritual benefits mentioned. It also gives us the opportunity to put what we save – and a little more if possible – to support their work in providing a reliable supply of clean, safe water to those people who have to drink water like that in the picture. Please remember to take a Fast Day envelope. We will collect your Fast Day envelopes and offerings after all our Masses next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.

Every blessing for the week ahead, I'll be feasting myself on Sunday afternoon as it's my birthday so remind me twice over to fast on Friday!

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord’

Jeremiah 29:11

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, Pascal James, Pearlie Navaratnam, Ramesh Peter.

Pray also For Alice Standon, Bernard Barker, Chris Caldwell, William Murphy, William Rebbitt, Kitty Davis, Stephen Rizkallah, Sarah Hegarty, Christine James, Patricia Dunmore, Helen Williams, Peter Golden, Keith Phaure whose anniversaries occur at this time.

School Admission Fr. Graham will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on **Saturday, 6th October 2018 at 9.30am-11.30am** and **Monday, 8th October at 6.00pm-8.00pm** in the Fisher Room (*forms have to be with the schools by 31st October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). *When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number.* If applying for the London Oratory please bring copies of any forms you need to submit. **The Certificate of Catholic Practice** must be completed for all applications to schools (one per school) that use 'practising Catholic' as an admission criterion; *It is not reasonable to expect a Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed if you are not a regular church-going parishioner*
<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

Parishioner Gatherings Fr Graham continues to offer parishioners the opportunity to meet with him in small groups, in your homes or the Fisher Room, to get to know you and reflect and discuss the life of our parish. If you would like to host an event, please contact him. Otherwise there will be a gathering **after the 11.30am mass on Sunday 28th October in the Fisher Room.**

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 4th October at 8pm in the Social Club.

SJF Ladies are having a film night on Thursday, 11th October at 7pm, £5 with pasta. "The Leisure Seekers" with Donald Sutherland & Helen Mirren. t.arrigo@virgin.net to book or 8427 3063.

Parish Women's Group The Ladies Group have invited the PWG to come to the Film and Pasta evening - please see Ladies Group notice above for details.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 12th and 26th October** at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas Please collect your new rotas for 13th October to 2nd December 2018 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Coffee Morning A small team have been running our Sunday Coffee Mornings for some time and are always looking for willing new helpers. If you are interested please contact Deirdre on 07907 798412.

St John Fisher School Harvest Assembly We are delighted to invite senior parishioners to our school's Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on Thursday, 11th October at 10.00am in the school hall. We hope many will be able to join us.

St John Fisher Preschool are open 5 days per week. Mon, Tue, Wed 9.15am-3.45pm, Thu & Fri 9.15am-12.45pm term time only. We are 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.

Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form College Open Days Details for Gumley House School, Gunnersbury Catholic School, St Joan of Arc, Salvatorian College, St Dominic's Sixth Form College, St Gregory's Catholic Science College Sixth Form are displayed on the porch noticeboard.

Flower Arranging Class on pedestals on Saturday, 13th October at 9.30am-1.00pm at St Thomas More RC Church, 32 Field End Road, Pinner HA5 2Q. If you are interested in helping with the flower arranging at St John Fisher, please come along and watch. Contact Ann French on 020 8868 5163.

National One-Day Conference on Growing in Connectedness: Healing the History of Child Sex Abuse On Sunday, 21st October, 10am-5.30pm at Cloisters Hall, St Benedict's School, Ealing. Cost £60, concessions £35 (limited numbers). Email info@benedictine-institute.org, call 020 8862 2156, <https://healinghistorylondon.eventsmart.com/events/growing-into-connectedness/>.

Refugees: Where to Start? A Parish Response on Thursday, 11th October at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN, 7-9pm, with refreshments available from 6.30pm. This event is organised by Caritas Westminster and will be chaired by Bishop Paul McAleenan and attended by a wide range of refugee projects and supporters who will provide the background to the crisis and share information and advice on how you can play your part, in both large and small ways.

'What is the point of praying?' A series of evenings on a healing power of prayer with Fr Keith Barltrop On Monday, 29th October & Thursday, 8th November 2018, 7pm to 8pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Lectio Divina: ruminating on the Scriptures—Retreat day with Sister Anne Walsh OP On Saturday, 3rd November 2018 (9.30 for 10.00am until 3.00pm) at Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either 1:1 or through social events. www.catholicsingles.org.uk / 0161 9413498.