



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2021 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Highlighted Masses livestreamed on  
'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sat** *St Rita of Cascia*  
10.00am Maria Meme RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**  
6.00pm Margaret Jeeves
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun** **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
8.30am People of the Parish  
**10.30am** Brian Louch RIP  
*Confirmation of Wiktorija & Arran*  
12noon Margaret O'Neil RIP
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mon** *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*  
10.00am Mary Monaghan RIP and deceased family
- 25<sup>th</sup> Tue** *St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor*  
10.00am Haruna Bwanika RIP
- 26<sup>th</sup> Wed** *St Philip Neri, Priest*  
10.00am Tommy Smith RIP anniv
- 27<sup>th</sup> Thu** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL  
HIGH PRIEST  
7.00pm John Rogers RIP
- 28<sup>th</sup> Fri** *feria*  
10.00am Rose Ena King RIP
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sat** *Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*  
10.00am Mick McBreen RIP anniv
- Vigil of Sunday**  
6.00pm Kathy Casey RIP 10<sup>th</sup> anniv
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sun** **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
8.30am Queenie Lee RIP anniv  
**10.30am** Bridget Bolger RIP 1<sup>st</sup> anniv  
12noon Regina Emmanuel RIP anniv

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm

### 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;

### PENTECOST



On this great feast of Pentecost we are invited to call down anew the greatest of gifts, the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will do this in a special way at our 10.30am Mass by Confirming two young people from our parish community who prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation last year, yet were delayed in doing so by the pandemic. We should never be blasé about praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit because God's Spirit can and does work miracles. For He "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us," (Ephesians 3:20)

So imagine what we can happen if, as a community, we pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit within our parish? That's exactly what we have been doing these last nine days since Ascension in our Pentecost Novena. The year to come will bring all sorts of challenges and opportunities, just as the last year did, but in different ways. Who will return to the practice of their faith? What will we no longer be able to support? What might we choose to no longer do? What might we want to take up that we haven't done beforehand? For if our high streets, work life and so much else have changed on account of the pandemic why do we expect our faith life to return to the way it was?

So let us pray as a parish community 'Come Holy Spirit'!

*Every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) The Most Holy Trinity,  
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Psalm 32  
Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20

## 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 Graydon, Bryan Shannon, Ron Eeles, Kathleen Healy, Rita Sheehan, Mary Kate Cassidy, Elena Al-Hashimi

**Recently added to Sick List** – Connor McGuire

**Pray also** Bridie White, Patrick Moloney, Frank Gallagher, Sadie Horan, Edith Peres Da Silva, Cornelius Clancy, Mary O'Shea, Augustine Teixeira, Kurian Thomas, Calogero Porrello, Mai Dineen, Regina Emmanel, Sarah Madden, Ronald Martin, Julie Wilson, Julia Reilly, Jean McSweeney, Ciara Carvell, Brendan Connolly, Patrick Morley, Violet Hayes and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Pastoral Letter** – a Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent will be played at all Masses this weekend. Copies are attached to the electronic newsletter and will be available at the back of the church after Mass

**May devotions** – During this month dedicated to Our Lady the Regina Caeli will be prayed again at the end of each Mass after we have completed the Pentecost novena.

**Entering into the liturgy** – When we have conversations with others, we like a response from the person we are addressing our conversation to. Please join in the responses at Mass. After all we are celebrating the liturgy together as the Body of Christ, not simply 'watching Father say Mass!' Thank you.

**Baptisms** are once again taking place in the church. If you would like to prepare to have a child baptised, please initially speak to Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after Mass on Sunday.

**Corpus Domini** – Our Saturday morning Holy Hour on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June** will conclude with Benediction. It will form part of a worldwide initiative in preparation for the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress to be held in September in Budapest. Let us join Christians all over the world in prayer for each other in front of the Blessed Sacrament on the Saturday of the Feast of Corpus Christi. More details at [www.corpusdomini.iec2020.hu](http://www.corpusdomini.iec2020.hu)

**Collection for Kay** – many of you have already given personal gifts to Kay as an appreciation for almost 20 years of service at St John Fisher. If you would like to contribute to a parish presentation collection envelopes are available for the presentation to be made by Bishop John Sherrington when he comes to celebrate the **12noon Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Harrow Food Bank collection 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June**. The Foodbank would like: sponge puddings e.g. Auntie's (long shelf life please); men's deodorant; packet mashed potato; toothbrushes – adult; long-life fruit juice; bags for life; baby bath bubbles and surface cleanser antibacterial spray

**St John Fisher Preschool** are looking to recruit an enthusiastic, dedicated and conscientious team member with a sound knowledge of EYFS, to join their team. A Full and Relevant Level

## Arrangements for Mass under the guidance

Our 'Covid secure' measures are changing as the Government relaxes the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic

- the seating arrangement will revert to as it was before Christmas with seating for up to three individuals in the long benches and two small groups in the same bench
- we will revert to weekly booking for the 6pm Sat and 10.30am Sunday Masses
- after every Mass the benches and kneelers where people have sat will continue to be sanitised but not the floors

For **Holy Communion**, please pull your mask down prior to receiving the Body of Christ to avoid any accidents. The priest has his mask up so when you receive you may have your mask down, thank you

If you can **volunteer to steward before and/or clean after mass** please let Nuala in the Parish Office know.

**You still need book in advance to attend the Sunday Masses** (Sat 6pm or Sun 8.30am, 10.30am or 12noon) by:

- telephoning 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

Please continue to **provide your contact details at all Masses to support 'Test & Trace' or use the QR code with the App and follow the necessary protocols for remaining Covid-secure.**

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

We have very little notice of how the Government regulations and church guidance will develop in the coming weeks and months so cannot commit to being 'back to normal' on 21<sup>st</sup> June, indeed 'normal' will have changed for good in many ways.

2 or 3 qualification in Childcare is essential (previous experience in a childcare setting is preferred, but not essential) A willingness to update knowledge and understanding of the EYFS and undertake further training will be expected. The successful candidate will be contracted for 38 weeks p.a., 16 hours p.w from 9 am – 4 pm, salary negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. Please contact Lynne Durcan on [sif.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sif.preschool@gmail.com) for more info/ an application pack.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The Church in a Post-Pandemic World** – 'The Day of the Lord' is a reflection produced by the bishops in appreciation for all the good will that has been poured out during the pandemic and encouraging us to give due importance to the presence and reception of the Blessed Sacrament. Copies are available at the back of the church and through <http://www.cbcew.org.uk>.

**CAFOD support to India** - CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

**Right to Life** - A bill for assisted suicide, euphemistically called assisted dying, is to be debated in the House of Lords in this Parliament. We should keep informed of developments that the mainstream media may not cover and pray and support Pro-Life causes such as Right to Life UK. For more details on how to keep up to date see [www.righttolife.org.uk/news](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/news)

**Retrouvaille** – The pandemic has been a very challenging time for many marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples; it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don't need to leave home! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **1st -4th July 2021** Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Safeguarding within the Church** - In October 2019 the Bishops in England and Wales commissioned an independent Review of Safeguarding Structures and Arrangements. The 'Catholic Safeguarding Project' has been established to deliver the recommendations of the Review. A newsletter is produced every few weeks giving an overview of the work undertaken since the Implementation Plan was adopted, a copy of which is on the noticeboard in the church porch and can be found under 'safeguarding' on the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Supplies for remaining Covid-secure** – We get through a lot of supplies to ensure we meet current guidance. If you would like to be amongst them we are in greatest need of Paper Wipe Rolls and PVC Gloves – Large.

**Priest references** – For schools, as well as employment and studies, parishioners often put their parish priest down as a reference. Fr Graham is happy to consider a reference for you but **please let him know in advance that you are putting him down as a referee**. As well as being a courtesy this means that he has a chance to confirm who you are. If he does not recognise you from your name alone then he will not be able to provide a reference.

**Mass intentions** – If you would like a Mass offered for a particular intention or for someone, living or deceased, please contact the parish office. You are reminded that the suggested mass offering in the diocese is £10 which, with thanks, funds the diocesan stipend of the priest who celebrates the Mass

**The Art of Dying Well**. The Art of Dying Well website [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

**The Mark 10 Mission; Sunday Gospel video reflections for children** - This project provides 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](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk)