



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sat** St Cuthbert, Bishop  
10.00am Marion Keating  
4.00pm Baptism of Theo Patterson-Jones

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Tony Graydon RIP

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am Hyacinth William RIP  
**10.30am** Brian Louch RIP (2nd anniversary)  
12noon People of the Parish

**6<sup>th</sup> Mon** *feria*  
10.00am John Cunningham RIP

**7<sup>th</sup> Tue** *feria*  
10.00am Helen Spillane RIP

**8<sup>th</sup> Wed** NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
No public Mass

**9<sup>th</sup> Thu** St Peter Claver  
12.00 Memorial Mass for Tita Fisch RIP  
7.00pm Terry Gandhi RIP

**10<sup>th</sup> Fri** *feria*  
10.00am Eileen Carey RIP anniv

**11<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
10.00am Jim Wheelan RIP  
1.00pm Baptism of John Patterson

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Jim Cannon RIP

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Sun 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am People of the Parish  
**10.30am** Bwanika Haruna RIP  
12.00 Celine Marie Arulanantham 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

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?



With the start of September we get back into the 'swing of things.' Yet things are not as they usually are. We have fewer than usual parishioners coming to Mass with many joining us on the livestream and being cautious as the schools return and we wait to see what will happen with the pandemic and infection rates. Our celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are taking place over the next few months having been delayed by the pandemic. We are still working with our catechists through a backlog in Baptisms as well. Our regular groups are slowly returning to meeting in person. Then at St John Fisher Primary there have been significant changes in the school's leadership too.

But we are part of a universal church. You'll see in the newsletter a notice about all of the places where CAFOD are working to support those in desperate and urgent need. Yes, we are all aware of Afghanistan, but remember Haiti and its devastating earthquake? Then there is the plight of those facing famine in Ethiopia as well as in South Sudan and parts of Nigeria. These people are not concerned about the COP26 gathering in Glasgow in November; they are more interested in whether they will have food to eat tomorrow.

We have much to give thanks to God for and to pray about. In all of that let us always remember to look beyond our neighbour. In response to the question 'And who is my neighbour' (Luke 10:29) Jesus told us the parable of the Good Samaritan, commanding us to show mercy to those in need whoever they might be.

*Every blessing for the week ahead*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50: 5-9 Psalm 114,  
James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

## 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.

**Recently Deceased** – Ann Marie Doyle, Fr Colin Whatling, Margaret Diggins, Marcus Kapansa

**Pray also for** Mary Glavin, Bernard Fielder, John Bennett, Suaba Mahendra, Marie Lisicki, David Freear, Romanus Nwokoro, David Miller, Declan Hurley, Celine Marie Arulanantham, Brian Louch, Clara Mars-Harris, Mary Glenc, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin, Desmond Machale, Parick Ward, Joan Salisbury, Bridie Lagrue, Pear Bryant, Eileen Carey and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Booking is no longer required** to attend Sunday Mass and the church is **open before and after Mass for private prayer**. We are gradually reintroducing certain aspects of the Mass over the next few months in accordance with guidance from the bishops. Holy Communion may be received on the tongue. **Holy water is now available to be taken away from the urn beside the baptismal font**. Please bring your own bottles. Sunday 10.30am Mass is livestreamed and the obligation to attend remains suspended by the bishops until the First Sunday of Advent at the earliest.

**Parish Office** – The office will not be staffed for the next 10 days. If you contact the parish office please leave a voicemail if there is no reply; you may need to be patient if your enquiry is not urgent.

**Maintenance to Mission** – Fr Graham hopes to read 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 from Maintenance to Mission 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0I28-2U). This is not something that 'father' can do alone!

**Baptism** - We welcome into God's family Theo Paterson-Jones and John Patterson.

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

**Change of Mass times** – The **10am Wednesday Mass** will resume on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

**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. For more information please see the notice in the church porch.

**100 club** – The 100 club draws for 2020, for all those who were paid up members of the club that year, will take place soon with the winners announced through the newsletter.

**Hall hire** – There have been a number of requests to hire the parish centre hall. We do not have a caretaker and the additional requirements placed on us to remain 'Covid secure' mean that, regrettably, we are unable to *consider* such requests until at least the half term break. The hall remains in use for the St John Fisher Pre-School and parish groups, subject to risk assessment including the necessary cleaning regimes.

**Westminster Interfaith and Justice and Peace newsletters** are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the church along with other Catholic organisations' newsheets. If you would like to receive a copy direct please contact the parish office.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Isaiah, the Fifth Gospel** – an online talk by Fr John Hemer MHM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm via zoom; Fr John is an enlightening and engaging speaker so this talk is strongly recommended. To book see poster in church porch or click on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-isaiah-aka-the-fifth-gospel-tickets-164970859281>

**St Scholastica's Retreat, Princes Risborough** – Open Day **Saturday, 25th September** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £562pcm – more information on the poster at the back in church porch or from the warden (01844) 344437, [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

**The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)** provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. For more information on this in person, distance learning or online course see [www.brs-ccrs.org.uk](http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk)

**Harrow Foodbank** – our monthly collection is this weekend. Items especially required are: sponge puddings; bags for life (20p carrier bags); tins vegetarian meals; men's body wash; shaving foam; baby wipes; childrens toothpaste; childrens toothbrush age 6-8; women's deodorant; shower gel; washing powder/detergent; packet mashed potato; tinned macaroni cheese and treats & chocolates

**CAFOD** is responding to crises across the world, working with local Church organisations in **Haiti** to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the earthquake and tropical storm. In **Afghanistan**, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities as well as supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in **Tigray** in Ethiopia, **South Sudan** and **north-east Nigeria**. You can read more about how we can express solidarity with those affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website at [www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news). You can support and find out more about **Harrow Citizens'** work with refugees through following this link: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harrow-welcomes-refugees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harrow-welcomes-refugees)

**Eucharistic Octave:** The International Eucharistic Congress is due to take place in September in Budapest. There will be a Eucharistic Octave in London to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord from **Saturday 11 September** and culminating in a grand **Eucharistic Procession at 3:30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September** departing from Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, and heading towards St James, Spanish Place, Full details of events during the octave can be found at [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) or on the poster in the church porch