



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021– 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 26<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
10.00am Adrian Taylor RIP anniv
- Vigil of Sunday**  
6.00pm Private intention
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sun** 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8.30am People of the Parish  
**10.30am** Alan Piggott RIP  
12noon Neville Ransley RIP
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mon** St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr  
10.00am Anne Gormally RIP
- 29<sup>th</sup> Tue** SS PETER and PAUL, Apostles  
10.00am Bryan Shannon RIP  
7:00 pm Fr Arul Iruduan Velakini RIP.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Wed** The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church  
10.00am Lucy Mulvaney RIP
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thu** DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL  
7.00pm Nora May Hayes RIP anniv
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri** feria  
Fr Graham's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination  
10.00am Holy Souls
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** ST THOMAS, Apostle  
10.00am Tony Graydon RIP anniv
- Vigil of Sunday**  
6.00pm People of the Parish
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun** 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8.30am Daphne Matthews (sick)  
10.30am Mary Monaghan RIP  
**12noon** Bp John Sherrington to celebrate  
Kay O'Connor (intentions)

### 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

### True Generosity

This week we celebrate two very important saints in our Church, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. These two men imitated the Lord by laying down their lives for those they evangelized and those persecuting them.



True generosity, Christian generosity, leads a person to give their body and soul for what they truly believe. Sometimes our generosity, like theirs once were, is probably not centred in Christ. As we know, St Paul was a man who had a zeal for the Jewish Law that led him to believe he was doing the right thing when he persecuted Christians. St Peter was full of love for the Lord but ended up betraying Him.

Despite all of this mess, they encounter the true mercy of God in the Risen Christ. Christ who came to Peter and said be at peace, and feed my sheep. Also, Christ who said to Paul go to Ananias and he will open your eyes so that you can see.

Christ who says to us do not look at ourselves, our weaknesses, but look at me and walk on water. He has the power to save us from our selfishness and lack of love. Let us ask the Lord through these saints for the grace to have true generosity which doesn't seek self-interest or our own agendas. Let us learn from these two saints how to really follow the Lord.

Also, the following weekend we will **celebrate Kay's farewell** as our parish catechist for the last 20 years. As we are still in restrictions we won't be able to have the big farewell we wanted to, but we will celebrate with a toast at the end of mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington. I encourage all of our Confirmation candidates to come and support and celebrate with Kay in this farewell.

Our prayers are extended to her and Kevin, and let us show her kindness as a parish community, recognizing her service and generosity as our parish catechist for many years.

Finally, Saints Peter and Paul: **Pray for us!**

*God bless you all this week.*

*Fr Axcel*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org) 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ezekiel 2:2-5, Psalm 122,  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

## 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:**; Terry Gandhi, Fr Arul Iruduan Velakini, Raymond Jagdeo

**Pray also** Milan McCann, Alex Joseph, Rita Brennan Ferdinand Monteiro, Kathleen Carroll, John Kennedy, Flory d'Souza, Katherine Moore, Veridiana D'Silva, William Wright, John Dellamura, Kevin Nolan, Annie Fernandes, Bernard Harris, Julie Goulding, Sean Rynne, Maria Kowalewicz, Robin Shortland, Antonipillai Saverimuttu and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Installing Permanent Livestreaming** – During the last 18 months we have been indebted to Mike and Clare Parkinson for providing a livestream of our 10.30am Sunday Mass as well as Christmas and Easter liturgies, First Communions, Confirmations and numerous weddings and funerals. However this labour intensive operation is not a long term option; once the obligation returns to come to Sunday Mass there will still be elderly and infirm parishioners, as well as relatives and friends both near and far, who are used to being part of our parish celebrations. Having consulted neighbouring parishes and the parish finance committee we have decided to invest in establishing a secure and stable internet connection in the church and then install the equipment to enable a permanent quality livestream via our parish 'You Tube' channel.

As well as many benefits there is, of course, a cost involved. The cabling and equipment for a livestream together with its installation will cost over £6,000. That is a lot of money to spend at this time of uncertainty but it is on something that is increasingly considered as essential.

If anybody would like to make a contribution towards offsetting this cost that would be most welcome. Should you choose to contribute please place cash or cheque payable to 'St John Fisher RC Church' in an envelope marked 'livestream' and enclose a note that this is specifically to support livestreaming. Alternatively you may wish to make an electronic transfer to the parish bank account stating in the reference 'livestream' by bank transfer or using Virgin Money Giving. If you are a taxpayer and are part of the Gift Aid scheme then including your name and address and stating you would like the offering treated as Gift Aid; this will increase your contribution by 25%. The parish bank account details are available at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth/donate/>

**100 club is set to return** – After a review by our parish finance committee we are delighted to be able to get the 100 club back up and running later in the year. Before then we need to catch up on the missed draws. We will first do the 2020 draws for all those who were members of the club that year. **Two volunteers are required to have oversight of the draw.** Please contact the parish office if you would like to help with this.

**Kay O'Connor's s farewell** – Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to celebrate the **12noon Mass next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July** after which we will make a thanksgiving and farewell presentation to

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**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 at the end of Mass
- **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 soon return at weekend Masses

For **Holy Communion**, please pull your mask down prior to receiving the Body of Christ so that you may worthily consume the Blessed Sacrament.

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](mailto: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.

Kay. Given the extension of Covid-19 restrictions we will be able to have a social gathering afterwards but we will have a toast! To reserve a place at this Mass please speak to a steward or contact the parish office. This will be the livestreamed Mass next Sunday.

**The Parish Office is unlikely to be staffed next week.** Please contact the presbytery in the usual way using the parish phone number or [harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk) address; your response may be delayed except in the case of emergencies/sick calls.

**New readers' and stewards rotas** are available on the parish website 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.

**Change of Mass times during the Summer** – Please look out in the newsletter for changes to Mass times during August and early September; this should only affect the 10am Wednesday Mass.

**Harrow Foodbank** – our monthly collection is **next weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Green Fest at St Alban's Church**, The Ridgeway on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 11am-2pm**. Sustainability fair featuring refreshments, plants, eco products and more. For details see poster in porch.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Westminster Youth Ministry** – The Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre in Pinner are looking for 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

## ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

**Churches Together in North Harrow** – dates for diary:

- **Quiet Day** at Jordans Quaker Centre near Beaconsfield on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://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](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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)