



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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5th January 2020 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 4th January 2020

4th Sat	Christmas feria
9.30am	Pauline Garvey RIP
	Vigil Mass of the Epiphany
6.00pm	Mamie & Jerr Cummins RIP
5th Sun	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Francis & Xavier Pachelo RIP anniv
11.30am	Michael Arulananthem RIP anniv
6th Mon	Christmas feria
9.30am	Eileen Keane
7th Tue	Christmas feria
9.30am	Kathleen Mulloy RIP
8th Wed	No Mass
9th Thurs	Christmas Feria
7.00pm	Harry Gallagher RIP
10th Fri	Christmas feria
9.30am	Patsy O'Sullivan RIP
11th Sat	Christmas feria
9.30am	Vincent McNulty RIP
	Vigil Mass
6.00pm	Gordon & Nora de La Salle RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15 – 9.15am; Saturday 10 - 10.30am
 First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



At this time of the Feast of the Epiphany we can ask for God's blessing upon our homes in a particular way. It is done by marking, in chalk, above the front door into your home:

20 + C + M + B + 20

This stands for the year, obviously, 2020, whilst the letters are the initials of the Latin phrase 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat', which means 'May God bless this house.' The connection with the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is that the initials also stand for the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

We have chalk that will be blessed and distributed at all masses this weekend for you to take home and ask for God's blessing on your home in this way (please one piece per family!)

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

Psalm 8:2



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?
 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38
 Matthew 3:13-17
 and the Wednesday Word may help you:
www.wednesdayword.com

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.

Recently deceased: Bob Charles, Nicholas Lavin and Christina Cosgrove,

Pray also for, Michael Gahan, Charles Baldwin, Lilian Blackie, Paul Harot, Veronica Joiner, Elsie Ball, Jeanne Le Forestier, William English, Joan Thrower, Hannah O'Leary, Timothy O'Sullivan, John & Mary Grogan, Frances Rowlands, June Haskell, James Fogarty, Gladys Bennett, Maria Porrello and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Monday 13th January - there will be no adoration before morning mass. On **Saturday 18th January** there will be no morning mass, adoration or confessions. The evening confessions and vigil Mass will take place as usual

Baptism - We welcome into the church Genevieve Sylvia Rose Branagan who is being baptised this weekend.

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Crib Appeal 2019; With your support CCS is helping more children & families than ever before to break free from poverty. Please place your donation in the crib basket (or complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes with your donation). Many thanks for your support.

The Pylon 80th Anniversary edition is available in the porch. It includes articles about the parish's history plus memories from parishioners and last year's anniversary celebrations.

Caritas Westminster is recruiting a **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the parish and Caritas to support and grow charitable activities. The representative will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you are interested please speak to Fr Graham or contact the parish office.

Change of mass time - the Thursday Mass time has changed from **12.30pm to 7pm** to restore a regular weekday evening mass. Mass intentions for the 12.30pm mass have been transferred to the new time on the same day.

Catholic Papers – We no longer receive a supply of The Catholic Universe as the publishers will no longer supply it on a 'sale-or-return' basis. The Tablet, Westminster Record and Catholic Herald will remain available although we are monitoring uptake.

Parish 100 club draw winners –The winners of the October draw. 1st prize (£100) – Peter Snell; 2nd prize (£50) – Barbara Mather, 3rd prize (£25) – R Cardona. and for the November draw: 1st prize Margaret Billiet; 2nd prize Ruth Melville; 3rd prize Barbara Mather Congratulations – the luck of the draw! Please contact the parish office to let us know who cheques should be made payable to.

Mary's Meal – Please remember to save all your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) because on **1/2nd February 2020** representatives from Mary's Meals will be here for their annual collection. Please put your clothing/

bedding into tied sacks and bring them to mass that weekend; the charity will be here until 11.30am on Sunday 2nd February to pick them up. **Please do not bring clothes before this date as we have nowhere to store them.** Mary's Meals sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining education.

Harrow Citizens Housing Action - On **Sunday 19th January** the group will be distributing leaflets in the Rayners Lane area. They have produced a simple flyer highlighting private tenants' rights and responsibilities and signposting tenants to places to go for more help. They will meet at 1:15pm in the parish centre. After the short walk to Rayners Lane some people will hand out leaflets whilst others will deliver them to homes before returning after about an hour for hot drinks. All ages are welcome (children need to be accompanied by an adult at all times).

The Parish Womens' Group are organising a walk on **Saturday 25th January** in Sarratt. The walk lasts about an hour and a half. You will need walking boots/shoes and we plan to have lunch afterwards at The Cock Inn, from where we will start the walk. All women in the parish are invited and we would be delighted to see new faces. Please contact Deirdre via the parish office for more information.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18th –25th; It is important that we all join in the prayer of Christ 'that they may all be one' (John 17:21). This year's unity week materials have been produced by the Maltese church and encourage us to reflect on the hospitality that was offered to St Paul when he was shipwrecked on the island (Acts 27,28). There will be two services during this week, on **Tuesday 21st January at 12.30pm here at St. John Fisher** and on **Saturday 25th January at 12.30pm at North Harrow Methodist Church**. A simple lunch follows after both services to which all are welcome.

Bakhita House– a big thank you from Bakhita House for your recent donations. "Everything given helps the women we support. We have now hosted 116 women from 37 countries and 8 newborn babies. We can only continue our work because of the support of others. The women are very grateful for all that is given and are always amazed at the kindness of others." There is a thank you note from Sr Doreen is on the porch noticeboard

Lectio Divina prayer group – Following our recent School of Ignatian Prayer in the parish If anybody would like to continue or start to pray as a group in the parish with the materials provided by the Jesuits, weekly, fortnightly or monthly, then speak to Fr Graham or contact the parish office. We can then set up a Lectio Divina prayer group in the parish.

Senior Parishioners New Year Lunch. Please sign up if you would like to come. It is a great get together over a good meal and a chance to meet some of our young people who will be delighted to help out on the day. This year's lunch will take place on **Sunday 26th January 2020 in the parish hall.**

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SENIOR PARISHIONER'S LUNCH RETURN SLIP

I would like to come to the lunch.

NAME.....Tel No.....
ADDRESS

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RSVP to the presbytery by Sunday 12th January.