



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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5th April 2020 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 4th April

All masses to be said in private

- 4th Sat** *Lent Feria*
Raymond Stokes RIP
- 5th Sun** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.**
10.30am People of the Parish,
Maria Texeira RIP anniv &
Bernadette Fernandes RIP anniv
- 6th Mon** *Monday of Holy Week*
Harry Gallagher RIP
- 7th Tue** *Tuesday of Holy Week*
Sanjana, Daveena, Kalpana
Sanjeevam
- 8th Wed** *Wednesday of Holy Week*
Woyciech Mliek RIP
- 9th Thur** **MAUNDY THURSDAY –
Mass of the Lord's Supper**
8.00pm Sick & Recently Deceased of Parish
- 10th Fri** **GOOD FRIDAY**
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 11th Sat** **HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL**
8.00pm People of the Parish
- 12th Sun** **EASTER SUNDAY**
10.30am June Collins RIP anniv, John De
Freitas RIP anniv, Woycieck Mlek RIP,
Eugenia & Josef Sulikowski RIP & family

During the Covid-19 restrictions:

Baptisms – in emergency

Funerals – at cemetery or crematorium chapel

Sacrament of the Sick – in usual manner by request

A DIFFERENT HOLY WEEK

Thanks to the internet and the generous time and support of a couple of parishioners we can join in the liturgies of Holy Week together. The following schedule will be livestreamed on our parish You Tube channel:

YouTube St John Fisher North Harrow

Palm Sunday

10.30am Mass of Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(then watching for a short while)

Good Friday

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.30am Mass of Easter Sunday

I hope you have found our new parish Facebook page. I'm hoping to do some more low key livestreaming during the week as well as using this to help us keep in touch



@StJohnFisherNorthHarrow

Every blessing and keep safe.

Fr Graham

**"We seek refuge under your protection
Holy Mary Mother of God**

Pope Francis Prayer 11th March 2020.

In the **Year of The Word** why not read and reflect on next Sunday's Readings?

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Psalms 118, Colossians 3:1-4,
John 20:1-9

The Wednesday Word will help

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: Maureen(Mary) Smith, Roy Spry, Sarah Dinan, Canon Eddie Matthews, Fr Bryan Jones

Pray also for: Aldo Trombetti, Roman Sidorowicz, Mary Reidy, Joe Walsh, Gerard Nicholas, Maria Teixeira, Hannah Celine O'Brien, Kathleen Prendiville, Bernadette Fernandes, Sally Enright, Nora O'Connor, Maisie Rainsford, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, June Collins, Robert Monahan and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Furlough of Parish Staff - in order to protect the Parish's long-term financial sustainability it has been necessary for our Administrator, Nuala Rodger, and our Bookkeeper, FlorAlba Robayo, to be furloughed for the next 2 months when we will review the situation. By furloughing these members of staff we will be able to avail ourselves of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. The Government will cover 80% of their salary and the parish will make up the difference. They are prevented from doing any work for the parish while they are furloughed so please do not phone or email them during this time. Any queries should be directed by phone or e-mail to myself or Kay O'Connor, who is working from home at this time.

The mission of the parish continues at this time, as do all the costs necessary to maintain our presence here. I know many of you will face uncertainties regarding income and employment as a result of the pandemic but **thank you to those of you who continue to support the parish financially** at this time through standing orders and other offerings. We are happy to accept offertory envelopes and donations through the presbytery letterbox

Mass intentions - During this exceptional time it is no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. Therefore we are having to combine Mass intentions or transfer them when there would have been more than one mass on a particular day. When masses are combined your stipend is sent, with thanks, to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund as we are only able to accept one mass offering per day. If you have a preference for combining or rescheduling please let me know.

Tai Chi - The teacher, Alex Chew, will be available via live video streaming for the duration of the coronavirus shutdown. Sessions take place Tuesday and Thursday between 1.30pm and 3.00pm. Please reach the sessions via Zoom. Type the following into your Browser: <https://zoom.us/j/5410388918>. All are welcome whether you are regular members or not.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Mass of thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony in Westminster Cathedral on 30th May has been cancelled.

MORE ON OUR RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

All activities in the Church and parish centre are cancelled or suspended. The only Sacrament currently available is the **Sacrament of the Sick** that can be administered as usual upon request to Fr Graham, albeit with suitable precautions.

With much regret **Bishop John Sherrington has postponed our Parish Confirmations** that were due to take place on 1st May. Similarly **we have now postponed our parish First Holy Communion celebrations** which were due to take place that weekend and the following weekend. Kay is getting in touch with all the families that will be affected by this change to our Sacramental Programme. Similarly the **receiving of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil** has had to be postponed for those due to be baptised, received into the Church and to be Confirmed then. The Easter liturgies will take place but in private and via livestreaming to our You Tube channel.

The **ordinations** to the diaconate (transitory and permanent) and to the priesthood have been postponed until September

The celebration of the Sacraments is a wonderful time for families to gather and is often very important in the lives of grandparents and the extended family. With the present uncertainty about the length of time that the pandemic will last these decision are unavoidable. Developments in the public health advice will determine when the celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation can take place. These may need to have a different flavour and/or take place in a different season to other years.

Spiritual Communion - You are encouraged to gather, especially on a Sunday, as a household and join us in a Spiritual Communion; details on how to make a spiritual Communion are available with this newsletter. Sunday Mass and Holy Week liturgies are available on our parish YouTube channel as detailed overleaf.

There are many **websites** offering spiritual support at this time. A helpful summary is available on www.rcdow.org.uk under 'Resources During Mass Suspension' in the News Centre. Key sources of information include:

The Bishops' Conference www.cbcew.org.uk
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk
Lent in Isolation www.lentinisolation.com
Magnificat www.magnificat.com/free
streamed church services: www.churchservices.tv
www.mass-online.org

If you know people who do not have internet access please let them know that **mass is also broadcast live by Irish broadcaster RTE** on the radio frequency 252 LW,

Finally to show solidarity with our neighbours in this time, Churches Together have a **prayer poster** that you can print and display in your window. It can be downloaded at www.cte.org.uk/prayersofhope

It is important that you let us know how you and your neighbours are coping, or if people are in need of help. We will be contacting parishioners who might be in need, drawn mainly from what you have told us and the list of those who attended the senior citizens meal. **If you are in a position to respond to requests for help or may require help yourself then please let Fr Graham or Kay know.**