



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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22nd September 2019 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 21st September 2019

21st Sat ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist
No Mass, Adoration or Confessions
Walsingham Pilgrimage

(Vigil of Sunday)

6.00pm People of the Parish

22nd Sun 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Josie Higgins RIP

10.00am Peter & Sally Benjamin RIP

11.30am Mike Deely RIP

23rd Mon St Pius of Pietrelcina

9.30am Jack Hoddinott RIP

24th Tue Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30am Denis Gavin RIP

25th Wed Feria

No Mass

26th Thu Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

12.30pm Nora Fitzmaurice RIP

27th Fri St Vincent de Paul, Priest

9.30am Kate Gallagher RIP

28th Sat Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Peg Gorman

(Vigil of Sunday)

6.00pm Evelyn Kelly RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am-10.30am (*not Sat 21st Sept*), 5.15 - 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 6:1,4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31



CANONISATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most important converts to Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century. He was an outstanding theologian, preacher, writer of hymns and poetry and has had a profound influence on the whole Church right up to the present day.

In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI came to this country on a state visit to beatify John Henry Newman, that is to declare him to be 'blessed.' This took place during an open air mass in Birmingham; as a deacon I was fortunate to be able to attend this mass as well as to deacon at the altar for the Holy Father when he celebrated mass at Westminster Cathedral.

On Sunday 13th October John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint in Rome by Pope Francis – St. John Henry is formally proclaimed worthy of our veneration for his faithfulness and sound teaching. We will mark his canonisation on that day and join in a novena leading up to it.

There is a wealth of information about the canonisation of Cardinal Newman online at www.newmancanonisation.com

May Blessed John Henry pray for us.

Have a blessed week

Fr Graham

'Jesus Christ is the first born from the dead; to Him be glory and power for ever and ever'

Revelation 1:5,6

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.

Pray also for Patrick O'Malley, John Patrick Hayes, Mary Joseph Anthony Pillai, Jack Fitzgerald, Diana Antony, Christine Roglic, Francis Lewandoski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini, Raymonde Thillier, Rosemary Faleiro, Ramesh Logeswaran Peter, Sean Caden, Delia Mulvaney, Keith Cullis, Agnes Van Rosse, Eileen Lynch, Bridget & James Horkan, Mary Kane, Katie Quinn, Peter Lambie, Michael Mascurine, Margaret Doran and Evelyn Kelly whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Saturday liturgy – Mass is celebrated at 9.30am on **most Saturdays (not 21st Sept)** followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 10am until 10.30am, during which Confessions are also heard.

Contacting the parish office - Whilst we are awaiting the appointment of a new parish administrator **the office hours** will be restricted. If you are contacting the parish office by email please use the address, harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk.

Thank you to parishioners who may have applied for the parish administrator post. We have had many candidates for which we see anonymized applications; these have been to a high standard and the Diocesan Human Resources Department will be in touch to let you know if you have been invited for interview.

Confirmation - There is a meeting for those who have already completed and returned the "Initial Application" form on **Monday 7th October** at 5:30pm in the Fisher Room.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rota – With Fr Graham having completed some 'on the job training' the new rotas are now available on the parish website! The new **Welcome rota** is on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

School of Ignatian Prayer- Mount Street Jesuit Centre will run a School of Prayer for the parish in the tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus This pre-Advent course will start at **7.30pm on Thursday 7th November** and run for five weeks. Further details to follow so save the dates!

Fairtrade - The Fairtrade stall will be open in the porch after masses this weekend. Come and see the wide selection of Fairtrade food on sale (prices start at under £1) and 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 and email address at the stall or email siftraidcraft@gmail.com.

School Admission Fr Graham will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for **Secondary School** transfers from 10.30am on **Saturday 5th October** and 6.30pm on **Monday 7th October** in the Fisher Room by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact the parish office on 020 8429 5681 (if possible Mon or Fri 10am – 12 noon or via e-mail). When making your appointment please advise a contact telephone number and your child's name. A certificate must be completed for all applications to schools 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.** You can download the form at <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>.

Parish Women's Group - Meeting on **Thursday 10th October** at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Small Hall. Ladies please come and join us for a friendly social evening. We hope to sample desserts (homemade or bought). Please bring a dessert or light refreshment. Cost £1. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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

Harvest Assembly at St John Fisher School – our primary school invite senior parishioners to their Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on **Tuesday 8th October at 10am** in the school hall.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners–The winners of the June draw are: 1st prize (£100) Keith Bayross; 2nd prize (£50) Rita Halsey and 3rd prize (£25) Agnes Lee. Congratulations and thank you for your support and patience!

Alarm Codes/Keys - We have introduced a new code to the church security alarm. If you require the code on a regular basis please contact the parish office.

Knitting Group. If you can knit please come to this group to provide warm winterwear for Bakhita House. 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 A special 80th anniversary paper edition of The Pylon magazine will be available from December. We would like 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 photos, having gained the permission of anyone who appears in these. Deadline for submissions is 17th Nov. Email: barbaratowell@sky.com or place in 'T' pigeonhole in church porch. We look forward to receiving submissions from children, teenagers as well as adults. Thank you.

Harrow Catenians have organised a guided tour of the Hindu Temple in Neasden on **Thursday 26th September**. The tour includes the Understanding Hinduism Museum. Further details from Richard Hodkinson, richard@hodkinsonfamily.com

Home Mission Sunday – thank you for your generous support to the second collection for Home Mission Sunday which raised £233.85 to support the church's work in mission in this land.

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

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

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

Formation for Liturgical Ministries at Niland Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey WD23 4EE; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday 12th Oct**, 10am-3pm; Ministers of the Word on **Saturday 26th Oct**, 10.am-3.pm. Suggested donation £15.