



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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1st March 2020 ~ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 29th February 2020

29th Sat DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lent Feria

9.30 am Clifford Family

Vigil of Sunday

6.00 pm People of the Parish

1st Sun 1st Sunday of Lent

8.30 am Harry Gallagher RIP

10.00 am For those being received at Easter

11.30 am Mrs June Cooper

2nd Mon *Lent Feria*

9.30 am Prunty Family

3rd Tue *Lent Feria*

9.30 am Harry Gallagher RIP

4th Wed *Lent Feria*

No Mass

5th Thu *Lent Feria*

7.00pm Suzanne Ryan RIP

6th Fri *Lent feria*

9.30 am Marie Chantal Ramasawmy RIP

followed by Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Joe Cleary RIP

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7th Sat *Lent Feria*

9.30 am Mark Ransley RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00 pm Harry Gallagher RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10am - 10.30am; **4.30pm - 5.15pm**

and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15 – 9.15am; Saturday 10 - 10.30am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY THIS FRIDAY



This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Our donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like ours, her work just couldn't continue. CAFOD need our help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to more people who need treatment, care and love.

This Friday, 6th March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – our support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope after Mass today from the back of the Church and, on behalf of CAFOD, thank you for your support.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” Matthew 4:4

In the **Year of The Word** why not read next Sunday's Readings?
 Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 32, 2 Timothy 1:8-10,
 Matthew 17:1-9
 and the Wednesday Word may help you:
www.wednesdayword.com

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 or Noreen O'Boyle on 07935776298. If you would like a visit from the priest and/or to regularly receive **Holy Communion**, please contact the parish office.

Recently deceased: Patrick Murphy, Joe Cleary

Pray also for: Archie O'Brien, Monica Fitzmaurice, François Joseph, Charles Dunleavy, Helen Cronin, Patricia McCarthy, Delia Murphy, Noel Johns, John Dignam, Veronica Furie, Doris McNulty, Helen Leahy, Hondra Norgate-Bennett, John Rogers, Brian Morahan, Gilbert Lee, Ghandy Mangani, Celeste Robinson, Anthony Heffernan and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Fairtrade food stall and coffee morning To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight there will be a coffee morning & Fairtrade food stall in the hall after 10 & 11:30 Mass this Sunday. There will be a raffle and money raised will go to Traidcraft Exchange who support the poorest people to get a better deal from trade. The food stall will be open in the church porch as usual after 6pm & 8:30 Masses. Real Easter Eggs (Fairtrade chocolate & an Easter story booklet) are now in stock.

Coronavirus – We are advised that the best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use **universal good hygiene**: to wash our hands regularly; sneeze or cough into tissues and to dispose of them straight away. Please refrain from the chalice if you have flu-like symptoms. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may wish to wash their hands in the kitchen before mass and not exchange a 'physical' sign of peace.** Fr Graham found a number of discarded tissues in the Church pews after Mass last weekend so there is more that we can do!

Church lighting – due to a serious fault there are currently no overhead lights in the rear of the church.

Social Club AGM – This will take place in the parish centre small hall on **Sunday 1st March** at 7.30 pm.

New Readers Training – At 7:30pm on **Monday 9th March** there will be a meeting in the church for all new readers. If you are interested in reading at Mass please speak to Fr Graham or Kay.

Altar Servers – if you would like to become an Altar server we will have training at **6pm on Monday 9th March** in the church. To be an Altar Server you must have made your First Holy Communion. If you wish to attend the training you will need to give your name to Fr Graham or Kay before the 9th March.

Rededication of England to Our Lady - As announced in the recent pastoral letter this country will be rededicated as Our Lady's Dowry on **Sunday 29th March**. We will celebrate the rededication by making the Act of Entrustment at the 11.30am Mass that Sunday at the same time that it is being made by the Cardinal in Walsingham. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting Westminster Cathedral from **19th – 22nd March** as part of the nationwide 'Dowry Tour' including reflections, prayers and liturgies. More details on poster in church porch, www.behold2020.com and www.dowrytour.org.uk

LENT 2020 - 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

Talks on the Mass – Fr Graham will be hosting two short talks on the Mass. The first, on the Liturgy of the Word, will take place at **7.30pm on Thursday 12th March** with the second on the Liturgy of the Eucharist at **7.30pm on Thursday 19th March**, both in the Fisher Room. All welcome with no prior understanding required!

Walk with Me – A few booklets are still available at the back of the church price £1.

Lenten Alms – This year we will be supporting **Aid to the Church in Need**. Their Westminster organiser, John Ravi, will be coming to speak to us about their work on the weekend of 21/22 March.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - with visiting priest confessors will take place on **Monday, 30th March from 7.00pm**.

Devotions and Mass As last year, there will be **Stations of the Cross led by parishioners after the 9.30am Friday mass**. If you would like to lead these morning stations, please contact the parish office. In addition there will be **7.00pm Friday Mass followed by Stations of the Cross** led by Fr Graham.

Churches Together in North Harrow:

St Albans Church is hosting a textile exhibition on 'Peace and Reconciliation.' As part of this CTNH are supporting a talk on **Tuesday 3rd March** at 7.45pm by Marian Partington on 'Walking the Path of Reconciliation.' Marian's sister was killed by Fred and Rosemary West. More details on poster in church porch.

Two **House Groups** will run for four sessions in the weeks commencing March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th on Wednesdays at 2.30pm and Tuesdays at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Nuala in the parish office by **Tuesday 3rd March**.

Lenten lunches A simple bread and soup lunch supporting St Luke's Hospice; the first will be at Elmfield on Imperial Drive at **12noon on Saturday 14th March**.

Harrow Citizens – Date for the diary Please keep free **Tuesday 21st April**, the date for the London Citizens Mayoral Assembly at 6pm in the Copperbox in the QE Olympic Park, Stratford.

St John Fisher School Tea & Coffee Morning last weekend raised over £250 towards the new minibus. Thank you for your support.

Knitting group supporting Bakhita House meets on **Friday 28th February from 2pm** in Fisher Room. All welcome.

Planned giving envelopes – We have ordered new sets of planned giving envelopes for all those who have collected and used them during this financial year. If you did not collect your envelopes this year and wish to support the parish this way next year please contact the parish bookkeeper via the parish office.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

A Day with Mary – Our Lady & St Michael, Garston on **Saturday 7th March**, More details on poster in church porch.

Divine Mercy Retreat at St Gabriel South Harrow on **Saturday 14th March**. More details on poster in church porch.

The Lenten Journey to Easter - the Dominican Sisters invite you to a day of prayer and reflection led by Fr Nicholas King SJ at the Niland Centre from 10am on **Wednesday 18th March**. More details on poster in church porch.