



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

North Harrow



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10th May 2020 ~ 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week beginning Saturday 9th May

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

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

- 9th Sat** Easter feria
9.30am Bob Charles RIP
- 10th Sun** **5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
10.30am People of the Parish, Emidio & Olinda
Mesquita, Patrick Joseph Moloney &
Annackiam Abert RIPs
- 11th Mon** Easter Feria
9.30am Mary Gibbons RIP
- 12th Tue** St Pancras, martyr
9.30am Mary Gibbons RIP
- 13th Wed** Our Lady of Fatima
Carl Jorgensen RIP
- 14th Thu** ST MATTHIAS, Apostle
9.30am Colin Chadwick RIP
- 15th Fri** Easter feria
9.30am Nora Molloy RIP anniv
- 16th Sat** Easter feria
9.30am Fr Tony Pellegrini - thanksgiving

During the Covid-19 restrictions:

Confessions – by appointment with social distancing

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/UCxvgjPwPWdVuAJ01IPGmHEA>

Facebook - @StJohnFisherNorthHarrow

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

CELEBRATIONS OF FAITH & LIFE



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This weekend would have been the second of this year's First Holy Communion celebrations. Last Friday we would also have welcomed Bishop John Sherrington to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people. We would also have been continuing our year group Masses at St John Fisher Primary School, except of course for year 6 who would be preparing for their end of school Mass, but not until they had been on their school journey to Oslington Bay. Many of our young people would have been preparing for exams prior to leaving school or college or university. Let's pray for all those young people in our community who will have missed out on these significant events in their life and journeys of faith.

May is the Month traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. At the end of each mass we will sing together the Regina Coeli anthem to Our Lady:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

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 8:5-8, 14-17-7, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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: Phyllis Hunt, Pauline Ellul, Rita Humphrey, Kathleen Donovan

Pray also for: Elizabeth Tumulty, Mary & Eddy Moriarty, Gerard Taylor, Mary Anne Thambiratnam, Nelly Ougan, Angela Cawley, Brian Tunnacliffe, Germain Tse Kwong Pin, Angela Castagna, Jim (Zdislaw) Morawski, Mary Moore 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 – After success this week Fr Graham offers the second of these two short talks, originally planned for Lent, on-line covering the Liturgy of the Eucharist at **7.30pm next Thursday, 14th May. If you would like to take part please e-mail grahamstokes@rcdow.org.uk for a link to join the meeting. If you were unable to make it last week why not join us this time?**

Barbara Towell and family would like to thank everyone for their condolences, kindness and support following the death of her mother, Claire (Tita) Fisch. She died in St. Vincent's Nursing Home where, for the last 3 years, she had lived so happily and been so well cared for. Her cremation was on May 1st. A Memorial mass will be celebrated when public health allows. May she rest in peace.

Domestic Abuse - Since the UK-wide Covid-19 lockdown began there has been a 49% increase in calls and online requests for help relating to domestic abuse. Every person has a right to live their life free from violence, abuse, intimidation and fear. Our parishes can play an important role in the fighting the scourge of domestic abuse, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. You will find more information and resources for how you can play a part under 'safeguarding' on the parish website.

Holy Mass intentions – With the closure of the parish office Mass intentions being received have reduced considerably. If you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention or for someone, living or deceased, please contact Fr Graham. Weekday mass intentions are available from early June and some Sunday Masses from mid-July. You are reminded that the suggested mass offering in the diocese is £10 which goes, with thanks, to support the parish priest.

St Vincent's Nursing Home, Pinner - Staff in care homes, including St Vincent's, are facing unprecedented Challenges as they fight against Covid-19. St Vincent's have 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 crucial time. Any gift of support you can give will make a difference. To donate go to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/StVincentPinner2020>

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. For further details and/or to donate please visit our parish website and click on the 'donate' tab. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Papers are no longer offered by the parish due to very poor take up. If you wish to subscribe to The Tablet or Catholic Herald 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/>

For other sources of church news click on the 'keeping informed' tab on the parish website.

CAFOD launched its **coronavirus emergency appeal** this week. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections, you can donate as individuals at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal

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 at this time. We are contacting parishioners who might be in need and have a number of people willing to offer help. **If you are in a position to respond to requests for help or require help yourself please contact Fr Graham or Kay.**