



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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1st September 2019 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
week beginning Sat 31st August 2019

31st Sat	St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne
9.30am	Somasiri Anton RIP
1.00pm	Nuptial Mass for the Wedding of Noel Mangani & Georgina Aembe
	(Vigil of Sunday)
	6.00pm Larry Gorman RIP
1st Sun	22 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Louisa John-Philip RIP
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Claire Anne Nolan RIP Anniv
2nd Mon	Feria
9.30am	Hilary & Rita D'Cruz 65 Wedding Anniv
3rd Tue	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor
9.30am	Scaria Joseph RIP
4th Wed	St Cuthbert, Bishop - <i>No Mass</i>
5th Thu	Feria
12.30pm	Families in Parish who experience difficulty
6th Fri	Feria
9.30am	Julia Rodrigues RIP
7th Sat	Bl Virgin Mary on Saturday
9.30am	Somasiri Anton RIP
	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	John Prendeville 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:

Wisdom 9:13-18, Philemon 9-10, 12-17, Luke 14:25-33



A BIG THANK YOU..

.. to everyone who has taken part in the 'Growing in Faith' campaign here in North Harrow which has now concluded. With Gift-Aid included over £340,000 has been raised over 5 years! As well as supporting our Sick and Retired Priests', the Priest Training Fund and the social outreach of the diocese through Caritas, this campaign has contributed over £125,000 to the rebuilding of the sanctuary here in St John Fisher. There is a notice in the porch that gives more detail about what you have given and what your generous offerings have supported.

There is still a significant loan that we are paying back each month and a downward drift in the weekly collection but more on this later in the month.....

....AND ELSEWHERE LOCALLY



North Harrow, like much of London was developed around the railway, in our case the Metropolitan Railway, subsequently absorbed into London Transport on its creation to become the Metropolitan Line. The last modernisation took place in 1960s introducing new trains, signalling and four tracks between Harrow and Moor Park.

This weekend marks the next significant stage in the current modernisation of the line. From Monday there will be a new signalling/train operation system introduced between Finchley Road and Euston Square allowing trains to be driven automatically, with the driver opening and closing the doors just as currently happens on the Jubilee Line.

Every blessing for the week aheadand especially on Monday morning if you commute on the 'Met'!

***'The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?'***

Psalm 27:1

Fr Graham

REGULAR NOTICES

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the noticeboard 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 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: Ellen Holland, Brunhilde Costello

Pray also for Claire Anne Nolan, Julia Stevenson, Eulalia D'Cruz, Muktaben Bhadresa, Lawrence Graham-Leigh, Michael Roache, Mary Glavin, Bernard Fielder, John Bennett, Marie Lisicki, David Freear, Romanus Nwokoro, David Miller, Declan Hurley, Celine Marie Arulanantham whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Contacting the parish office - Thank you to Claudia McHugh for her service as Parish Administrator over these last 8 years. Whilst we are awaiting the appointment of a new parish administrator there will be some changes to office hours and the service we can offer through the parish office. The office hours, that is when the office is available without appointment, will be restricted to **10am – 1pm on Mondays and Fridays** for the time being. If you are contacting the office by email please use the address, harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk.

Saturday Mass and Adoration/Confessions – From Saturday 7th September Mass will continue to be celebrated in the parish at 9.30am on Saturday mornings and then be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 10am until 10.30am during which there will also be the opportunity for Confessions. As with all parish masses this is subject to change so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

Alarm Codes/Keys - We have introduced a new code to the church security alarm during the summer break. All users will be asked to sign for the code and requested not to pass it on to others. This will enable us to have an accurate record of who has the code for insurance purposes. **If you require the code on a regular basis please contact the parish office.**

Tai Chi starts again on Thursday, 12th September from 1.30pm (prompt) to 3pm. Tai Chi is open to men and women of all ages. Enter through the side door of the small hall of the Parish Centre. For further information contact Barbara 020 8866 6665.

Knights of St. Columba - Next meeting on Thursday, 5th September at 8pm in the Social Club

Quiz Night - The social club is holding a quiz in the parish centre beginning at 8.00 pm on Saturday 28th September; the cost will be £3 per entrant and as usual a raffle will be held and prizes for the quiz winners. It's always great fun so please come and join us, all proceeds to parish funds. For further information, or to book a table, please contact John Durcan via email - durcanjohn@aol.com

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners May 2019 – We are a bit behind on the draws but will be catching up in the next few weeks. The winners of the May draw are 1st prize £100 Bridie Flanagan, 2nd prize £50 Neil Cocking, 3rd prize £25 MJ & AP Hughes. Congratulations - Please contact the Parish Office to arrange payment by cheque.

Lost Property A plum coloured coat has been found in the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for collection.

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN THE PARISH OFFICE – There is a vacancy in the parish office for an Administrator. S/he will be responsible for providing administrative support to the parish and parish priest including office administration, secretarial and support duties as well as being a 'first port of call' for enquiries. The position is for 16 hours per week (9.30am-1.30pm, 4 days per week - negotiable upon appointment). Salary: £13 per hour. **Closing date: 16th September 2019.** For more details and to apply visit <http://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> or speak to Fr Graham.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM On **Saturday 21st September** we will be joining the Cardinal on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Lady. The cost of the day is £20 including return coach travel from St John Fisher departing 7.15am and returning by approx. 7.30pm. **More details & booking forms are available from the Church porch.** Please return both the form and payment to the parish office by 14th **September, 2019.**

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Youth Gathering at Westminster Cathedral - All young people of the diocese are invited to 'The Summit' at Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 18th October 2019**, 6.30pm to 8pm, for an evening of inspiring reflections, contemporary worship music and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Cardinal Nichols and Brenden Thompson from Catholic Voices will be leading the reflections and the evening promises to be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith together. Please come along and encourage your friends, families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups and any other young people you know to join us. More information at <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-westminster-cathedral/>

A Day with Mary – a day of instruction, devotion & intercession at St James Church, Spanish Place, W1 on **Saturday, 12th October** 10.45am-5.30pm. For more info please see poster in porch.

Support Victims of Modern Slavery Classical Concert, St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street - On **Wednesday 25th September** at 6pm the Janus Ensemble, alongside soloists Ariana Kashefi (cello) and Oliver Wass (harp) will present an evening of classical music, in aid of Caritas Bakhita House & Saint John of God Hospitaller Services. Drinks and food will be provided during the intermission. Tickets are available to purchase by searching for the event title on Eventbrite or see notice in porch for further details.

CAFOD information Morning – On **Saturday 7th Sept** from 10am-12.30pm CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with guest speaker, Director, Christine Allen, who has first-hand experience of their work in Uganda, the country we are focusing on this Harvest Fast Day. Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. The event will take place at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Bookings required via 0208 449 6970 or e mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

Mount Street Jesuit Centre Invites you to a Drop-in Open Evening or Day on **Thursday 5 September** from 6pm – 8pm or **Saturday 7 September** at 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Come along to meet the team and past and present participants who will be happy to share their experience of various workshops, courses and retreats. Further information on flyers in the Church porch. Brian Purfield, who gave our Lenten ecumenical talks on the Gospels, is based at the Mount Street centre.