



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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12th January 2020 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 11th January 2020

11th Sat	<i>Christmas feria</i>
9.30am	Vincent McNulty RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	Gordon & Nora de la Salle RIP
12th Sun	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8.30am	Anthony & Margaret Sweeney RIP
10.00am	People of Parish
11.30am	Matilda Albert RIP Anniv
13th Mon	<i>St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor</i>
9.30 am	Harry Gallagher RIP
14th Tue	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Assai Mutha Gnanm RIP
15th Wed	<i>Feria</i>
	No Mass
16th Thurs	<i>Feria</i>
7.00pm	Stephen Gallagher RIP
17th Fri	<i>St Anthony Abbot</i>
9.30am	Kitty Mcentee RIP
18th Sat	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	No morning mass
	<i>Vigil Mass</i>
6.00pm	Christina Cosgrove RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am (not Sat 18th Jan); 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15 – 9.15am (not Mon 13th Jan); Saturday 10 - 10.30am
 First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

**'This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour
 rests on Him'**

Matthew 3:17

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, last year Pope Francis wrote the Apostolic Letter 'Aperuit Illis' (He Opened Their Minds) to institute the Sunday of the Word of God. This is to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, which falls on the 26th January this year.

The Holy Father invited local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity." Therefore we plan to recommission our parish readers during the Sunday masses and commission those new readers who have come forward in recent months. Reading at mass is a ministry within the liturgy and many parishes recommission their Ministers of the Word each year. This recognises the privilege afforded to proclaiming the Word of God during mass. It is a responsibility undertaken neither as a right nor as a 'favour' to Father or Kay, but in exercising a vocation in the life of the Church.

You may be pleased to here that in the same letter Pope Francis warns priests against "long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics"!

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?
 Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3
 John 1:29-34
 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: Carmel Wilmot.

Pray also for, Anna Chenley, James Murray, Marie Bayross, Elsie Yim, Nora Duffy, Myra Mahendra, Susan Gibbs, John Murphy, Bill Kennedy, Millicent Mabin, Ratnadurai Thayaparan, John Slavin, George Rolt, Marguerite Dalglish, Jane Hubert, Jesuthasan Daniel, Clement Onwuachu, Hilda Sacchett, Ian Scott, Loretta Souza, Agnes O’Sullivan, Barbara Jago, Graham Cooke, Freda Glynn, John McGovern, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie, Ellen Breingan, Larry Gibbons, Julia Moran and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to regular schedule - On **Monday 13th January** there will be no adoration before morning mass and on **Saturday 18th January** there will be no morning Mass, adoration or confessions. Evening confessions and Sunday Vigil Mass will take place as usual

Parking - please do not park on Imperial Close during the daytime on weekdays as gas works commence on 13th January for 2 weeks.

Please remember in your prayers **Nicholas Lavin** and **Bob Charles** who have died. On **Monday 20th January at 11am** we will celebrate the Funeral Mass of **Nicholas Lavin** followed by committal at Northwood Cemetery. On **Thursday 23rd January at 11am** we will celebrate the Funeral Mass of **Bob Charles** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

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.

Mary’s Meal – Please remember to save all your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please); on **1/2nd February** Mary’s Meals will be here for their 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.

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.**

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

‘The Summit’ youth event - Westminster Youth Ministry is preparing a youth event aimed at those aged 13-18, to take place on **Friday 7th February** at St George’s Church, Sudbury from **7-9pm**. It will be a chance for young people to socialise, share a meal together, learn more about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration. The Summit will be a great chance to meet other young Catholics and enjoy our programme of guest speakers, live music, prayer and food! The event is free and does not require you to have a ticket so please come along and encourage your friends, families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups, colleagues and whoever else to join us for a great evening of fun and faith. We look forward to seeing you soon! This event is part of the parish Confirmation Programme and our candidates will be attending



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.