



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**Next Friday 10am livestreamed on Facebook: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sat** St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs  
10.00am Bridget Graydon Birthday

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Father Fintan Crotty RIP

**7<sup>th</sup> Sun 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am Patrick Geewan RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

12noon Conlon Family

**8<sup>th</sup> Mon** St Josephine Bakhita

10.00am Terry Bamford 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

**9<sup>th</sup> Tue** Feria

10.00am Gerald Fitzmaurice RIP

**10<sup>th</sup> Wed** St Scolastica, Virgin

10.00am Albert Smith Anniv

**11<sup>th</sup> Thu** Our Lady of Lourdes

7.00pm Marie Argent RIP

**12<sup>th</sup> Fri** Feria

10.00am Elsie & Joseph Yim RIP

**13<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Patricia McGuinness RIP

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Tony Dyball RIP

**14<sup>th</sup> Sun 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Jozefin Peter RIP

12noon Mary Read Anniv

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30am-11.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm  
and by appointment

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 9am-9.45am; Saturday after Mass-11.30am  
First Friday (with Benediction): after Mass - 11.30am

**Funerals & Baptisms** – by appointment

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

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Santa Giuseppina Bakhita

### St Josephine Bakhita

When Jesus heals the mother-in-law of Simon Peter, he takes her by her hand, then after she is cured she responds in gratitude. Drawing from this and as we enter the week it is important to

remember St Josephine Bakhita who's

feast day will be on 8<sup>th</sup> of February. Who was Josephine Bakhita? She was a slave in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, she was sold into slavery many times and suffered many injustices.

Through these struggles she had to face by no choice of her own, she found the greatest freedom of all, The love of Jesus Christ and her true Lord. In her own word she says these powerful yet controversial words for our times *"If I was to meet those slave raiders that abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them to kiss their hands, because, if it had not have been for them, I would not have become a Christian and religious woman."* Powerful words from her. And to some people that hear that today without the lens of faith would think of it as madness to do such a thing, but St Josephine truly had the grace to forgive of her enemies.

In today's world many try to take justice into their own hands. Of course, when there is an injustice, justice is due; but St Josephine Bakhita accepted a different kind of justice, the Justice of the cross which St. Paul speaks about in his letters, the justice that Jesus in his broken body fulfilled when he crushed our true oppression which is the Sin that comes from hate. Jesus by his love overcame death, St. Josephine Bakhita was able to see that. She truly found peace despite all she endured for many years. Our hearts and our prayers go out today for all those victims of Human trafficking, may they receive true healing and true justice. May they be helped and rescued, and that the cross they has been put on them was not carried alone but that Christ bore it with them.

Let us support the work Bakhita house does for those who have suffered and have been victims of these evils. Let us offer our support with Charity. If you would like to support and know more about their work with the victims of modern day slavery and in the fight against human trafficking you can go to this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/caritas-bakhita-house-is-open/>.

Fr Axcel.

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46, Psalm 31,

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45

## 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 added to the sick list:** Alan Piggott, John McCarthy

**Recently deceased:** Father Kidane Lebase, Patricia McGuinness Vera Shaefer,

**Pray also** Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Margarete Bartocha, Judith Rohini Christie, Doris Jones, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan, Jack Hurst, Stan Phillips, Joseph Navaratnam Henry, Guy Verrier, Emily Jukes and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**We are now taking bookings for Masses on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February and for Ash Wednesday on 17<sup>th</sup> February.** If you can help with stewarding before Mass and/or cleaning after Mass please contact Fr Graham or Kay.

**Mass stewards** – we will be holding a short refresher session on what is involved of particular relevance to weekend stewards. This will be held online via 'zoom' at **6pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Contact Kay O'Connor for the Link.

**Faithful Citizens - St John Fisher Citizens' Group** are holding a series of 'Zoom' sessions from 7.30pm– 8.30pm on Thursday evenings to learn about the 'Fratelli Tutti' encyclical, build relationships within the parish, identify local concerns and encourage leadership. You can come to the last of the remaining events:

- **11<sup>th</sup> February - Time to Act** - In the light of 'Fratelli Tutti' and Catholic Social Teaching we consider how we as a parish might be more involved in local community action.

To register please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faithful-citizens-our-faith-in-action-series-of-online-encounters-tickets->

**Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Mass followed by the distribution of ashes as we leave the church this year, will take place at **7.00am, 10.00am and 7.00pm** on Ash Wednesday. Booking will be necessary from this weekend.

**Harrow Foodbank – Our next collection will be this weekend, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> February;** the Foodbank would like: women's deodorant; shampoo; shaving foam; small washing powder (1kg approx); tinned carrots; tinned potatoes; tinned lamb meals (Irish stew); adult toothbrushes (singles); nappies size 6. **No baby food, cereal or pasta.**

**Next livestreamed Mass and virtual coffee:** 11am Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February - E-mail Fr Graham for the zoom link. Newcomers specially welcome.

**Confirmation Candidates** – Are invited to return the information on their sponsors and saints name on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, at 6.45 pm in the church prior to the evening mass, of which you are welcome to stay for mass.

### Arrangements for Mass under the guidance

**You must book in advance to attend the Sunday Masses (currently Sat 6pm or Sun 8.30am, 10.30am or 12noon)** stating group size. To book:

- telephone the parish office **between 9.30am and 12 noon on Monday to Thursday**
- **e-mail the parish office before 12noon on Thursday** ([harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk))
- give your name to the parish office by Thursday

When you come to Mass please:

- **arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass**
- **wear a face covering throughout the service**
- **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, exit, before and after Holy Communion
- observe the 'one-way system' in the church
- receive Holy Communion on the hand
- remain in your place until you are invited to leave

Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed and the obligation to attend remains suspended.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Caritas Volunteer Fair "Step Forward in Love"**– Online Event **Wednesday 10 February from 11am -1pm**. Whether you want to try volunteering for the first time or are looking for a new role, come and find out what volunteering opportunities are available. Please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caritas-volunteer-fair-tickets-135713539851>

**CAFOD - Daily Walk?** Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10,000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at [www.cafod.org.uk/walk](http://www.cafod.org.uk/walk) and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

**Journeying with the Bible** - the next talk presented by Fr Javier Ruis-Ortiz and Sr Monica Cardona looking at the writings of St Paul will be on **9<sup>th</sup> February**, from 7pm - 8.30pm. Register by contacting [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**Receiving Covid-19 vaccine in good conscience** – Some faith commentators have suggested that it is immoral to receive the Covid-19 vaccine as the development stage of one of the vaccines used material from of an aborted foetus. The Holy See have issued a statement that makes it clear that Catholic moral teaching allows us to receive in good conscience any of the vaccines, there being a sufficient moral distance between the administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action as well as a grave reason to receive the vaccine. More details at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-conference-statement-on-covid-19-vaccines/>