



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

North Harrow

80 Imperial Close, Harrow, HA2 7LW, 020 8868 7531
harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk



Parish Priest: Fr. Graham Stokes, 020 8429 5684, grahamstokes@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Catechist: Kay O'Connor, 020 8429 5682, kayoconnor@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Nuala Rodger, nualarodger@rcdow.org.uk 020 8429 5681 (office hours Mon - Thu 9.30am-1pm)

Parish Safeguarding Representative : Gerald O'Keefe harrownorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

19th January 2020 ~ 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 18th January 2020

18th Sat	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> No Morning Mass <i>Vigil of Sunday</i> 6.00pm Christine Cosgrove RIP
19th Sun	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am Miguel Fernandes & Tomas Souza RIP 10.00am Harry Gallagher RIP 11.30am People of the Parish
20th Mon	<i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i> 9.30 am Celia Stanislav RIP
11.00am	Funeral Mass Nicholas Lavin
21st Tue	<i>Feria</i> 9.30am Nigrelli Family
12.30pm	Christian Unity Service
22nd Wed	<i>St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i> No Mass
23rd Thurs	<i>Feria</i> 11.00am Funeral mass Bob Charles RIP 7.00pm Shirani Santhiapillai
24th Fri	9.30am Harry Gallagher RIP
25th Sat	9.30 am Kathleen Meegan RIP <i>Vigil Mass</i> 6.00pm Elsa Dias RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am (not Sat 18th); 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)

'I urge you now to keep up your courage'
Acts 27:22

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



Every year the week which includes the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, celebrated on 25th January, is celebrated as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the week of prayer runs from January 18th – 25th. Despite the differences between churches, many of which may seem to be increasing over time, we share more in common than separates us. Thus, it is important that we make a public witness to what unites us and especially during this week 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.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham



In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

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: Marie Chantal Ramasawmy

Pray also for,

Flora Buhagiar, William Quinn, John Twomey, Bridgert(Delia) Walsh, William Enwright, Kitty O'Connor, Annette Motley, Ariti Papson, Ida Buhagiar, Elsa Dias, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan, Denise Mitchell, Henry Kobus, June Smith and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Changes to regular schedule - 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 daytimes 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).

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rotas – new rotas starting from this weekend are now available on the parish website.

The monthly Fairtrade food stall will be open next weekend after all Masses in the porch. We have some new vegan and organic products in stock so come and try something different this month. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Book Evening the Parish Group is holding this event on **Thursday 13th February** at **8pm** in the small hall. Cost £1.00. More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

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.

Social club membership – Membership is now due. It can be renewed in the Social club on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday evening and Sunday between 12 and 2pm.

Senior Parishioners New Year Lunch. Sunday 26th January 2020 in the parish hall. Booking has now closed.

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

Harrow Citizens Borough are holding their Borough Assembly on **29th January at 6.00 to 7.30 pm** at St Alban's Church, North Harrow. St Alban's along with St Peter's Youth minster and Nower Hill School will be holding a **listening exercise on Youth Safety at 5pm before the Borough Assembly proper**. This is open to everyone, particularly those interested in working alongside young people as they navigate the challenges they face growing up in NW London, along with the young people on the parish who may like to come along and listen. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be pizza provided.