



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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17th November 2019 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
 World Day for the Poor

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 16th November 2019

16th Sat	<i>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i> 9.30am Diane Richardson RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i> 6.00pm Josie Higgins RIP.
17th Sun	<i>33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> 8.30am Helen Gallagher RIP 10.00am The Holy Souls 11.30am People of the Parish
18th Mon	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul</i> 9.30am Thomas Phelan RIP
19th Tue	<i>Feria</i> 9.00am Paul Cleland RIP Anniv
20th Wed	<i>Feria</i> No Mass
21st Thu	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 12.30pm Michael Walsh RIP
22nd Fri	<i>St Cecilia</i> 9.30am Mr. Power
23rd Sat	<i>St. Columban, Abbot</i> 9.30am Mary Beary RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i> 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am; 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15 – 9.30am; Saturday 10 - 10.30am
 First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

CONCERT THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON



SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Today's retiring collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. The fund helps ensure that our sick and older priests are supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. It covers their essential needs at a time when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. From January our retired priests will include Mgr Canon Paul McGinn, my former seminary rector, who will be retiring from St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

....AND RETIRED BUSES

There will be changes next month to the well-known 140 bus route between Harrow Weald and Heathrow; it will only run as far as Hayes & Harlington Station with a new X140 running limited stop between Harrow Bus Station and Heathrow. To mark this occasion a selection of preserved historic buses will be running next Saturday over the 140 route. Worth a ride!



Have a blessed week

Fr Graham

**'I have loved you with an everlasting love,
 so I am constant in my affection for you'**

Jeremiah 31:3



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?
 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20;
 Luke 23:35-43

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

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

Pray also for Maura Kugler, John Sinn, Timothy Dineen, Helen Gallagher, Patrick Kiernan, Patricia Mangan, Anita Simoes and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Change of mass time – Mass this **Tuesday, 19th November, will be at 9.00am** as Fr Graham has an important meeting to attend.

80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

This Sunday at 3pm there will be an **80th anniversary concert** in the church given by the **Harrow Apollo Male Choir**. There will be refreshments in the interval and a retiring collection to support our church development fund. Do come!

On **Saturday 30th November from 7pm** we will host a **Polish Evening** in the Parish Centre with a showing of the film **'Squadron 303'** which tells the story of the Polish fighter squadron based at RAF Northolt during World War Two. If you would like to help with the evening with food or in any way please get in touch with Anna Ryland who spoke about this event at mass last weekend: 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. We will be having a collection next weekend for a presentation to Fr Johnpromise who is saving up to buy a car to help him in his ministry.

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

School of Ignatian Prayer - continues 7.30pm this Thursday, 21st November in the Fisher Room. The next session is on Imaginative Contemplation. There is no need to attend all the sessions so why not come this Thursday?

Counters Rota – new rotas are available in the corridor by the Fisher Room and on the parish website.

Knitting Group. The group knits winter wear for the residents of Bakhita House, survivors of trafficking and modern slavery. They are organising a collection of **NEW toiletries and ladies' underwear** for the guests of Bakhita House to be collected next weekend, **23rd/24th November**. Next knitting session is on **Friday 22nd November** from 2pm in the Fisher Room.

November: Month of the Holy Souls - One Sunday mass each week in November is offered for the repose of the souls of those in this Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary. Please also pray for those who have had their funeral in our church 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**.

Operation Elf – Christmas presents for children of prisoners. Thank you to everyone who signed up last weekend to buy a present for a prisoner's child through PACT, the Church's charity supporting prisoners and their families. Please try to bring in your presents **next weekend**. They should be unwrapped and labelled with your child's name and age. A list at the back of the church gives suggestions of what to buy if you are unsure and there are a few more slots available to sign up for.

Annual Parish Meeting - will be on **Monday, 25th November 2019** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified to the Chairman of the Parish Council c/o the Parish Office, by 18th November. The bar will be open afterwards.

CAFOD & Fairtrade - CAFOD Christmas cards are on sale in the porch after Mass from now until Christmas.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration: To pray for our parish and our intentions we will have a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, 6th December, the first Friday of Advent. More details to follow!

Advent Confessions – Visiting priests will be available for individual confessions **from 7.30pm on Monday 16th December**.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners—The winners of the September draw are: 1st prize (£100) H Hipwell; 2nd prize (£50) John Steinitz and 3rd prize (£25) David Morrison. Congratulations! Can these and previous winners please contact the parish office to let us know who cheques should be made payable to.

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 now be made for slots 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*

Harrow Citizens – As part of Harrow Citizens we are invited to join the decision-making assembly selecting the priority issues to present to London Mayoral candidates in 2020. This assembly will be on **Wednesday 20th November from 6-8pm** at Bloomsbury Baptist Church. Our parish will be sending a small group to the assembly. If you would like to come please add your details to the sign-up sheet at the card stall in the porch.

Advent Walk with Me Booklets – These are available at the back of the Church priced £1. Please put your money in 'Catholic Papers' money box in the back wall of the church.

Caritas Advent Giving Calendar – We will be having a Foodbank collection in the New Year. A great way for families to prepare for this might be to take one of these free calendars available in the church porch today.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Association of Christians Against Torture (ACAT) - The Harrow group invite you to a service of prayer and meditation for survivors and those suffering from torture at **3pm on Sunday 24th November** in the Lady Chapel at St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway, North Harrow. This year the focus will be on people who have been our prayer case of the month. All are welcome.