



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

## North Harrow

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### 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

##### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass (marked \*)  
streamed on St John Fisher North Harrow  
YouTube channel**

**all other masses streamed on  
St John Fisher North Harrow Facebook page**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sat HOLY SATURDAY  
EASTER VIGIL**

8.00pm\* People of the Parish

**12<sup>th</sup> Sun EASTER SUNDAY**

10.30am\* June Collins RIP anniv, John De Freitas RIP anniv, Woycieck Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Josef Sulikowski RIP & family

**13<sup>th</sup> Mon Monday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Eileen Fernando RIP

**14<sup>th</sup> Tue Tuesday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Harry Gallagher RIP

**15<sup>th</sup> Wed Wednesday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Jack Hanna

**16<sup>th</sup> Thu Thursday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Michael Hughes RIP anniv

**17<sup>th</sup> Fri Friday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Patricia McGlinchey RIP

**18<sup>th</sup> Sat Saturday in the Easter Octave**

9.30am Olinda Mesquita RIP

During the Covid-19 restrictions:

**Baptisms** – in emergency

**Funerals** – at cemetery or crematorium chapel

**Sacrament of the Sick** – in usual manner by request

#### HE IS RISEN!



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With the 'lockdown' continuing our streaming of Masses continues through You Tube and Facebook with the schedule opposite. Thank you for all the comments and feedback on this; I hope it is helping you in staying connected to your parish community at this time. I am conscious that there is little opportunity for interaction. So this week I will explore ways that we may interact through a gathering say on 'zoom' but in a safe and secure environment.

But let us not be distracted spiritually from the commemorations and celebrations to take place between now and then. Let us rejoice in the glory of the Risen Lord. Sin and death have been conquered. No matter what life throws at us Christ's victory is assured!

*Happy Easter!*

*Fr Graham*

**You Tube – St John Fisher North Harrow**

**Facebook - @StJohnFisherNorthHarrow**

**“Let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud  
our mighty King's Triumph”**

*Easter Proclamation at Easter Vigil.*

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

Acts 2:42-47, 1Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

[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:** Lucy Mulvaney, Mary Moloney, James O'Brien, John O'Sullivan, Rosalia Mistretta, Fr Austin Garvey, Fr John Helm, Fr John O'Halloran, Mgr Frederick Miles

**Pray also for:** Dr. Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Maura Haygreen, Brian Walton, Frank Baldock, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy, John De Freitas, Maurice Malone, Michael Hughes, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy, Una Graydon, Bernard Devine, Patrick Kennedy, Teresa Kitchie, Jo & Nora Broderick, Mary Maher, Seamus O'Brien, Richard Plesner, Theresa Sundaram, Irene Hurst, Michael Hughes, Bridget Byrne, Trenton "Lloyd" Henry, Helen McNamara, Kathleen Forde, Alice Tobin, Nellie Connolly, William O'Riordan, James Pettifer 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 we have furloughed our Administrator, Nuala Rodger, and our Bookkeeper, FlorAlba Robayo until the end of May when we will review the situation. By furloughing these members of staff we are able to avail 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 Easter offerings 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 when there would have been more than one mass on a particular day we are combining Mass intentions or transferring them to another 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 Fr Graham know. All Masses booked will be said at some point.

**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.

## 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.

**Bishop John Sherrington has postponed our Parish Confirmations** that were due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Similarly **we have postponed our parish First Holy Communion celebrations** which were due to take place that weekend and the following weekend. Kay has contacted all the families that will be affected by this change to our Sacramental Programme.

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

The celebration of the Sacraments is a time for families to gather and is often 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 decisions 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 whilst weekday mass is streamed through Facebook.

There are many **websites** offering spiritual support at this time. A helpful summary is available on [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)  
Lent in Isolation [www.lentinisolation.com](http://www.lentinisolation.com)  
Magnificat [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free)  
streamed church services: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)  
[www.mass-online.org](http://www.mass-online.org)

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](http://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 require help yourself please let Fr Graham or Kay know.**

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