



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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4th JULY 2021 – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12noon Mass livestreamed this Sunday on 'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel

- 3rd Sat** **ST THOMAS, Apostle**
10.00am Tony Graydon RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm People of the Parish
- 4th Sun** **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am Daphne Matthews (sick)
10.30am Mary Monaghan RIP
12noon Bp John Sherrington to celebrate Kay O'Connor (intentions)
- 5th Mon** *St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*
10.00am Bryan Shannon RIP
- 6th Tue** *St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*
10.00am Anne Gormally RIP
- 7th Wed** *Feria*
10.00am Margaret Flaherty RIP
- 8th Thu** *Feria*
7.00pm Christopher & Edelweiss Ponnukone (50th wedding anniversary)
- 9th Fri** *St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest Martyr & comps*
10.00am Bryan Shannon RIP
- 10th Sat** *Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
10.00am Mary Kate Cassidy RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm Petra Doyce RIP
- 11th Sun** **15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Tom Flannery RIP
12noon Des Lawlor 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

THANKS BE TO GOD



This is a time of year when farewells are said and there is much to be grateful to God for. On Sunday Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 12noon Mass after

which we will make a thanksgiving and farewell presentation to Kay. As you will be aware she leaves us to begin a new stage in life after almost 20 years' service to the parish as our pastoral worker, catechist, catechetical co-ordinator.... It's amazing how many different titles the same job has had over the years! This week the 12noon Mass will be livestreamed and not the usual 10.30am Mass.

On our patronal feast last week Bishop John Sherrington came to celebrate Mass at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School in thanksgiving for the service of Maria Conlan our departing head teacher, and the deputy head, Margaret Cokayne, who has taught for some 40 years at the school.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Kay, Maria and Margaret every prayer and good wish for the next step along the road.

Next week sees me begin my 'staycation.' It will be good to rest a while. There will be much to do in September as we hope to advertise for a new catechetical co-ordinator, install our livestream and begin a reading group to read Fr James Mallon's book on parish renewal, Divine Renovation.

This is also a good opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers over the last year, the most unexpected one of my ten years of priesthood thus far. Who knows what the future will bring but let us 'Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord' (Psalm 26:14)

With every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:12-15, Psalm 84,
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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.

Pray also for Mary McWilliams, Mary Malone, Muriel O'Connor, John Rossington, Martin Mahon, Apondak Dut Margaret Burton, Constance Donnelly, Johanna Liecinieks, Agnes Cunningham, Cyril Fernandes, Mavis Furnell, Bernice Leonard, Louisa Di Martino, Angela Salvi, Edna & Oswald McCarthy, Catherine Gallagher, Anne Hickey, Jacqui Kobus, Bartholomew Hourihan, Richard Rossington, Ann Attwood, David Kennedy, Margaret Bladun and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish Office will not be staffed next week. Please contact the presbytery in the usual way using the parish phone number or harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk address; your response may be delayed except in the case of emergencies/sick calls.

For the next two weeks we welcome **Tom Blackburn** who will be staying in the presbytery. Tom is in his fifth year of formation for the priesthood and is here to experience the daily life of a parish. Please make him welcome and keep him in your prayers.

Installing Permanent Livestreaming – Thank you to those who have generously contributed to our plan to install a permanent livestream in the church. We are over a third of the way towards covering the £6,000 cost!

During the last 18 months we have been indebted to Mike and Clare Parkinson for providing our livestream. However this labour intensive operation is not a long term option. Therefore we plan to install the equipment to enable a permanent livestream via our parish 'You Tube' channel.

If you would like to make a contribution towards offsetting this cost that would be most welcome. 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' or use Virgin Money Giving. If you are a taxpayer and are part of the 'Gift Aid' scheme then including your name and address and stating that you would like the offering treated as Gift Aid will increase your contribution by 25% at no cost to you. The parish bank account details are available at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth/donate/>

100 club – The 100 club draws for 2020, for all those who were paid up members of the club that year, will take place over the summer with the winners announced through the newsletter. A relaunch will take place in time for 2022!

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 – The 10am Wednesday Mass will not be celebrated from Wednesday 13th August until late September whilst Fr Axcel is away.

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)
- 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.

Harrow Foodbank – our monthly collection is **this weekend, 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.

Sea Sunday - Next weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Should you wish to support Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, there is an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does at www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday Donations can be made online or using the envelopes available at the back of the church from this weekend. Thank you.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Commons vote on abortion 'on demand' - The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

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

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