



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

North Harrow

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24th November 2019 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 23rd November 2019

23rd Sat	<i>St. Columban, Abbot</i>
9.30am	Mary Beary RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish.
24th Sun	<i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>
8.30am	Thanksgiving
10.00am	Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	The Holy Souls
25th Mon	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>
9.30am	John Leydon RIP
26th Tue	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Mike Deely RIP Anniv
11.00am	Requiem Mass for Carl Jorgensen RP
27th Wed	<i>Feria</i>
	No Mass
28th Thu	<i>Feria</i>
12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Harry Gallagher RIP
29th Fri	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Eileen Carey RIP
11.00am	Requiem Mass for Peggy O'Malley RIP
30th Sat	<i>ST ANDREW, Apostle</i>
9.30am	James Wallace RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	Siobahn Gallen RIP

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

THE GENERAL ELECTION



It can't have escaped your attention that we go to the polls on Thursday, 12 December to vote in the General Election! The period before a General Election is a time to reflect on what sort of society we live in and how we would like it to be. It gives us the opportunity to renew our energies to work together for the Common Good. Some 9 million people are eligible to vote in the UK but are not registered to do so. The deadline to register to vote is 23:59 on 26 November. Make sure you are registered to vote. If not visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

It is also worth finding out where your candidates stand on key issues such as the Right to Life. Did you know that one of the major parties is planning on banning prayerful vigils outside abortion clinics and has deselected a prospective parliamentary candidate who did not vote in favour of same-sex marriage? We may be tired of Brexit but there is so much more at stake at this election that we, as Catholics, need to be concerned about.

Have a blessed week

Fr Graham

'Whoever eats me will draw life from me'

John 6:57



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?
 Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;
 Matthew 24:37-44

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 Ellen Papworth, Joseph O'Regan, Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre, Mike Deely, Catherine Sullivan, Catharine Mariasosai, Michael Chenley, Dymphna O'Shea, Mary Ryan, Jack Drury, Frankl Carr, Christopher White, Ian Welham, Nell O'Leary, Joaquim Simoes and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Please remember in your prayers **Carl Jorgensen, Harry Gallagher and Peggy O'Malley** who have died.

On **Tuesday 26th November at 11am** we will celebrate the funeral mass of **Carl Jorgensen** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium

On **Thursday 28th November at 12.30pm** we will celebrate the funeral mass of **Harry Gallagher** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium

On **Friday 29th November at 11am** we will celebrate the funeral mass of **Peggy O'Malley** followed by committal at Carpenders Park Cemetery.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Operation Elf – Christmas presents for children of prisoners. Thank you to everyone who signed up to buy a present for a prisoner's child through PACT, the Church's charity supporting prisoners and their families. Please bring in your presents **this weekend**. They should be unwrapped and labelled with your child's name and age.

School of Ignatian Prayer - continues **7.30pm this Thursday, 28th November** in the Fisher Room. There is no need to attend all the sessions so why not come this Thursday?

80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

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 can help with food or in any way please contact Anna Ryland: annaryland22@aol.com or 0774 7103303

Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru will be celebrating a first mass in the parish at 11.30am on Sunday 1st December, followed by a bring and share lunch in the parish centre. There will be a collection this weekend for a presentation to Fr Johnpromise who is saving up to buy a car to help him in his ministry. **Please sign up to help with setting up the hall, receiving the food serving the food and drink and clearing up.....and please bring something tasty to share!**

St John Fisher School Reception: If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you can apply for a place in reception class for September 2020 at St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School. Information at www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk

This parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 233699

Knitting Group The group knits winter wear for the residents of Bakhita House, survivors of trafficking and modern slavery. They are collecting **NEW toiletries and ladies' underwear** for the guests of Bakhita House **this weekend**. Thank you for your support

Annual Parish Meeting - will be held on **Monday, 25th November 2019** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The bar will be open afterwards.

ADVENT

Day of Eucharistic Adoration: To pray for our parish and our own intentions we will have a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, 6th December**, the first Friday of Advent, starting after the 9.30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm. There will be a sign-up sheet appearing next week.

Friday evening mass at 7pm throughout Advent

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.

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! Please contact the parish office to arrange payment.

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 phone 020 8868 7531

#RedWednesday - Join the "Stand up for faith and freedom" campaign with Aid to the Church in Need this **#RedWednesday Wednesday 27th November**. Our Cathedral and many landmark buildings will be lit up in red. More information is available from: www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

Harrow Catenians are holding a membership presentation after all Masses next weekend. The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen, who provide support and encouragement to members and families to help them to live a Christian life in an increasingly secular world. They enjoy a wide range of social activities and give support to those facing challenges to their beliefs in their business and family lives, as well as to those suffering ill-health or bereavement. Catenian values are best described as **Friendship in Faith**. There is an active group in Harrow, which meets every month. New members are welcome.

Change of mass time – On **Thursday 5th December** the parish mass will be at **7pm, not 12.30pm**, as Fr Graham is attending a Clergy Day of Reflection. 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.

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.