



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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15th September 2019 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 14th September 2019

14th Sat	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
9.30am	Collette Connolly
	<i>(Vigil of Sunday)</i>
6.00pm	Pauline Angold RIP Anniv
15th Sun	24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Sour Maria and Sour Eleonora RIP Anniv
10.00am	Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	People of the Parish
16th Mon	Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
9.30am	Family of Donal Quinn RIP
17th Tue	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor
9.30am	Family of James (Jimmy) O'Connor RIP
18th Wed	Feria
11.00am	Funeral Mass of Peggy O'Connor RIP
19th Thu	Feria
12.30pm	Jack Hoddinott RIP
20th Fri	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
9.30am	Bernadette Fernandes RIP
21st Sat	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist
	No Mass, Adoration or Confessions
	Walsingham Pilgrimage
	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am-10.30am (*not Sat 21st Sept*), 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am

Saturday 10-10.30am (*not Sat 21st Sept*)

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

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13



HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. We are encouraged to accompany the characters in the Gospel who call out 'Rejoice with me!' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when someone you love comes home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ! We are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him.

Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our support through the retiring collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online visit www.homemission.org.uk

This month also marks the beginning of the **Year of the Word; The God who Speaks**. This provides us with the opportunity to help people encounter Christ through the Word of God. The 'retreat in my pocket' giveaway on the blue sheets at the back of the Church is a simple A4 sheet that can folded (with patience!) into a business card size booklet containing short passages based on the Bible to reflect upon. Take one and use it this week – I will!

Have a blessed week

Fr Graham

'May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, planted in love and built on love'

Ephesians 3:17

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: Brian Louch

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

PARISH NOTICES

Next Saturday – No morning mass, Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions due to the Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Mass is celebrated at 9.30am on **most** Saturdays followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 10am until 10.30am, during which there is also the opportunity for Confessions.

The Requiem Mass for **Peggy O'Connor RIP** will be on **Wednesday, 18th Sept at 11am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Contacting the parish office - Whilst we are awaiting the appointment of a new parish administrator **the office hours** will be restricted to **10am – 12noon on Mondays and Fridays**. If you are contacting the parish office by email please use the address, harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk.

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 on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Could all welcomers please check to see when you are undertaking this important ministry. 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

Fairtrade - The stall will be open in the porch after all masses next weekend. Come and see the wide selection of Fairtrade food on sale (prices start at under £1) & pick up a Traidcraft autumn catalogue to take home. If you can spare 10-15 minutes occasionally after mass to help sell please leave your name & email address at the stall or email sjfracraft@gmail.com.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rota - a new rota will be available this week on the parish website

School Admission Next week we will publish dates, in early October when Fr Graham will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for **Secondary School** transfers. Dates for Primary School and sixth form applications will follow.

Harvest Festival at St John Fisher School – the school are delighted to invite senior parishioners to their Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on **Tuesday 8th October at 10.00am** in the school hall.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners—The winners of the June draw will be in next week's newsletter.

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.** To apply visit <http://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM We will be **departing from St John Fisher Church on Saturday (21st Sept) at 7.15am** and returning by approx. 7.30pm. Please remember to bring a packed lunch, a portable folding seat (if you want to be guaranteed a seat at the shrine) and suitable clothing for the English weather – rain or shine! **Booking has now closed.**

Alarm Codes/Keys - We have introduced a new code to the church security alarm. All users are asked to sign for the code and requested not to pass it on to others. If you require the code on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

Knitting Group. 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.

Quiz Night - The social club is holding a quiz in the parish centre beginning at **8.00 pm on Saturday 28th Sept**; the cost will be £3 per entrant and 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

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Catholic Secondary School Open Days – we have information on open days for a number of local Catholic Secondary Schools. See notice on porch noticeboard for further details

Youth Gathering at Westminster Cathedral - All young people of the diocese are invited to 'The Summit' at Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 18th October**, 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/>

Support Victims of Modern Slavery Classical Concert, St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street (Fr Shaun's parish) on **Wednesday 25th Sept** at 6pm. See notice on porch noticeboard for further details

A Day with Mary – a day of instruction, devotion & intercession at Five Precious Wounds, Brentfield Rd, NW10 on **Sat 21st Sept** 10am-5.30pm. See notice on porch noticeboard for details.

Caritas Westminster invites anyone interested in volunteering to a free session covering the basic need-to-knows about becoming a volunteer. **Wednesday 25th Sept**, 6.30-8.30pm at Vaughan House behind Westminster Cathedral. See notice on porch noticeboard for further details.