



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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8th September 2019 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 7th September 2019

7th Sat	Bl Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Somasiri Anton RIP
	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm John Prendeville RIP Anniv
8th Sun	23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am People of the Parish 10.00am Ernestina Fernandes RIP Anniv 11.30am Celine Marie Arulanantham RIP Anniv
9th Mon	St Peter Claver, Priest no Eucharistic Adoration today 9.30am Jack Hoddinott RIP Anniv
10th Tue	Feria 9.30am Marina Gordon RIP
11th Wed	Feria - <i>No Mass</i>
12th Thu	The Most Holy Name of Mary 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Brunhilde Costello RIP
13th Fri	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor 9.30am Manuel and Julia Rodrigues
14th Sat	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9.30am Collette Connolly
	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Pauline Angold RIP Anniv

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am-10.30am, 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am (*not Mon 9th*),
 Saturday 10-10.30am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14; Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32



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EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is Education Sunday. Falling at the start of the academic year, it is a time for us to reflect upon the year past, as well as look forwards with anticipation to the year ahead.

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Form and Flourish'. The formation and education of a young person into adulthood enables them to reach their potential and flourish. Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full". Catholic schools place Christ at the centre of what they do; his life and teaching provide them with the model and pattern for life. Catholic education aims to inspire a lifelong love of learning and to form pupils who will know the good, love the beautiful, and seek the truth.

The Church teaches that we reach our full potential when we respond to the Lord's call and the vocation he has for each one of us. When we are open to our lives being formed by his grace we flourish as a people of joy, peace and love.

Today gives us an opportunity for thanksgiving and celebration. It is a time to be grateful for the hard work of all those past and present who work tirelessly to make our own primary school of St John Fisher a place of joy and hope. Not all of us, nor our children, have the opportunity of a Catholic education not least due to pressure on places such as at our own school in years past. Yet the impacts of Catholic education permeate our community far beyond the school gates.

If you want to know more about Catholic education and/or support the work of the Catholic Education Service then please go to www.catholiceducation.org.uk

Have a blessed week and sorry if you had to go through the turmoil on the Met line....the new signalling system apparently worked very well but the problems were because insufficient drivers had been trained on the new system.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart'

Proverbs 3:5

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 receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Recently deceased: Margaret O'Connor

Pray also for Clara Mars-Harris, Mary Glenk, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin, Desmond Machale, Joan Salisbury, Bridie Lagrue, Pearl Bryant, Eileen Carey, Patrick Cunningham, Dennis McHugh, John Furlong, Betty Trundle, Monty Moriarty, Alma Houghton, Gerry Furnell, Kitty Young, Philomena Dias, Georgina Wilson & Pauline Angold whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Contacting the parish office - Whilst we are awaiting the appointment of a new parish administrator there will be changes to office hours and the service we can offer through the parish office. The office hours, when the office is available without appointment, will be restricted to **10am – 12noon on Mondays and Fridays** for the time being. If you are contacting the office by email please use the address, harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk.

Please Remember Brunhilde Costello who has died. Requiem Mass on **Thursday, 12th September at 12.30pm** followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium

Please Remember Peggy O'Connor who has died. Requiem Mass on **Wednesday, 18th September at 11am** followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

First Holy Communion - Letters have been sent to all parents regarding the meeting with Fr Graham. If you haven't received your letter contact Kay. If you haven't yet applied you must make contact with Kay on Monday 9th September by email or phone.

Confirmation - if you missed the notice to apply for Confirmation 2020 see Kay before Mass on Saturday 14th September or after Mass on Sunday 15th September. Before you meet Kay download the application form from the website and come with the form completed.

Welcome Rota – A new rota is available on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Could all welcomers please check to see when you are undertaking this important duty. New volunteers are always welcome to offer a 'hello and a hymn book' to those arriving for mass. If you would like to help please contact the parish office

Saturday Mass and Adoration/Confessions – Mass will continue to be celebrated in the parish at 9.30am on Saturday mornings 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 check the newsletter.

Alarm Codes/Keys - We have introduced a new code to the church security alarm. 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM On Saturday 21st

September we will be joining the Cardinal on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cost of the day is £20 including return coach travel from St John Fisher departing 7.15am and returning by approx. 7.30pm. **Details & booking forms are available from the Church porch.** Please return the form and payment to the parish office by 14th Sept.

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.

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.

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 with 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

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

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners May 2019 –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.

Knitting Group – starts again at **2pm on Friday 13th Sept** – pick up your needles! The knitting team restart to knit for the new guests at Bakhita House. If you can knit please come to this very social and much needed group. Bakhita House need us to provide warm winterwear. We meet at 2pm in the Fisher Room on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. We are also grateful for any donations of wool.

The Pylon We are returning to a paper edition of The Pylon magazine with a special 80th parish anniversary commemorative edition, which will be available from December. We would like to receive from you, short articles/poems (no more than 300 words) containing your memories of experiences / events at St. John Fisher. These may be from decades ago or more recent. If possible, please include a photo or two, having gained the permission of anyone who appears in these. We hope to include as many submissions as possible in the magazine. *Deadline for submissions is: Sunday, 17th Nov.* Email: barbaratowell@sky.com or place in pigeonhole, marked T, in church porch. We look forward to receiving submissions from children, teenagers as well as adults. Thank you.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Catholic Secondary School Open Days – we have information on open days for a number of Catholic Secondary Schools. More details can be found on the noticeboard in the porch.