

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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20th JUNE 2021– 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 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)
- 21st Mon** *St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*
10.00am Sean Forde RIP
- 22nd Tue** **SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE, Martyrs**
10.00am Mick Donoughue RIP
- 23rd Wed** *St Etheldreda (Audrey), Virgin*
10.00am Ann Gormally RIP
- 24th Thu** **NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
11.00am Requiem Mass for Neville Ransley RIP
7.00pm Bryan Shannon RIP
- 25th Fri** *feria*
10.00am Mick Donoughue RIP
- 26th Sat** *Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*
10.00am Adrian Taylor RIP anniv
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm Private Intention
- 27th Sun** *13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Alan Piggott RIP
12noon Neville Ransley RIP

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 & Weddings – by appointment

Baptisms – speak to Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after Mass

Sacrament of the Sick – please speak to a priest or contact the parish office leaving a message if there is no reply

DAY FOR LIFE



This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages.

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into focus during the pandemic. In the face of suffering and death we have witnessed the dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We have all made sacrifices for the greater good. These acts of love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide.' There is 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 how to share with people our response to such a threat. 'Day for Life' adds an authenticity to our witness to the dignity of life.

This practical response pushes back against a culture which seeks to abandon its elderly, sick and dying when 'they no longer serve our interests.' Should you wish to, you can also financially support 'Day for Life' through www.dayforlife.org/donate/; this support, distributed by the Bishops' Conference's Department of Social Justice assists prolife organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and undertake pastoral outreach.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of
www.wednesdayword.org 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24, Psalm 29,
2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43

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 sick list : John Murphy

Recently deceased: James Neary

Pray also George Stevens, Julia Casartelli, Neilly Duggan, Xavier Teixeira, Billy Aherne, Ann Kilcoyne, Patrick Flaherty, Vincent McGreevy, June Cahalin, Francis Potter, Philip Mendonca, Timothy Harrington, Ralph Macdonald, Gabriel Andrews, Mary Antypillai, Peter Lavin, Patrick Keane, Jack Lynch, William Harries, Marie Carr, Janeka Parkinson, Mary Coen, Lisa Tanner, Margaret Martin, Michael Healy and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish Office will not be staffed for the next two weeks.

Please continue to contact the presbytery but your response may be delayed except in the case of emergencies/sick calls.

Stewards update – this has been e-mailed to all stewards and is also available on the ‘newsletter’ section of the parish website

New readers’ and stewards rotas will be available on the parish website during the week under ‘rotas’. **If you are unable to read or steward on a given Sunday please try to arrange a swap with someone else so that your ministry is covered.** Thank you.

Funeral Mass for Neville Ransley RIP will take place at **11am on Thursday 24th June**, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. *All the places at this funeral have now been allocated by Neville’s family; please do not attend unless you have been invited. There are many parish Mass intentions for Neville in the coming weeks including at 12noon on Sunday 27th June.*

Change of Mass times during the Summer months – Please look out in the newsletter for changes to Mass times over the Summer months; this should only affect the 10am Wednesday and 7pm Thursday Masses.

Kay’s farewell – Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to celebrate the **12noon Mass on Sunday 4th July** after which we will make a thanksgiving and farewell presentation to Kay. Given the extension of Covid-19 restrictions limiting the size of social gatherings it is unlikely that we will be able to have a social gathering afterwards, even outside.

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,

Harrow Food Bank - Our Foodbank collection has been tailing off in recent months so just to remind you that we collect next on 3rd/4th July. Especially required are: Sponge puddings e.g. Aunty’s (long shelf life) Tins of Irish Stew (Lamb meals), Men’s deodorant, Toothbrushes (Adult), Baby bath bubbles, Bars of soap, shampoo, Bags for Life.

MASS IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC - Our 'Covid secure' measures have changed following a revision of the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic

- the church will remain **open after Mass for private prayer** until at least 1pm (except on Wednesdays)
- if you wish to receive **Holy Communion on the tongue** please remain in the church after the end of Mass to receive in this way
- **votive lights** can be lit by the statues; please place any donation in the wall safe at the back of the church;
- **bidding prayers** will be re-introduced at weekend Masses

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 s. You need to book to attend the Sunday Mass (Sat 6pm or Sun):**

- 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)
- 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.

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

Westminster Youth Ministry – The Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre in Waxwell Lane, Pinner are looking for the following staff to join their dynamic team:

- Experienced cook – term time only
- Part-time Housekeeper – term time only
- Youth Retreat Leader

For more information please call 0203 757 2500

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

ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

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.

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

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