



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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18th JULY 2021 – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 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 Nekut RIP 40th Anniv,
Aleksandra Nekut RIP
10.30am Amar Tank RIP 2nd ANNIV
12noon Jean James RIP
- 19th Mon** feria
10.00am Brian Shannon RIP
- 20th Tue** *St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr*
10.00am Mick O'Donoghue RIP
- 21st Wed** St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
10.00am Dominic Coffey
- 22nd Thu** ST MARY MAGDALENE
7.00pm Selva Nevins Speedy Recovery
- 23rd Fri** ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
10.00am Margaret (Madge) White RIP
- 24th Sat** *Blessed Virgin Mary On Saturday*
10.00am Sally Sloane RIP ANNIV
12.30 Nuptial Mass –
Lizzie Connell & Cristiano Pinto
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm Thanksgiving to God
- 25th Sun 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8.30am People of the Parish
10.30am Mrs Mary Hutchinson RIP
12noon Tony Graydon 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

End of Term!

As this academic year draws to an end, so too does another year of seminary formation.

I entered the seminary in 2016, having finished my university education some months earlier. I had rarely thought the Lord was calling me to this vocation, and even more rarely though I would have the freedom of heart to follow him.

At the root of my vocation was the Christian family, in which I was first passed the faith. However, as I grew in my teens, I strayed from the faith and was lured by the temptations and slaveries of the secular world; of success, of partying, of popularity, of money.

But, as the Psalm says, “The Lord pulled me out of the pit of death, out of the mud and the filth, and set my feet on solid rock.” (Ps 40:2)

The Lord showed me his love, forgave me my sins and called me back to him. In a single moment I was sure that to do the will of God was the only path to genuine happiness.

This is how I came to hear the call to the vocation to be a Christian, and in the same way I heard the call to enter the seminary and explore the call of Priesthood.

In these five years, through difficulties, through studies and even through this time in which Covid has turned life upside down, I have experienced that the Lord is always faithful.

And my overwhelming sentiment is gratitude.

Often it is so easy to complain about everything; about family, work, school, neighbours, the parish.

But today, I invite you to reject this temptation to murmur and complain, remember the love of God and be grateful to him.

May the Lord bless you all this weekend.

Tom Blackburn, Fifth Year Seminarian



Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 144,
Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

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 Helen Spillane, Jim Cannon, Cecil Barathy Anton Mariyathasan

Pray also for Sr Aileen Vear, Kevin O'Riordan, Horst Nekut, John Cunningham, Kevin Flynn, Arkadiusz Bowcariwski, Paddy O'Brien, Blanche Contaminard, Beatrice Pereira, Thomas Morris, Bridget Byrne, Ida Bastiampillai, Mary Cleary, John Bennet, Caroline Reddyhoff, Cecil Anton Mariyathasan, Raymond Jagdeo, Hyacinth William and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Please see Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after Mass.

Note 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

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.

This Sunday we welcome **Deacon Michael Guthrie** to our Parish. He is in his final year of seminary. And he will join us for all three masses.

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/>

St John Fisher Social Club: The club is now back open at the usual times on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 to 11:00 and on Sunday lunchtime from 12:30 to 3pm. We are able

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** (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;

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.**

- telephone the parish office **between 9.30am and 12 noon on Monday to Thursday** or-mail the parish harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk)

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.

PLEASE READ ATTACHED NOTICE REGARDING THE LIFTING OF GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AND THE IMPACT THAT WILL HAVE AT ST JOHN FISHER.

to offer outdoor service on the nicer summer Sundays and evenings for those who would like that."

Plum Tree – If any Parishioners have a plum tree and have spare plums that they have no need for please contact the Parish Office. There is a Parishioner that could put them to good use !

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.

The UK government has now announced the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions from Monday 19th July in England. This includes places of worship and will mean that services at St John Fisher will start to return to normal from this date, largely due to the ending of social distancing which has resulted in the ending of booking to attend a specific mass.

At this time we are still awaiting updates from the Government relating to 'Places of Worship' and any subsequent Diocese guidance that may result but, subject to these, I have set out a guide below which I would urge everyone to follow:

Mass times

- All current mass times will remain in place until further notice.

Entering the Church

- NHS Test & Trace is still in place and you will be encouraged to sign in either using the forms on the tables in the porch (one name per group, telephone number & size of group) or via the NHS online app using the QR code.
- Before entering the church **please hand gel**
- Although no longer mandatory, **we recommend that masks still be worn within the church**, especially when entering the church and going to your seat, when you are queuing for Communion and when you exit the church at the end of Mass, in other words at any time you mingle or are in close proximity to other parishioners. We also recommend you wear a mask if you have any mild cold or allergy symptoms i.e. cough, sniffles, runny nose.
- Mass or hymn books will not be distributed until further notice
- Readers will no longer be required to sit in the front benches or wear gloves whilst at the Sanctuary
- Church stewards will be on hand in the porch to welcome you

Whilst in the Church

- Stewards will no longer escort you to your seat, you can use all the seating in the church however, where possible try not to bunch together and spread out across all the seating available.
- The one-way system is no longer in use and the middle aisle is now re opened.
- Please go directly to your seat.
- We discourage you from making physical contact with other groups and we will continue to refrain from making a sign of peace during Mass.
- Church toilets will remain closed until further notice.
- The lighting of candles at the shrines/statues is permitted but please hand gel when you do so and use proper judgement to do this at times before and after Mass which are not busy with fellow parishioners passing by you.

Communion

- Stewards will no longer manage Communion que.
- The procession to Communion via the central aisle will return, please make your way to Communion, starting from the front benches, in an orderly manner and try to avoid bunching.
- It is recommended that you wear a mask whilst queuing for Communion and returning to your seat.
- **Hand gel** stations will be in place adjacent to the Sanctuary and we ask that you continue to use these before and after receiving Communion.
- Any parishioner who wants to receive Communion on the tongue, please come at the end of the procession.

Exiting the Church

- Stewards will no longer manage the exit from the church, so please exit in an orderly and swift manner.
- If you want to meet or talk to fellow parishioners, please do so once you have exited the church so as not to clog up the aisles as we all leave at the same time.
- Please use common sense when outside, be mindful of our residence and try not to group together

We ask that you please adhere to these simple guidelines to continue to make St John Fisher a safe environment to worship in. There will be further changes announced over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for these in the newsletter or the parish website, or notices at the end of Mass.

The return to normal services is welcomed but we must ensure we do so in a manner where we respect and consider the needs and health of everyone around us, it is all our responsibilities to make sure this happens.

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