



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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25th JULY 2021 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 24th Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Sally Sloane RIP ANNIV
12.30 Nuptial Mass –
Cristiano Pinto & Lizzie Connell
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
- 26th Mon** SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Mary
10.00am Rita Sheehan RIP
- 27th Tue** feria
10.00am Mr Anton Ratnarajah RIP
- 28st Wed** feria
10.00am Catherine Gordon RIP
- 29th Thur** Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
7.00pm Dulip Obeysekera RIP
- 30th Fri** St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
10.00am Jimmy Conneely RIP
- 31st Sat** *St Ignatius of Loyola*
10.00am Manuel & Julie Rodrigues RIP
- Vigil of Sunday**
6.00pm Neil Cummins RIP
- 1st Sun 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8.30am Penny Ransley Health Intention
10.30am Penny Ransley
12noon People of the Parish

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

Let us Bear With One Another! (Ephesians 4:2)

This weekend Brothers and Sisters, St Paul encourages the Ephesians to remember the calling the Lord has done in their lives, and to live according to it.

We are all called to this same calling too. Because to follow Christ, means to charitably bear with one another and to listen to God's word not just while its being read in Mass but even beyond. God speaks to the heart and his voice makes an echo in our souls which we carry with us for the week.



As you can all tell by now, things are different again in the Parish. We have focused for a while on keeping people safe collectively and **There is great gratitude for all of you, who have worked very hard to facilitate and keep people safe. Thank you!**

Now the responsibility is on us individually to maintain each other safe. But mainly to begin to focus on why we come to Church?

Faith cannot be lived alone but our experience of faith is still a personal one. This Community in St John Fisher has done very well during this time of lockdown to keep everyone safe, let us continue with patience to bear with one another and respect one another's concerns and cautions. But moreover, let us begin to respect where we are when we come to mass, with silence and devotion. It is understandable if there's children making noise. But let us remember that the Church is not a shop, or any public place where you can talk with friend's when we like, there is a time for that but not before Mass, please. Outside after is fine as well.

God wants to have an encounter with us. Yes, we encounter others because we encounter God first. But everything goes in procession, everything is done gradually and not all in one go. **I thank you all again and please let us help one another in our Journey of Faith.**

All the best in the coming week

Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 16 :2-4.12-15, Psalm 77,
Ephesians 4:17.20-24; John 6:24-35

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 Sarah Sloane, Jim Leeson, Christopher Mortimer, Mauro Chelotti, John Malone, Alice Thoumine, Jean Cross, James Ashe, Jack & Ita Ryan, Janet King, Tim Hutton Chrissie Hurley, Jenny Dancaster, Bridget Casey, Kathleen Lavin, George Standon, Antonia Deasy, Sugumar Immanuel, Makur Andrea Chol and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Please see Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after Mass.

Congratulations to Cristiano Pinto & Lizzie O'Connell who will be getting married on Saturday at St John Fisher.

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.

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/>

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)
- **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.

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 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.

Young Christian Climate Network are organising a relay walk from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 climate talks in Glasgow to highlight the urgency of climate justice. They will reach London in early August and YCCN are inviting supporters (of any age) to participate in part of the relay or join in one of the events. They will be walking from Clapham to St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday 5th August. On Friday 6th August there will be lunch & a blessing at Farm Street church followed by a walk to Westminster Cathedral for a prayer service. Other events are planned for the weekend before walking from central London to Muswell Hill on Monday 9th August. Sign up on the website (iccn.uk) for up to date information & to take part.

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