



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

## North Harrow



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26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A  
 SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>
9.30 am	Kathleen Meegan RIP Anniv <i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	Elsa Dias RIP
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8.30am	Elena Molino & Family RIP Anniv
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Rasiah Albert RIP Anniv
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<i>St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>
9.30 am	Eileen Healey
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<i>St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor</i>
9.30am	Harry Gallagher RIP
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<i>Feria</i>
	No Mass
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Thurs</b>	<i>Feria</i>
<b>7.00pm</b>	Philomena Cawley RIP
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Fri</b>	<i>St John Bosco, Priest</i>
9.30am	Eddie Papworth RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sat</b>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
9.30 am	Patsy Clansy <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 – 9.15am; Saturday 10 - 10.30am  
 First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

#### Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago Pope Francis has asked for the third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year to be celebrated as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Bible, the Word of God.

An icon of the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus has been chosen as the logo for this worldwide celebration. It shows the Resurrected Christ holding in his left hand a scroll, the sacred Scripture that found its fulfilment in Him. By his side are two disciples: Clopas and his wife, Mary. They fix their gaze on Christ while Clopas holds a stick to indicate a pilgrimage; his free hand is pointing the road ahead, which all disciples are called to take to bring the Good News to everyone. There is a star overhead symbolising evangelisation and the light that guides and shows them the way. **At all masses this weekend we will recommission our Ministers of the Word** as a demonstration of our parish's commitment to proclaiming the Word of God.

Of course, the Word of God needs to be put into practice and we are doing that **next weekend** by supporting **Mary's Meals' 'Rags to Riches' Campaign**. Please bring your unwanted clothes and bedding for Mary's Meals and we will hear about their valuable work at all Masses.

*Every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Fr Graham*



**"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"**

**Matthew 4:19**

In this **Year of The Word** why not try to read next Sunday's Readings?  
 Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40  
 the Wednesday Word may help you:  
[www.wednesdayword.com](http://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:** Lakshmi Naganthan; Mgr Anthony Stark

**Pray also for,** Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donaghue, Anton Constantine, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Daniel Dhar, Lillie Rose Devaney, Zygfryd Wypchol, Betty George, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Michael Boland, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley Kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Margarete Bartocha, Judith Rohini Christie and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Baptism** – We welcome into the church Jayden Fernandes who is being baptised this weekend.

**Parking** - please do not park on Imperial Close during daytimes on weekdays whilst gas works continues

**Crib** - This is the last weekend that the crib will be in the church and your last chance to pray there and support the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Crib Appeal 2019. Thank you.

**Harrow Citizens** are holding a Borough Assembly on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 6pm 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 including the young people on the parish who may like to come along and listen. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be pizza provided. **The assembly** is a great opportunity to learn: how Harrow Citizens and community organising works; who is involved in Harrow across different faith groups and organisations; what the different action groups have achieved thus far; and the upcoming London Citizens mayoral assembly. **Our parish is a founder member of Harrow Citizens and all parishioners are very welcome.** More details on poster in church porch.

**Mary's Meals** – There is only 1 week before Mary's meals will be in our church on the morning of **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. Please remember to bring your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) Please put your clothing/ bedding into tied sacks and bring them with you when you come to church; the cut off time is 11.30am on Sunday 2<sup>rd</sup> February to pick them up. **Please do not bring clothes before then.**

**The monthly Fairtrade food stall** will be open **this 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.

**Elizabeth Gallagher** would like to thank all the parishioners for their support and mass intentions after the passing away of her husband Harry.

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

**The Parish Women's Group** is holding a **Book Evening** on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 8pm in the small hall. Cost £1. We will be discussing the novel 'Caravan of the Lost and Left Behind' by Deirdre Shanahan, who will be present to talk about her book and answer questions. We will be recommending books we have read and enjoyed. All women of the parish and their friends are welcome. If you wish, please bring snacks or a bottle to share.

**St John Fisher Primary School** has **job vacancies** for a term-time **playworker** for breakfast club and after school club and for a term time **lunchtime supervisor/staffroom housekeeper**. Application packs are available at [www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk) or from St. John Fisher School, Melrose Road, Pinner HA5 5RA 020 8868 2961 or [office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch.uk)

**Knitting group** supporting Bakhita House meets on **Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm** in Fisher Room. All welcome!

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**'The Summit' youth event** - Westminster Youth Ministry is preparing an event aimed at those aged 13-18 on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 is 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 a ticket so please come and encourage others. This event is part of our parish Confirmation Programme and our candidates will be attending. If you will be attending this event and are not part of the Confirmation programme, please advise the parish administrator Nuala Rodger or Kay O'Connor.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** - A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from **3rd - 5th April 2020** at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Year of the Word events:**

*For more details, suggested donations and how to register please see the posters on church porch noticeboard*

- **Scripture Roadshow – Westminster Cathedral 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February.** 'Tents of Meeting' on different scripture-related topics will be open throughout the day from 7am – 7pm in the Cathedral side chapels with information, resources, activities and presentations to suit all ages.
- **Journeying with the Bible - 'Who speaks in the Bible? To whom does he speak?'** with Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz and Sr Monica Cardona on **28<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Vaughan House**, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.
- **2020 The Year of St Matthew Scripture from Scratch** - with Sr Anne Walsh OP at **Niland Centre, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Alternate Thursdays from 30 January at 7.30pm.**
- **Exploring Old Testament Treasures – 'Finding Christ in the Old Testament'** with Fr John Hemer MHM on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Allen Hall Seminary**, 28 Beaufort Street, SW3 5AA. Refreshments at 7pm, lecture at 7.30pm, Night Prayer at 8.45pm.