



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

## North Harrow

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27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019

<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	St. Chad & Cedd, Bishops 9.30am Connie Mogan RIP  (Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Corrie Shanahan RIP
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am Somasiri Andrew RIP 10.00am People of the Parish 11.30am Russel & Edna Arulanantham (wedding anniv)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles 9.30am Billy O'Rourke
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College 9.30am Michael Creighton
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	Feria No Mass
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Thu</b>	Feria 12.30pm Jackie Gavigan RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fri</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS, Holyday of Obligation</b> 9.30am Vincenzo Turone RIP 7.00pm Amy Towell RIP
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b> <u>10.30am</u> Mass for the Bereaved Goldwin Viegas RIP  (Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Deceased of the Parish

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am (not 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov); 5.15pm - 5.45pm  
and by appointment

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15-9.15am

Saturday 10 - 10.30am

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 10.30am – 11.30am (concluding with  
Benediction)

#### Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

## CELEBRATING THE EVE OF ALL SAINTS, NOT "HALLOWEEN"



The Eve of 'All Hallows Day' on 31<sup>st</sup> October is a time of preparation for the great Feast Day of All Saints when we remember those who the Church recognises publicly in her liturgy as being in the presence of God, the canonised saints. It is a calling that we all share in by virtue of our baptism, to be numbered amongst the saints.

Yet popular culture bombards us with 'Halloween' and dressing up as ghosts and ghouls. On one level it is a bit of harmless fun, but anything that popularises evil surely suits the purpose of the devil very well? So instead why not put a candle and a holy picture in your window? You could have a children's party and dress up as your favourite saints? Celebrate our faith!

*Thank you and have a blessed week*

*Fr Graham*



**'You are all sons of light and sons of the day**

*1 Thessalonians 5:5*



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?

Wisdom 11:22-12:2;

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

## 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.

If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the parish **St Vincent de Paul Society** please contact the parish office.

If you would like to be visited by a priest and/or regularly receive **Holy Communion**, please contact the parish office.

**Pray also for** Kathleen Foran, Esme Phaure, Michael Rooney, Maura Sheehan, Timothy Kelleher, Arthur Moore, Norah May Hurley, Joan Elaine, Rachel Gilsean, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Statement from the Cardinal** – There is a statement available this weekend from the Cardinal on ‘Safeguarding in the Church today.’ There is a copy on the noticeboard in the porch and copies are available at the back of the church to take away.

**School of Ignatian Prayer - starting 7.30pm, Thursday 7th November** in the Fisher Room and running for five consecutive Thursdays. We will be introduced to the man, St Ignatius, and his way 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 experienced prayer guides. To cover costs there is a suggested donation of £15 for the whole course but don't be put off if you cannot come to every one. More details on the flyers and poster in the church porch.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** - collection will be taken after all masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity

**Parish Concert** – The **Harrow Apollo Choir** will be performing a concert of popular, light classics, show tunes and male voice standards for us at **3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. There is no charge for entrance but there will be refreshments in the interval and a retiring collection to support our church development fund. The choir includes amongst its members a number of our parishioners so do come and support them and the parish in this enjoyable afternoon.

**Confirmation** - There next meeting is on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at 5:30pm in the Fisher Room.

**First Holy Communion Meeting** – Jan's and Helen's group will meet this coming **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October**, at 8pm. This meeting will now be in the parish centre. Access will only be via the side door of the 'Small Hall.' This can be reached by walking along the path to the Fisher Room and continuing, between the church and the presbytery, until you come to the white door ahead.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rota** – new rotas starting from 23rd/24th November are now available on the parish website

**Knitting Group.** This group knits winterwear for the residents of Bakhita House, survivors of trafficking and modern slavery. They next meet at 2pm in the Fisher Room on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. They are organizing a collection of **NEW toiletries and ladies' underwear** for the guests of Bakhita House to be collected on the weekend of **23rd/24th November**.

**Change of Thursday mass time** – In January the **Thursday Mass time will change from 12.30pm to 7pm** and thus restore a regular weekday evening mass. Mass intentions for the 12.30pm mass will transfer to the new time on the same day.

**Parish 100 Club Draw Winners**—The winners of the August draw are: 1<sup>st</sup> prize (£100) Toni Reilly; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (£50) Helen McCormack and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize (£25) Helen Sherwood. Congratulations! Please

**November: Month of the Holy Souls** - Envelopes and sheets are available in the porch to list of your deceased loved ones; these will be placed in our Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary during November. Please return the list, with any offering you wish to include, to the presbytery. One Sunday mass each week in November will be offered for the repose of the souls of those in this Book of Remembrance. Any additional money collected is distributed to priests without mass intentions to offer masses for our dead.

**All Saints, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, is a Holyday of Obligation – masses at 9.30am and 7pm. There is a Vigil Mass at St Luke's at 7.30pm on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start later at 10.30am.

**All Souls, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Mass will be at **10.30am** and is offered for our family and friends who have died, particularly those bereaved during the last year. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the small hall to which all are welcome. (This replaces the regular 9.30am parish mass – there will be no Adoration or Confessions this Saturday)

**Mass at Pinner New Cemetery Chapel** followed by Blessing of Graves – **11am Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Blessing of Graves at**

- **Pinner New Cemetery** - from 12.15pm on **Sunday 3rd November** (with St Luke's)
- **Harrow Weald Cemetery** (Clamp Hill) 2pm **Sunday 10th November**
- **Alperton Cemetery** 12 noon **Saturday 16th November**
- **Northwood Cemetery** – *to be confirmed*

contact parish office to arrange payment.

**Parish Women's Group Book Evening.** This will take place on Thursday, 13th February 2020. We will be discussing 'The Caravan of the Lost and Found' by Deirdre Shanahan.

**The Pylon: Reminder.** The deadline for submissions for this commemorative edition is **Sunday, 10th November**. We welcome memories of your time in the parish (300 -500 words) and articles. Please send to barbaratowell@sky.com or place in the 'T' pigeonhole in the porch.

**Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP)** – Fr Graham will make available times in late November and early December when he will be available to see parishioners wishing to obtaining a CCP for entry into primary school and sixth form collegess. Details to follow.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**John Henry Newman, Preacher, Teacher, Saint:** The final talk to celebrate the canonisation is at St Gregory's Church, (South Ruislip) 447 Victoria Road, HA4 0EG on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. More details can be found on the notice in the church porch.