



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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13th JUNE 2021– 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This Sunday's 10.30am mass will not be livestreamed on You Tube

Visit 'St John Fisher North Harrow' on Facebook for livestreamed Sunday 10.30am Mass

12th Sat *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
10.00am Julie Rodrigues RIP anniv

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the People

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

8.30am Esther Foley RIP

10.30am Francis, Christopher and Bernadette Flynn

12noon John Byrne (Sick)

14th Mon *feria*

10.00am Rita Sheehan RIP

15th Tue *feria*

10.00am Margaret (Eta) Taaffe RIP

16th Wed *St Richard of Chichester, Bishop*

10.00am Kathleen Healy RIP

17th Thu *feria*

7.00pm Rita Sheehan RIP

18th Fri *feria*

10.00am Bastiampillai Antonipillai 4th RIP anniv

19th Sat *Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

10.00am Xavier Texeria RIP anniv

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Gabriel Faria RIP

20th Sun *12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Philip Mendonca RIP 6th anniv

12noon Arulanantham Family (Thanksgiving)

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

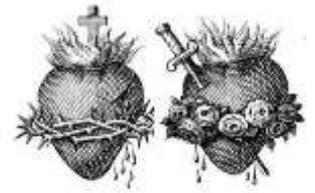
Funerals & Baptisms – by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick – by request;

What Will You Do for Love?

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we have just celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

These two feasts remind us of Christ's love for us, and the love a mother has for her children too with the Virgin Mary. They both touch on what suffering for a purpose signifies. This word 'suffering' has a negative connotation for us because we do not like to suffer, or we conclude that someone suffering has been brought on themselves for various reasons, and we therefore think there is no purpose in suffering.



Reflecting on this I came across a story of a man in Thailand who could not accept his mother's scars on her face which disfigured her. He thought she brought them on her self because of the superstitious belief of karma. He had no answer in front of that suffering just what he was told to believe. One day his aunt sat him down and asked him. 'Why are you embarrassed of you mum?' And he explained what he believed regarding why she was disfigured. *She said to him when you where a baby you house was burning down and she ran in to save you from the fire, and the scars are the signs of the day she was willing to risk her life for you.*

At that point he released the love his mother had for him. These feasts remind us not to be indifferent in front of God's love for us, but also to see that every suffering has its purpose, Christ suffered so we may be saved.

Maybe today our faith is small as a mustard seed in front of suffering but if we begin to cultivate a relationship with the Lord it can grow very big, it can grow in understanding the bigger picture in the tapestry of our life.

Next week brothers and sister, I will be taking my retreat to recharge and receive in order for me to give I need to receive from the Lord. Please pray for me as well.

God bless you all.

Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 3:1.8-11, Psalm 106,
2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

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: *we have not been notified of any this week*

Pray also Teresa Rynne, Kieran Jordan, Julie Rodrigues, Jim O'Shea, Michael Murphy, Susan Perrin, Linda Leon, Florence Morawaska, Agnes Ray, Jack Hoddinott, Austin Hatton, Austin Campbell, Gavin Bissett, Joseph D'Souza, James Burke, Sandy Pufler, Cassie Kerrigan, Kathleen Lucas, Yolanda Cobb, Gus Buczek, Ann Smith, Jim Delahunty, Aleksandra Nekut, Jim Bruce and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Rotas for stewards and readers at Mass are available on the parish website under 'rotas'. A copy of the stewards' newsletter is available in the 'newsletter' section. **If you are unable to read or steward on a given Sunday please can you arrange a swap with someone else so that your ministry is covered.** Thank you.

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**.

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.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Sponsorship of Refugees - Monday 14th June 6:00pm The government has recently announced the long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom co-hosted

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.

by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Day for Life - We celebrate Day for Life **next Sunday, 20 June**. Against a backdrop of loving care provided during the pandemic, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come but 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for Day for Life focuses on **assisted suicide and the respect owed to life**. The online resources at www.dayforlife.org inform us about this threat to life and to share our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person.

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

Catholic Family Retreat- Sunday 27th June at SPEC, Maxwell 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

ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

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 resource: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAxn1pJuKMKrRozRYcl_dsslc79w7qtgY

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