



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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3rd May 2020 ~ 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 2nd May

Sunday Mass livestreamed on
'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel

all other masses livestreamed on
'St John Fisher North Harrow' Facebook page

2nd Sat 9.30am	<i>St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor</i> Martin Wareing - thanksgiving
3rd Sun 10.30am	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER People of the Parish & Nihal Ranasinghe & Sinaththamby Joseph Victor RIP anniv
4th Mon 9.30am	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Christopher & Annachi Ponnokone RIP anniv
5th Tue 9.30am	<i>Easter feria</i> Christopher & Annachi Ponnokone RIP anniv
6th Wed	<i>Easter feria</i> Carl Jorgensen RIP
7th Thu 9.30am	<i>Easter feria</i> Patrick Murphy
8th Fri 9.30am	<i>Easter feria</i> Albert & Gladys Smith RIP
9th Sat 9.30am	<i>Easter feria</i> Bob Charles RIP

During the Covid-19 restrictions:

Baptisms – in emergency

Funerals – at cemetery or crematorium chapel with Memorial Mass after lifting of restrictions

Sacrament of the Sick – in usual manner by request; in Northwick Park Hospital contact Fr Agustin Pahunon, RC chaplain, via ward staff

clickable links:

You Tube – St John Fisher North Harrow

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxvgJPwPWdVuAJ011PGmhEA>

Facebook - @StJohnFisherNorthHarrow

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnFisherNorthHarrow/>

'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday
3 May 2020



Support our Seminarians
Pray + Give + Share



Today we pray especially for our seminarians and encourage other men to consider the call to the priesthood. The seminaries in Chelsea and Rome, where future Westminster priests are in formation, are currently physically closed. Nevertheless, prayer continues in the life of seminarians and staff, and they are able to participate in streamed liturgies, on-line lectures, regular conversations with formation staff and spiritual direction.

Please join me in praying for our seminarians and those discerning God's call at this time. May they model through their actions and words the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served.

Donations to the Priests' Training Fund are always gratefully received. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the donation page of the diocesan website, www.rcdow.org.uk. A copy of the latest 'Seminary News' is attached to the electronic version of this newsletter.

May is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Many families have discovered during this difficult time the importance of the prayer of the rosary. Why not give it a go either by yourself or with your family?

Happy Easter and keep safe

Fr Graham

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

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

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.

Pray also for: Brigid 'Bidsy' O'Gorman, Mary Fernandes, Salvatrice Amico, Joan Hainsby, Elizabeth Simmonds, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Annapackiam Albert, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Annachi Ponnukone, Ida Trombetti, Sr Veronica Carr, Patrick Hedderman, Tom Ryan, Sheila Watts, Austin Ormson, and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Please remember in your prayers **Maria Pranto** who has died. Her funeral service will take place at Northwood Cemetery on Thursday 14th May. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. Only close family can currently attend funerals. Memorial Masses will be celebrated when public health advice allows. May she rest in peace. Amen

Appreciating the Mass – Fr Graham plans to offer these two short talks, originally planned for Lent, on-line! A 'refresher' on the Liturgy of the Word will take place via 'zoom' at **7.30pm on Thursday 7th May** with the second talk on the Liturgy of the Eucharist at **7.30pm on Thursday 14th May**. **If you would like to take part please e-mail grahamstokes@rcdow.org.uk by Wednesday 6th May for an e-mail invitation.** If you were unable to make it in person before or don't usually come out to things like this why not join us on-line this time? We will start each session with a 'catch-up' on the challenges we are facing at the moment and where we have witnessed God working through this.

Mass intentions – Given the lack of new mass intentions we will now be **transferring Saturday and Sunday mass intentions to another day when there would have been more than one mass that day.** We are only able to accept one mass offering per day; when masses are combined your stipend is sent, with thanks, to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. **If you wish your intention to be combined with another and not transferred** or to find out when it will now be offered **please contact Fr Graham.** Thank you for your generosity and support for the parish through mass intentions. **All booked Masses will be offered.**

St Vincent's Nursing Home, Pinner - Staff in care homes, including St Vincent's, are facing the most unprecedented challenges as they fight against Covid-19. St Vincent's have just set up an appeal to raise funds to give their 30 frontline staff a tangible recognition for all that they are doing and will do before this crisis is over. Please consider making a donation in support of our Catholic Nursing Home and Charity at this most crucial time. Any gift of support you can give, large or small, will make a difference. To donate go onto the just Giving website at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/StVincentsPinner2020>

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School admissions – the school is continuing with the admissions timetable set out for entry in September 2021 and the same deadlines apply. Please check the

school website for updated information and details on changes that have been implemented due to social distancing restrictions.

Through **Caritas** we have also been able to obtain supermarket shopping vouchers to distribute to families in need through St John Fisher Primary School. **Thank you** to all those who support Caritas's work through 'Growing in Faith' or The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal that have made this possible.

Financial support for of the parish - Many of you will be facing uncertainties regarding income and employment as a result of the pandemic but **thank you to those of you who able to continue to support the parish financially** at this time through regular giving. If you do not contribute in this way and would like to then the simplest way to donate is with a bank transfer. You may wish to set up a regular standing order at the same time. Our account details are:

Account Name:	WRCDT Harrow North
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264834

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference. If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate by debit or credit card. For further details and/or to donate please visit our parish website or rcdow micro site and click on the 'donate' tab. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Papers – As there was no feedback on us ceasing to offer the 'Catholic Times' and 'Catholic Universe' publications we are to cease offering The Tablet and Catholic Herald for sale. Take up has been very low and often nil for some time. If you wish to subscribe to either of these publications you can do so at a reduced price through the following links and have it delivered to your door or computer:

- <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/subscribe>
- <https://catholicherald.co.uk/subscribe/>

Our Confirmation and First Holy Communion celebrations have been postponed. Developments in the public health advice will determine when these Sacramental celebrations can take place. These Sacraments are important milestones on a lifelong journey of faith, not simple targets in themselves. Please use this extra time wisely to prepare for these moments of grace.

Spiritual Communion - You are encouraged to gather, especially on a Sunday, as a household and join in a Spiritual Communion; details on how to make a spiritual Communion are available with this newsletter. **Sunday Mass is live streamed on our 'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel whilst weekday mass is streamed through Facebook Live.** 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.

Please let us know if you or people you know are in need of help. We are contacting parishioners who might be in need. **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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