



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

## North Harrow

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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 ~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Year A

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sat</b>	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
9.30 am	Patsy Clansy RIP
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun</b>	<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>
8.30am	Harry Gallagher RIP
10.00am	Daniel Bowles & Daniel Brendan Bowles
11.30am	Wojciech Mlek RIP; Eugema & Jozef Solikowski & Family RIP
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mon</b>	<i>St Laurence, Dunstan &amp; Theodore</i>
9.30 am	Harry Gallagher RIP
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	Maurice Malone RIP
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<i>St Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>
	No Mass
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Thurs</b>	<i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>
<b>7.00pm</b>	All Souls of the Parish
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<i>Feria</i>
9.30am	John Monaghan RIP Anniv
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>
9.30am	Betty Carlin
	<i>Vigil of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	Neil Browne RIP 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv

#### 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

**“My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being,  
bless His Holy Name”**

*Psalm 102:1*

### FRUITS OF PRAYER



It's great to welcome back to our parish **Mary's Meals** with their '**Rags to Riches**' campaign, a continuing legacy of 'Love in Action.' Our unwanted clothing and bedding will raise money for Mary's Meals' essential work of providing a daily meal in a place of learning to meet the immediate needs of hungry children and to encourage them to go to school to gain an education that can be their ladder out of poverty. The scale of their operation and people's generosity is staggering; for instance, there are over 80,000 volunteers in Malawi alone who take turns to prepare, cook and serve a daily meal in each school!

At the 'Adoremus' Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in 2018 Magnus MacFarlane Barrow, who founded Mary's Meals, spoke about Mary's Meals being the fruit of prayer. He told us how people find strength through the Eucharist and that things change and people change when they spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That is no different for each and every one of us. Therefore we plan to build on another recent tradition and begin Lent in that same spirit of prayer and conversion by having a **Day of Eucharistic Adoration**. More details on this and the rest of the Lenten programme to follow. A date for the diary!

*Every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Fr Graham*

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

Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16  
and 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:** Mark Ransley, Jean Burgess, Christine Morris, Fr Evan Harkins

**Pray also for:** Doris Jones, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan, Jack Hurst, Stan Phillips, Joseph Navaratnam Henry, Guy Verrier, Emily Jukes, Davis Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan, Daya Rajakarier, Daisy Rowland, Robert O'Beirne, all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Baptism** – We welcome into the church Yasmin Christodoulou, Helena Bogdanowicz and Montana Stokes, who are being baptised this weekend.

**Blessing of throats** for the feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, will take place after the 9.30am mass on Monday.

**Parking** - please do not park on Imperial Close during daytimes whilst gas works continue – be prepared for disruption!

**Mary's Meal – Mary's meals will be in our church this weekend.** On the morning of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February please remember to bring along all 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>nd</sup> February to pick them up. **Please do not bring clothes before then as we have limited storage.**

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Rotas** – new rotas are now available on the parish website.

**New Readers Training** – please keep **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** free as we will have a meeting in the church for all new readers at 7:30pm.

**Harrow Citizens – Date for the diary** Please keep free **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**, the date for the London Citizens Mayoral Assembly at 6pm in the Copperbox in the Olympic Park at Stratford. We have committed to 30 parishioners going from St John Fisher!

**St Vincent de Paul Society Raffle.** Next weekend we will be selling tickets for the annual raffle which is a very important source of funding for the Society's work. Tickets are £1 per ticket and £5 per book of five, available after evening mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February and all masses on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £3000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £2000.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £1000.00. Also 10 prizes of £100.00 and 10 prizes of £50.00. Please return your tickets by 6<sup>th</sup> March as the raffle is on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**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!

**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 **vacancies** for a term-time **playworker** for breakfast 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)

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Part-time Parish Cleaner at South Harrow & Northolt Parish** - required to work 11 hours per week at £10.75 per hour. For more information and an on-line application please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**'The Summit' youth event** - Westminster Youth Ministry is preparing a youth event aimed at those aged 13-18, to take place 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 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. 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 that you wish to attend.

**Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes** takes place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at **2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. If you, or someone you know, plan to attend in a wheelchair, please let Nuala Rodger Parish Administrator know as soon as possible.

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

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

- **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<sup>th</sup> 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
- **Journeying with the Bible - 'Where does the Bible come from and when did it take place?'** with Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz and Sr Monica Cardona on **11<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.**