



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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11th JULY 2021 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 10th Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Mary Kate Cassidy RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm Petra Doyce RIP
- 1st Sun 15th Sunday of Ordinary time**
8.30am
10.30am Tom Flannery RIP
12noon Des Lawlor RIP
- 12th Mon** feria
10.00am Bryan Shannon RIP
- 13th Tue** *St Henry*
10.00am Elena Al – Hashimi RIP
- 14th Wed** St Camillus de Lellis
10.00am Gerard Taylor RIP
- 15th Thu** St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
7.00pm Dulep Obeyesekere RIP
- 16th Fri** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10.00am Maggie Tighe RIP
- 17th Sat** *Blessed Virgin Mary On Saturday*
10.00am Jose, Libania, & Holly Rodrigues RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm People of the Parish
- 18th Sun 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8.30am Horst and Aleksandra Nekut RIP 40th Anniv
10.30am Amar Tank RIP 2ND ANNIV
12noon Jean James 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

It's Coming Home

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this Sunday as we know there will be a football final, and good luck to both teams. May the best one win. In all this excitement let us also remember to bless the

Lord in the good and difficult times because he has made us, and has chosen us for something greater. We hear in the second reading on Sunday that He chose us for a purpose, to understand that everything we do, if we do it for him, is for his glory and not ours.

Our victory is to understand that He forgives us and that we do not have to live as people without a spiritual home.

Let us start living without fear, but with the hope that in this earthly pilgrimage we will need to go through many difficulties, but if faced alone and isolated its harder than when we are with a community of people that come and gather with one heart and one voice and praise God for his love and mercy.

I thank you all also on behalf of Fr Graham, for Kay's farewell Mass which we celebrated with Bishop John last week. This was really appreciated and it shows how much we support one another with our prayers but also in the small details which really do count.

Lastly, I want to add some words of thanks from Kay:
"Thank you to everyone who said goodbye, wished me all the best, sent me a card, gave me a gift or donated to the parish collection. I am overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. My crib, blessed by the Bishop, has already arrived in Ireland and is waiting to take its place this Christmas. Kay"

May the Lord bless you all in this exciting weekend.

Fr Axcel



Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 22,
Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

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.

Pray also for Mary Ann Brady, Douglas Wilton, Michael Mulvaney, Alison Smith, Bridie Fitzgerald, Mary Mckenna, Nancy Martin, John Hughes, Bruno Zanelli, Dorothy Payne, Josephine Matthew & John Doody, Maureen Duran, Ted Green, Fr Bernard Mckenna, Walter Walsh, John Rainsford, Peggy Mckenna and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

We welcome Freya Antonia into the Parish, who will be baptised this weekend.

Baptism Everyone comes in different stages in their faith journey, but it is important to be led to a greater understanding of our Faith trusting in God's love for us. Baptism is a foundational sacrament which has the power to transform us when we understand what this gift contains for our lives and our children's lives. We have many dreams and aspirations for our children, but maybe the most important one is the one we take for granted. Please speak to Fr Axcel or Fr Graham at one of the weekend masses and they will explain the process. Start coming to Mass if you have not done so and ask for a form from them or collect it from the parish office. The forms will need to be completed with your details for contact. They will contact you and get you in contact with a catechist for baptism preparation if needed, and then the steps going forward for baptism. The world has changed, but our faith remains the same and let us come to know it!

Confirmation Candidates for 2022. We have had enquiries in regard to 2022 Confirmation programme. We will be taking Candidates names for this program after this years Confirmation Candidates have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For the next week 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

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.

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/>

Services from 19th July onwards-

The UK government has provisionally announced the lifting of all Covid 19 restrictions from **Monday 19th July in England**. This includes places of worship, and the ending of social distancing rules means that we will be able to bring all our pews back into use and you will no longer need to book to attend weekend Masses. In short, St John Fisher will begin to return to normal from that date.

I hope to be able to provide you with further details about the changes that will take place from 19th July in next week's newsletter but in the meantime, please be aware that, **subject to a change in Government guidance**, the current plan is that final weekend bookings will be taken for Masses on 17th & 18th July this weekend and during the following week. Weekend Masses from 24th & 25th July will not require any further pre booking, **but it's still likely that you will be encouraged to sign in or use the QR code each time you enter the church in order to comply with NHS Test & Trace**, apart from that you will be free to turn up to any Mass you wish.

This news is a blessing, but we must remain cautious as the pandemic has not yet gone away and many members of our parish remain vulnerable or concerned about returning to an environment with no restrictions, that for more than 12 months has kept them safe. As we return to normality, we must do so in a manner where we respect and consider the needs and health of everyone around us.

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.

Sea Sunday – This 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