



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**18<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Ted O'Mahoney RIP

12noon Baptism of Liam Perera

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Tony Graydon RIP

**19<sup>th</sup> Sun 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am People of the Parish

**10.30am John Cunningham RIP**

12noon Neville Ransley RIP

**20<sup>th</sup> Mon** St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest Paul Chong

Ha - sang, and Companions, Martyrs

10.00am Ron McMillan

**21<sup>st</sup> Tue** ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist

10.00am Sugumar Immanuel RIP

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wed** feria

10.00am Vocations to the priesthood & religious life

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thu** St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7.00pm An-Rita Albuquerque RIP anniv

**24<sup>th</sup> Fri** Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Sugumar Immanuel RIP

**25<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Rita & Hilary D'Cruz 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv

**12noon Memorial Mass for**

**Br. Michael Anthonipillai RIP**

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Jose, Libania & Holly Rodrigues RIP

**26<sup>th</sup> Sun 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am People of the Parish

**10.30am Carl Wallace RIP**

12noon Rony Desa 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 ON MISSION



Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. There has been an encouraging rise in Mass attendance this last fortnight but the fact that we are still a third to half less than two years' ago proves the need for Mission.

However there is positive news amidst this challenge. We still live in a time of uncertainty over the pandemic but in the hope that the situation continues to improve we have put together a plan for reducing the number of Covid-related restrictions on how we celebrate the liturgy in line with guidance from Government, and the bishops.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Extraordinary Minister assisting at Holy Communion for 6pm, 8.30am and 10.30am Masses
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – full serving routine on sanctuary
- **3<sup>rd</sup> October – 10.30am Mass moved to 10am** (12noon to remain); stewarding in its current format will be wound down
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – collection and offertory procession; access to hymn books & mass books; congregational singing (with masks)

We will continue to ask you to **apply disinfecting hand gel** on entering the church and before receiving Holy Communion as well as to **wear a face mask** in church. The **invitation to make the sign of peace** and **Holy Communion with the chalice** will remain suspended

All this is with a careful eye on the local and wider situation; if necessary we will reintroduce restrictions to maintain as safe an environment as possible in church. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

*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)

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Numbers 11:25-29, Psalm 18,  
James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

## 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** – Samuel Povia, John Reardon

**Pray also for** Tony Garvey, Maria keiko Matsumura, Clara Mars-Harris, Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward OFulue, Patrick O'Malley, John Patrick Hayes, Mary Joseph Anthonypillai, Jack Fitzgerald, Diana Antony, Christine Roglic, Francis Lewandowski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini, Raymonde Thillier, Rosemary Faleiro, Ramesh Logeswaran Peter and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

This Sunday we celebrate **Home Mission Sunday** and we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. To find out more and support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. please visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

**Rosary** – The Holy Rosary is prayed once again after the 10 am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

**First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at 10am on Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Due to this extended celebration there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions those mornings.

**Weekday Mass times** – The **10am Wednesday Mass** resumes this week on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. It is followed by a weekly **cleaning of the church**. More volunteers are always welcome to this hidden but essential function. Please turn up on Wednesday or contact the parish office if you would like to clean at another time during the week.

**Fire drill** – Thank you for your cooperation in the fire drill that we were required to do last weekend. The church was evacuated in less than 90 seconds at all the Masses. It was a useful exercise in learning about the challenges of evacuating those with mobility issues and we will investigate options to improve exit through the two stepped entrances at the front of the church.

**Candles** – Fire is one of the biggest risks in churches. You will see that new spacers have been placed on some of the candle stands to separate candles and reduce the risk of fire. **When the stands are full please do not add candles to the trays beneath the candle racks nor perch them on other candles.**

**Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)** - Fr Graham will be available in the Fisher Room to see families wishing to obtain CCPs for **secondary school and sixth form** applications *by appointment only* on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm – 4pm** and **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm - 6pm**. Meetings for primary school applications will follow in November. To make an appointment please e-mail the parish office or phone during office hours. Please complete the section with your child's details before the meeting on each of the CCPs you would like signed.

**100 club** – The 100 club draws for 2020, for all those who were paid up members of the club that year, have not been forgotten! They will take place soon with the winners announced here.

**Knitting group** – Once again the knitting group are meeting in the Fisher Room but now **after Mass on a Tuesday morning** to knit to support the work of Bakhita House as well as to enjoy a cup of coffee and each other's company. All are welcome to knit or natter or both!

**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=C18VOI28-2U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18VOI28-2U).

**Churches Together in North Harrow** are having a **Week of Accompanied Prayer**, also known as a 'retreat in daily life,' from **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Each participant has a 'companion' who journeys alongside the participant for the week. The companion's main roles are to listen, offer suggestions for prayer and help the participant notice the direction in which God may be leading them. You are encouraged to meet with all those making the journey at an opening meeting on Sunday afternoon and a closing session on the following Saturday morning. You then meet daily at a mutually convenient time with your companion. For more information please speak to Marguerite after Mass or see the leaflets in the church porch.

## 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, 25<sup>th</sup> September** The Retreat offers sheltered housing to Catholics aged 60 or over in self-contained flats – more information on the poster at the back in church porch or from the warden (01844) 344437, [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

**Cafod Family Fast Day** in the harvest season is Friday 1 October. Fasting is of course a most ancient practice to help us to grow in spirit. Please help mark the regular Family Fast Day, and symbolically the "proceeds" - that is the money we save that hasn't been spent on our needs that day we contribute to the CAFOD collection. CAFOD experts are helping around the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Go to the CAFOD website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) to donate online. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10. For more information visit [www.cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://www.cafod.org.uk/fastday)

**Harrow Welcomes Refugees** - You can support and find out more about Harrow Citizens' work with refugees through: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harrow-welcomes-refugees](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harrow-welcomes-refugees)

**Introduction to Volunteering Event** - Thinking of volunteering? Caritas Westminster is running a free, online introduction to volunteering on **21 September** from 10 – 11:30 am. It will cover all you need to know to get started. For more information and to register, please visit [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events) or email [cvs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cvs@rcdow.org.uk).