

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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6th JUNE 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

5th Sat *St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*
10.00am Patrick O'Carroll RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm John Buckles RIP

6th Sun **MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

8.30am People of the People

10.30am Eric Rodrigues RIP

12noon Paul McBride RIP anniv

Followed by Corpus Christie Procession

7th Mon *feria*

10.00am Tony Graydon RIP

8th Tue *feria*

10.00am Tony Graydon RIP

12noon Requiem Mass for Tony Graydon RIP

9th Wed *St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor*

10.00am Ron Eeles RIP

10th Thu *feria*

7.00pm Michael Walsh RIP

11th Fri **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

10.00am Carl Jorgensen RIP

12th Sat *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

10.00am Julie Rodrigues RIP anniv

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

13th Sun **11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am Esther Foley RIP

10.30am Francis, Christopher and Bernadette Flynn

12noon John Byrne (Sick)

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;

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

This weekend we celebrate the great solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known better as 'Corpus Christi'. We will mark it in the parish in two particular ways:

- Our Saturday morning Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction and form part of the worldwide 'Corpus Domini' or 'Body of the Lord' initiative in preparation for the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress to be held in September in Budapest. We will join Christians all over the world in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. More details at www.corpusdomini.iec2020.hu
- on Sunday we will have a **Corpus Christi Procession after the 12noon Mass** from the church through the car park into Imperial Drive and around the boundary of the site then into Imperial Close and concluding, with Benediction on the lawn in front of the presbytery



When reflecting with his priests this week the Cardinal describes celebrating Mass as 'the best thing I can do in fulfilment of the sacred ministry entrusted to me.' Next week I will spend some days on retreat staying with a Community of Benedictine Sisters near Ramsgate in, Kent. I will join in their life of prayer and celebrate Mass for them each day reflecting on the Cardinal's words as I bring the intentions of our whole parish community to the altar each day. As Fr Michael Archer, a former parish priest of Northwood, used to say at the end of every confession that he heard, 'pray for me and I shall pray for you.'

Every blessing,

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of
www.wednesdayword.org 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 91
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

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: Maggie Tighe, Margaret (Madge)White

Pray also Jim O’Gorman, Marian Tallon, Anne Tyhurst, Bridie Aherne, Rajesh Rajakarier, Christopher Duncan, Ronald Batchelor, Thomas Quinn, Dymphna Lynch, Bernard Payne, Rosa Faleiro, Ann Lavelle, David McIntosh, Godfrey Taylor, Michael O’Connor, Geraldine Aiello, Richard Parkinson, Paul McBride, Luigina Johnson, Susan Tully, Peter Foran, Ellen Trombetti and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Rotas for stewards and readers at Mass –rotas are available on the parish website under ‘rotas’. A copy of the stewards’ newsletter is available in the ‘newsletter’ section

Funeral Mass for Tony Graydon RIP will take place at **12noon on Tuesday 8th June**, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. The **Funeral Mass for Neville Ransley RIP** will take place at **11am on Thursday 24th June**, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We keep Tony, Neville and their families in our prayers at this time. *Capacity at funerals has now been increased to the regular ‘Covid secure’ capacity of the church.*

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.

Churches Together in North Harrow – dates for diary:

- **Quiet Day** at Jordans Quaker Centre near Beaconsfield on **Saturday 18th September** Week of Accompanied Prayer
- **Week of Accompanied Prayer Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th October** - an opportunity to explore different ways of praying and to deepen one’s personal relationship with God in daily life,

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

Collection for Kay – 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 4th July**.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Westminster Youth Ministry invite you to a training session called “Faith in Action: A response to Racial Injustice”, with Susan Elderfield on **25th June** from 9:30 – 12:30. We will be exploring how we can best respond to racial injustice within our Church and how we can ensure that we are an inclusive and aware community, always working to speak truth in love. For more information or to book a place, email: youth@rcdow.org.uk

Are you ready for LifeStream 21? The March for Life promoting the dignity of every human life is again taking place online this

MASS IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC - Our ‘Covid secure’ measures have changed following the Government’s relaxation of the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic

- the seating arrangement allows up to three individuals in the long benches and two small groups in the same bench
- we are taking weekly bookings for all 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**, we remind you to pull your mask down prior to receiving the Body of Christ so that you may worthily consume the Blessed Sacrament. This is why the priest wears his face covering at this point, to maximise mutual safety.

If you can **volunteer to steward before and/or clean after mass** please let Nuala in the Parish Office know. **We still need stewards & cleaners to maintain our Mass schedule especially for stewarding the 12noon Mass on Sunday which is now critical and not sustainable unless more we have more volunteer stewards.** You need to book to attend the Sunday Mass (Sat 6pm or Sun):

- 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)
- give your name to the parish office by Thursday

Please continue to **provide your contact details to support ‘Test & Trace’ or use the QR code with the App.**

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

year this **Saturday, 6 June**. For more details and to join visit www.marchforlife.org.uk

Catholic Family Retreat- Sunday 27th June at SPEC, Waxwell Lane, Pinner. Organised for families by families, children of all ages are very welcome. The retreat will be led by Fr Matt Blake OCD, a Carmelite priest, and a renowned speaker and authority on Carmelite spirituality. He will explore how we can apply Carmelite spirituality in the day-to-day family experience. There will be activities for children as well as a crèche for babies. For more details visit www.pulse-retreats.com/retreats

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 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Childrens’ Liturgy – It can be difficult to sustain children’s attention during the whole Mass so here are two resources to help the Mass come alive for our younger parishioners:

- **The Mark 10 Mission; Sunday Gospel video reflections for children** - This provides short reflections for children to help them grow in their relationship with Christ. It leads the children in prayer and worship. www.themark10mission.co.uk
- **Childrens’ Liturgy** - Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph have produced this: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAxn1pJuKMKrRoZRYcl_dsslc79w7qtgY

ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

Right to Life - The assisted suicide lobby have launched a campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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

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.