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8th & 15th August 2021 – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

7th Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Antonio & Josephine Pereira RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

8th Sun 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Eric Rodrigues RIP

10.30am Neville Ransley RIP

12noon Gerald Clancy RIP anniv

9th Mon ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10.00am Neville Ransley RIP

10th Tue ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr

10.00am Mary Monaghan RIP

11th Wed St Clare, Virgin

No public Mass

12th Thu St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

7.00pm Celestine Fernandes RIP anniv

13th Fri Feria

10.00am John Cunningham RIP

14th Sat St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

10.00am Kevin Murphy (Sick)

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Adrian & Barbara Ratnayake (thanksgiving)

15th Sun THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am Neville Ransley RIP

10.30am Gabriel Faria RIP

12noon People of the Parish

16th Mon St Stephen of Hungary

10.00am Manuel Rodrigues RIP

2.00pm Nuptial Mass for the Marriage of Anthonya Timothy & Stephen Guneaekaram

17th Tue feria

10.00am John Rogers RIP

18th Wed feria

No public mass

19th Thu St John Eudes, Priest

12noon Requiem Mass for Rex Anthony RIP

7.00pm Denis O'Connor RIP

20th Fri St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor

10.00am Matthew O'Reilly

11.00am Requiem Mass for George Standon RIP

21st Sat St Pius X, Pope

10.00am Ciara McCarthy (thanksgiving)

12 noon Baptism of Aloysius Joseph

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Neville Ransley RIP

22nd Sun 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am People of the Parish

10.30am Late Kalembe Betty RIP

12noon Terry Gandhi 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

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4,16-16,16:1-2; Psalm 131;

1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Luke 11:27-28

Mass of Sunday: Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10; Psalm 44;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Psalm 33,

Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69

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 – Chris Mote,

Pray also for Michael Hurley, Ivy Hickin, Maurice Power, Phyllis Rebbitt, Maurice Walsh, Errol Ray, Eleanor Van Dort, Evelyn Curtis, Mary Anthony, Anthony Fernandes, Eileen Gibbons, Catherine O'Brien, Mollie Murray, Tony De Souza, Kevin Hayes, John Jordan, Bob Woods, Goldwin Viegas, Michael Lim, Anthony Pillai, Daniel Doody, Richard Dick, John Considine, Maurice Enright, Maureen Wells, Adel Georgi, Mary Casartelli, Eileen Humphries, Agnes & Raymond Cullis, William Pal, Paul Durcan, Veronica Grandi, Kevin Slavin, Evelyn Harris, Baby Octavia Murphy, John Kelly and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Maintenance to Mission – It's not clear how many people will return to the practice of their faith after the pandemic as well as how we will restore the ministries and structures that made parish life function. Yet we are not called to simply 'maintain' parish life but to proclaim the Gospel. So how can we move from Maintenance to Mission? Fr Graham hopes to explore this question over the next year by reading with a group of parishioners a book with that title by Fr James Mallon. In his parish in Nova Scotia he sought to make that transition and writes about his experience. Many parishes 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 tried to do that you can see at www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0I28-2U. This is not something that 'father' can do alone!

The funeral mass for Rex Anthony RIP will take place at 12noon on **Thursday 19th August** followed by committal at Northwood Cemetery. **The Funeral mass of George Standon RIP** will take place on **Friday 20th August** at 11am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

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

Catechetical Programmes for 2022. Please watch this newsletter during the Autumn for details of the programmes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2022.

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

Permanent Livestreaming – Work should be complete this weekend to install a permanent livestream in the church; initially we will continue with the same pattern of livestreaming of parish Masses. Thank you to those who have generously contributed to this project; we have covered over two-thirds of the cost. If you would still 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

MASS IN THE TIME OF 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). Please see the newsletter supplement for detailed information on the current regime. **Mass times are unchanged for the time being.**

We will gradually be reintroducing certain aspects of the Mass over the next few months in accordance with guidance from the bishops who have suggested 'a gradual easing of restrictions'

Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed and the obligation to attend remains suspended by the bishops until the First Sunday of Advent at the earliest.

support livestreaming. Alternatively you may 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.

Change of Mass times – The **10am Wednesday Mass will not be celebrated** until later in September whilst Fr Axcel is away.

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 – A new readers' rota is available and has been posted 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.

Harrow Foodbank – our August collection is **this weekend**. Particularly 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. Thank you.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

March for Life UK – This 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.

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 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.