



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

North Harrow



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5th/6th October 2019 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Sat 5th October 2019

5th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 9.30am Ramesh Peter RIP (Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Colin Martin RIP
6th Sun	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am Families in the Parish experiencing difficulty 10.00am Gabriel Faria RIP 11.30am People of the Parish
7th Mon	Our Lady of the Rosary 9.30am Chris Caldwell RIP Anniv.
8th Tue	feria 9.30a Kathleen Towley RIP
9th Wed	Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest No Mass
10th Thu	St. Paulinus of York, Bishop 12.30 Patsy O'Sullivan RIP
11th Fri	St John XXIII, Pope 9.30am Sheila Shea
12th Sat	St Wilfred, Bishop 9.30am Ellen Holland RIP (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 (2nd Sun in Oct & Nov)



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?
2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13,
Luke 17:11-19

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

WEEK 2
ST JOHN FISHER
HARROW NORTH



OUR PARISH
OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
- 1 Peter 4:10

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Last week we embarked on our Stewardship Drive. Over the coming weeks I am asking all of us, myself included, to prayerfully reflect on our commitment to our parish here in North Harrow. For our community to thrive and grow we all need to contribute in some way, being mindful of both the blessings we have received and of our personal circumstances. As I mentioned last week, generosity abounds in the time, treasures and talents you already offer to the parish but is there room for you to offer that bit more?

Today you will hear about Planned Giving and Stewardship from a member of our Parish Finance Committee, including where your financial support goes and the competing demands on our parish resources. Once again, please take an appeal newsletter home and read it.

Next weekend we shall ask you to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future.

Thank you and have a blessed week

Fr Graham

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace"

1 Peter 4:10

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 Keith Phaure, Dennis O'Connor, Edith Steinitz, Joseph McGeoghan, George Mahon, Louisa Tydda, Bryan Cross, Gwladys Smith, Phyllis Berry and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Novena with Newman – We have been praying the 'Novena with Newman' after weekday masses since Friday 4th October as a prayerful preparation for Blessed John Henry Newman's Canonisation on 13th October. Copies are available at the back of the church or you can join in wherever you are by getting a copy at www.newmancanonisation.com/novena

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

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary - This popular and powerful devotion should be promoted and spread in our homes. Just saying one Mystery a day is a great start. **The rosary is prayed in the parish after every weekday mass.** If you are unfamiliar with it then you can find more detail at www.theholyroary.org

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.

School of Ignatian Prayer- 7.30pm on Thursday 7th November in the Fisher Room and running for five consecutive Thursdays. We will be introduced to the man, St Ignatius, and his ways of praying. The sessions will consist of input followed by a time of silent prayer, with opportunities to listen to each other and share. The sessions are facilitated by trained and experienced prayer guides for whom Ignatian spirituality is a way of life. To cover costs there is a suggested donation of £15 for the course. More details are available on the flyers and poster in the church porch.

The Autumn Faith Sharing Groups have started. Contact Neville Bayross (8863 8876) for the Monday group or Tony McWilliams (8868 3205) for the Tuesday group; both groups take place after the morning Mass, on Tuesdays in the Fisher Room.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day was on Friday, 4th October. The distribution of offering envelopes and collection will take place in a few weeks' time. Another opportunity to fast if you forgot!

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 (home made or shop bought). Please bring a dessert or light refreshment. Cost £1. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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.

School Admission Fr Graham will be available for interviews for those seeking **Certificates of Catholic Practice** for **Secondary School** transfers on **Monday 7th October** in the Fisher Room by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact the parish office on 020 8429 5681 or by e-mail. *When making your appointment please advise your child's name & a contact telephone number. It is not reasonable to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed if you are not a regular mass-going parishioner at St John Fisher.*

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. July draw this week!

Knitting Group. This group knits warm winterwear for Bakhita House. They meet at 2pm in the Fisher Room on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month and are grateful for any donations of wool.

2018 Westminster Diocese Annual Report and Accounts – These have been published and there is a copy on the table in the church porch for anyone to inspect. The report is available online at www.rcdow.org.uk/publications; so please do not take away the hard copy.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

John Henry Newman, Preacher, Teacher, Saint: Four talks to celebrate the Canonisation are being held at St Gregory's Church, (South Ruislip) 447 Victoria Road, HA4 OEG starting **Wednesday 9th October** with a talk on the Life of Cardinal Newman by Fr Nicholas Schofield, parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Uxbridge. More details can be found on the poster in the church porch.

Solemn Vespers to Mark the Canonisation of John Henry Newman – **Saturday 19th October at 3.30pm** in Westminster Cathedral presided by Cardinal Nichols with guest preacher Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. No tickets required.

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend - A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

Music Ministry Scholarship 2019-2020. Are you a young musician in a parish music group who would you like to improve your skills with the help of a professional for free and meet young musicians from other parishes? For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://dowym.com/voices/apply-now-for-the-music-ministry-scholarship-2019-20> or email Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk.

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/>