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1st AUGUST 2021 – 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

31st Sat St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

10.00am Manuel & Julie Rodrigues RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Neil Cummins RIP

1st Sun 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Penny Ransley (health)

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12noon People of the Parish

2nd Mon St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

10.00am John Cunningham RIP

11.00am Funeral Mass of Mary Leela Edward RIP

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10.00am Sean Ford RIP

4th Wed St John Vianney, Priest

10.00am Joe Kelly RIP anniv

5th Thur Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major

7.00pm Holy Souls

6th Fri **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

10.00am Holy Souls

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

12noon Funeral Mass of Mary Danaher RIP

7th Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Anthonio & Josephine Pereira RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

8th Sun 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8.30am Eric Rodrigues RIP

10.30am Neville Ransley RIP

12noon Gerald Clancy RIP anniv

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

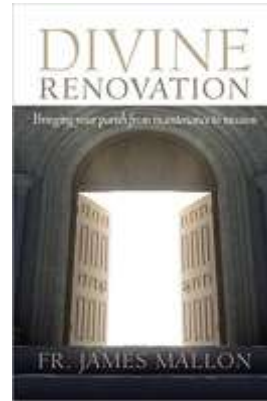
Funerals & Weddings – by appointment

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

MOVING FORWARD

A priest suggested to me this week that it will be harder to reopen our churches and return to normal than it was to close them down during the height of the pandemic! This should not distract us from the huge debt of gratitude that we owe to our stewards, cleaners, livestreamers, readers, musicians and to everyone who walked with us through the pandemic.



There is much uncertainty about how many people will return to the practice of their faith as well as how we will restore the ministries and structures that made our parish function such as servers, musicians, readers, collectors, counters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, catechists,the list goes on.

But we are not called to simply **maintain** the life of the parish but to **proclaim** the Gospel. So can we move from Maintenance to Mission?

I hope to explore this question over the next year by reading a book with that very same title by a Canadian priest, Fr James Mallon. In his parish in Nova Scotia he sought to make that transition and writes about his experience. Many parishes near and far are exploring his ideas for a 'Divine Renovation.' If you are interested in finding out more there are films of an interview in which he explains what he sought to do. You can watch them at www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0I28-2U. Who knows where the journey will lead.....but watch this space and let me know if you want to find out more.

All the best in the coming week

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19 4-8, Psalm 33,
Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51

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 – Mary Edward, Mary Danaher, Betty Deasy, Sugumar Immanuel, Rex Antony

Pray also for Mary Williams, Annie Chanahlian, Andrew Jelfs, Bridget Doherty, Gerald Clancy, Tony Mckenna, Anne East, Bill Rainsford, Arthur Harris, Tommy Hughes, Patrick Madden Anna Moreira, Sean Tobin, Margaret Maher, Joseph Kelly, Eloisa Alvarez, Michael Moriarty, Graham Walker, Margaret Cunningham, Winifred & Alfred Billiet, Charles Anthony and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

End of life companionship SVP members are available to provide practical and spiritual support including when death is imminent. Please contact the parish office or call the SVP direct on 07935 776298

Funeral Masses will be celebrated this week for Mary Leela Edward RIP on 2nd August at 11.00am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium and for **Mary Danaher RIP** on Friday 6th August at 12noon followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

Confirmation Candidates for 2022. We will be taking Candidates names for this program after this years Confirmation Candidates have received the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year.

Baptism If you wish to enquire about having your child baptised please see Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after Mass.

Permanent Livestreaming – Work is underway to install a permanent livestream in the church; this may lead to the church being closed before/after Mass at certain times this week.

Thank you to those who have generously contributed to this project. If you would like to make a contribution 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 8:30pm to 11:00pm and on Sunday lunchtime from 12:30pm to 3pm. We are able to offer outdoor service on the nicer summer Sundays and evenings for those who would like that.

Change of Mass times during the Summer – The **10am Wednesday Mass will not be celebrated from Wednesday 13th August** until later in September whilst Fr Axcel is away.

MASS IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC - Our 'Covid secure' measures have changed following the lifting of many of the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic. **Booking is no longer required** to attend Sunday Mass and the church is **open before/after Mass for private prayer** (except on Wednesdays when there is cleaning). There is no longer a one-way system in the church and **votive lights** can be lit by the statues.

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 mass** please let Nuala in the Parish Office know.

Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed and the obligation to attend remains suspended by the bishops.

Churches Together in North Harrow are organising a **Quiet Day** or prayer and reflection at Jordans Quaker Centre, Jordans Lane Beaconsfield, HP9 2SN on **Saturday 18th September**. On the theme of 'Living in Ordinary Time' this offers the opportunity to reflect on some of the scriptures heard during Ordinary Time Sundays with talks from Rev John Swarbrick the former minister at North Harrow Methodist Church. For more information and to book see notice and leaflets on noticeboard in the church porch.

Churches Together in North Harrow are having a Week of Accompanied Prayer from **Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th October** offering an opportunity to explore different ways of praying and to deepen one's relationship with God in daily life

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.

Readers Rota – August & September; A new readers' rota will be produced this week. 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.

Harrow Foodbank – our monthly collection is **next weekend, 6th/7th August**. Especially required are: tins of Irish stew (lamb meals) nappies size sizes 6 & 7; bags for life; men's razors; packets of meat soup; tinned vegetarian meals; men's body wash; baby wipes; children's toothpaste; children's toothbrushes and soap powder/detergent.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

March for Life UK – This important Pro-Life event takes place on **Saturday 4th September** in Westminster; pick up a leaflet in the church porch or visit www.marchforlife.co.uk for more information.

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 reach London in early August and YCCN are inviting supporters (of any age) to participate in the events. They will walk 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 (www.yccn.uk) for up to date information & to take part.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES (online only)

Revised guidelines on remaining Covid secure

The Government lifted many of the Covid 19 restrictions on Monday 19th July in England. The ending of social distancing which has resulted in the ending of booking to attend a specific mass.

Following guidance from the bishops and the Government here is a guide 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 are 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 processing for Holy Communion and when you exit the church at the end of Mass, i.e. when we mingle or are in close proximity to other parishioners. We also recommend you wear a mask if you have a mild cold or allergy symptoms.
- Mass or hymn books will not be distributed until further notice
- Readers no longer need to sit in the front benches or wear gloves whilst at the lectern
- Church stewards will be on hand in the porch to welcome you

Whilst in the Church

- Stewards no longer escort you to your seat; you can use all the seating in the church however, where possible try to spread out across all the benches. Others may be more anxious than you!
- The one-way system is no longer in use and the middle aisle has re-opened.
- We discourage you from making physical contact with other groups and we will continue

to refrain from making a sign of peace during Mass.

- The Church toilet remains closed until further notice.
- The lighting of candles by the statues is again permitted but please hand gel when you do so and use do this at times before and after Mass when fellow parishioners are not passing by.

Holy Communion

- Stewards no longer manage the Holy Communion procession.
- The procession to Holy Communion via the central aisle has returned, please make your way to Holy Communion, starting from the front benches, in an orderly manner and try to avoid bunching.
- It is recommended that you wear a mask whilst processing to Holy Communion and returning to your seat.
- **Hand gel** stations are 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 Holy Communion on the tongue should come at the end of the procession.

Exiting the Church

- Stewards 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 block the aisles as others leave.
- Please use common sense when outside and try not to group together

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