



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

North Harrow



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3rd November 2019 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 2nd November 2019

2nd Sat	ALL SOULS
10.30am	MASS FOR THE BEREAVED Goldwin Viegas RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Deceased of the Parish.
3rd Sun	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Trofimena Arpino RIP Anniv.
10.00am	Theresa Tilbury RIP
11.30am	Wojciech Mlex, Eugenia & Joozef Sulikowskii & Family RIP
4th Mon	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Joseph, Susan & Emmanuel Vedanayagam and Anton Regis RIP
5th Tue	Feria 9.30am Miss Boutle & Sisters RIP
6th Wed	Feria No Mass
7st Thu	St Willibrord, Bishop 12.30pm Somasiri Anton RIP
8th Fri	Feria 9.30am Lusita Cardoz RIP
9th Sat	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9.30am Margaret Monahan RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Lusita Cardoz RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am (*not 2ⁿ Nov*); 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15 – 9.15am; Saturday 10 - 10.30am (*not 2ⁿ Nov*)
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

CONCLUDING OUR PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



As we approach the end of the parish's 80th year there are a number of events still to take place to conclude our celebrations:

On **Sunday 17th November at 3pm** there will be an **80th anniversary concert in the church given by the Harrow Apollo Male Choir**. This will be a concert of popular, light classics, show tunes and male voice standards. There will be refreshments in the interval and a retiring collection to support our church development fund. The choir includes a number of our parishioners so do come and support them and the parish

On **Saturday 30th November from 7pm** we will host a **Polish Evening** in the Parish Centre featuring a showing of the recent film **'Squadron 303'** which tells the story of the heroic Polish fighter squadron based at RAF Northolt during World War Two who lived and contributed to this parish for many years. If you would like to help with the evening with food or in any way please get in touch with Anna Ryland: annaryland22@aol.com or tel: 0774 7103303

Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru will be celebrating his first mass in the parish at 11.30am on Sunday 1st December, followed by a bring and share lunch in the parish centre.

I would really encourage you to support these events with your time and effort to enable us all to join in these opportunities for a celebration of faith and fraternity.

Thank you and have a blessed week

Fr Graham



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

'Do not let your hearts be troubled'

John 14:1

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 William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Alan Forbes, Alasdair Wilson, Margaret & Anthony Sweeney, Mary Gleeson, Katherine Hayes, Michael Mullins, Bernard Rooney, Peter O'Brien, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

School of Ignatian Prayer - starting 7.30pm this 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.

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

Mass intentions - The intention Fr Graham announces at mass is typically provided by the person who has generously given an offering to support that mass being said. A mass can be offered for any number of intentions, but only the one attached to an offering is customarily mentioned. This intention could be for a birthday, anniversary, for thanksgiving or for good health although more often than not they are for loved ones who have died. We now have '**mass intentions**' booked for the remainder of the year but are happy to take intentions for 2020; we can pass on your intentions to retired or student priests who do not have intentions if you indicate on the offering envelope. The suggestion for an offering in the Diocese of Westminster is currently £10; this is not a charge and a bona fide mass intention will never be refused.

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 8th November**.

The knitting group 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**. Thank you in advance for your generosity

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners—The winners of the August draw are: 1st prize (£100) Toni Reilly; 2nd prize (£50) Helen McCormack and 3rd prize (£25) Helen Sherwood. Congratulations! Please contact the parish office to arrange payment.

CAFOD & Fairtrade - CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale in the porch after Mass from now until Christmas. The stall raised almost £300 for CAFOD in 2018. The Fairtrade food stall will also be open next weekend.

November: Month of the Holy Souls One Sunday mass each week in November will be offered for the repose of the souls of those in this Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary. If you would like your loved ones remembered and prayed for please write their names on the sheets provided in the porch and return these to the presbytery together with any mass offering, should you wish to make one. Please also pray for those who have had their funeral in our church these past two years and are in the Book of Remembrance in the baptistery.

Mass at Pinner New Cemetery Chapel followed by Blessing of Graves – 11am Friday 22nd November

Blessing of Graves at

- **Pinner New Cemetery** - from 12.15pm/after the 11.30am mass this **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** 2pm at **Saturday 16th November**

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 be available to see parishioners wishing to obtain a CCP for entry into primary school and sixth form colleges. Appointments can be made for slots between **10.30 am and 12noon on Saturday 23rd November and between 5.30pm and 7pm on Monday 25th November**. To obtain an appointment please e-mail the parish office on harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk if possible or alternatively telephone and leave a message on 020 8868 7531. *It is not reasonable to seek a Certificate of Catholic Practice if you are not a regular mass-going parishioner at St John Fisher.*

Annual Parish Meeting This will be on **Monday, 25th November 2019** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman of the Parish Council c/o the Parish Office, by 16th November.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Harrow Welcome Centre - This partnership between Our Lady & St Thomas parish and St John's CofE, in Sheepcote Road, Harrow runs every Wednesday and Saturday from 12 – 3pm offering refreshments, welcome, company and a listening ear, to people who are often lonely and isolated. The Centre is run by volunteers, on a rota basis; however, it needs new volunteers, especially for Saturdays. Anyone who is interested contact Sr Judith Russi, who is coordinating the project - srjudith@gmail.com

Advent Day of Prayer—Niland Centre. welcomes Fr John Hemer for a reflection day on Thursday, 28 November (from 10am with Holy Mass at 2.30 pm). Refreshments provided (from 9.30am). Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £15. Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. More details on noticeboard in porch. For registration please call 07746 707 247 or events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk.