



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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15th November 2020 – 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of the Poor

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10.30am Masses livestreamed on 'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel

other Masses streamed on St John Fisher North Harrow Facebook site

- 14th Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Carl Jorgensen 1st Anniversary
- 15th Sun** **33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
10.30am People of Parish/Holy Souls,
Paul Cleland RIP Anniv, Tony Leito RIP &
Lucy Mulvaney RIP
- 16th Mon** St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
10.00am Joan Carson (sick)
- 17th Tue** St Hilda, Abbess
10.00am Issac Noel Samson RIP
- 18th Wed** Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul
no public Mass
- 19th Thu** feria
7.00pm Harry & Helen Gallagher RIP Anniv
- 20th Fri** feria
10.00am Holy Souls
- 21st Sat** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Michael Da Costa RIP
Worldwide Hour of Adoration
- 22nd Sun** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
King of the Universe**
10.30am Holy Souls, People of the Parish
Carmel Wilmot RIP & Joe O' Regan Anniv-

Confessions – by appointment

Funerals & Baptisms – by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick – by request;
in Northwick Park Hospital contact RC chaplain

FR AXCEL WRITES.....

I am 29 years old and from San Francisco, California. I have a Hispanic heritage, and both my parents emigrated from their country of El Salvador to the US in the 80s because of civil war. I wasn't really raised in the Church in the early years of my life. God used people in the Church so I can come to him. I didn't look for God, he searched for me. In my teens I came to the Church through the Neocatechumenal way and became part of a small community. Also, through friends, catechist, and other positive influences in my life.



At the end of my final year of high school, I had a different project of life, I was going to college, had a job, a car, and I was in a relationship with a beautiful girl. The priesthood wasn't an idea for me, but God used events in my life to help me see that I was called to something more than a life for myself, I felt the calling in 2008, at a pilgrimage, to leave everything and to follow him, to start an adventure. Throughout the years I have realized that it is all grace. And God does everything when you're ready.

I came to London at 19, and I trained in Allen Hall Seminary and the Redemptories Mater House of Formation. Throughout the years God has confirmed that he was calling me to serve his Church and I am very happy to be here in North Harrow, with the talents he has given me. I hope to share what I have, and still receive from the Church with you all. I also hope to meet you all in person soon. I want to end with a quote from the great G.K Chesterton, "Each generation is converted by the saint who contradicts it most." We are called to be unique, and I am far from being a saint, but I know that God loves me, and I hope to share that same love with you all. A love the world wants to see, and yet does not understand. (John 13:34-35)

Fr Axcel

Opening times for private prayer
Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
with Eucharistic Adoration
10.30am – 12noon

In the **Year of The Word** reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 22,
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

REGULAR NOTICES

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 SVP direct on **07935 776298**.

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

Recently deceased: Tony Cowley, John Harrington, Rajeswaren, Fr John Miller, Fr Alan Griffin

Recently added to the sick list: Anton Savundra, Maureen Verrier; Joan Curson,

Pray also for, Bernard Rooney, Peggy O'Malley, Peter O'Brien, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive, Mrs Ofulue, Charles Harris, Bill Smith, Carl Jorgensen, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Mary Coady, Patricia "Tisha" Pace, Josef Schuster and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

World Day for the Poor - This Sunday is World Day of the Poor, as instituted by Pope Francis. Please follow the link to this reflection, which also gives suggestions of what we can do to support those in need www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/WDP-2020-blog.php

Stewards and cleaners – We are planning to recommence Masses with a congregation on Thursday 3rd December, subject of course to Government guidance. We will need more help to ensure that as many as possible can come to Mass to worship the New Born King. If you can help with stewarding and/or cleaning either during private prayer times or when lockdown ends and public Mass begins please contact Fr Graham or Kay.

Arrangements under the current guidance

When you come to church for private prayer please:

- **wear a face covering**
- **provide your contact details to support 'Test & Trace' or use the QR code with the NHS Test & Trace App**
- use the hand sanitiser on entry and exit
- observe the 'one-way system' on entry and exit

Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed on the parish You Tube channel. Weekday Masses are livestreamed on the St John Fisher North Harrow Facebook page

Operation Elf – supporting children of prisoners at Christmas - Last year we collected toys for prisoners' children through 'Operation Elf'. This year Pact are appealing for book tokens for children of prisoners. These can be bought online from www.nationalbooktokens.com or from local bookshops. If bought online you can have it delivered straight to Pact at Operation ELF, 29 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UA. Book tokens need to arrive with Pact by **23rd November**. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Diaries – Unfortunately our usual supplier has not produced parish diaries for 2021.

Mary's Meals – Mirvette Russo, a parishioner and a Mary's Meals volunteer, has recorded an update on the work of Mary's Meals. It can be accessed on the parish You Tube channel.

Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) - Fr Graham has postponed the signing of CCPs for Primary School. New dates for signing of

these forms will be published in the Newsletter after the easing of the current lockdown.

Missio & Mill Hill Missionaries' 'Red Boxes' – Many of you will recall the red boxes that are used to collect change at home to support the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. A number of parishioners have red boxes but we do not currently have a co-ordinator to arrange their distribution and collection nor to publicise the work that they support. If you would be willing to take on that role and to support in a practical way the Church's missionary remit then please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Mass intentions – With a single streamed Sunday Mass, Sunday Mass intentions are being combined again. With two priests in the parish there will come to be more concelebrated weekday Masses; these combined intentions will be redistributed to the concelebrating priest at these Masses. The intention will not be announced again but a Mass will continue to be offered for each intention for which a donation is gratefully received.

November: Month of the Holy Souls – Envelopes and sheets are available in the porch to list your deceased loved ones; these are placed in our Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary. Please return the envelope, and any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery or place in the offertory baskets. Friday and Sunday Masses this month are offered for the Holy Souls as well as from now on the 'first Friday' Mass throughout the year.

Parish Women's Group Zoom meeting, Wednesday 18th November 8pm - The meeting will start with a short introduction to local bird watching, followed by time to chat. All are welcome. If you would like to come please email everinternet@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

The Mark 10 Mission; Sunday Gospel video reflections for children - This new project has been set up to provide short reflections for children to help them grow in their relationship with Christ. It leads the children in prayer and then concludes with worship. Please see link below. It comes recommended by St John Fisher Primary School! www.themark10mission.co.uk

St John Fisher School - Assistant Caretaker required for December 2020 for 25 hrs per week (term-time plus 3 weeks) from 11:00 – 16:00. Salary £14,303. Closing Date: noon Monday 30th November. Interviews: Wednesday 2nd December. The Application Pack is available on the school website www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk under Community/Vacancies. Completed application forms should be submitted to Mrs Jackie McKenna, School Administrator, by email: admin@st-johnfisher.harrowsch.uk.

Financial support for of the parish - Thank you to those of you who continue to support the parish financially especially through regular giving. If you would like to support the parish this way then the simplest way is with a bank transfer. For further details visit our website and click on the 'donate' tab or pick up a form at the back of the church. To collect your weekly offertory envelopes please contact the parish office.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Red Wednesday at Home Wednesday 21st – Thursday 29th November 2020. If the plight of suffering Christians is important to you, then help to make this the biggest ACN online and at home event ever. See the range of #RedWednesday events at www.acnuk.org.