



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 26<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**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
10.00am Rita & Hilary D'Cruz, Thanksgiving  
67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**12.30pm** 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

### 27<sup>th</sup> Mon St Vincent de Paul, Priest

10.00am St Vincent de Paul Society Members

### 28<sup>th</sup> Tue St Wenceslaus, Martyr

10.00am Leela Edward RIP

### 29<sup>th</sup> Wed SS MICHAEL GABRIEL and RAPHAEL, Archangels

10.00am Betty Kalemba RIP

### 30<sup>th</sup> Thu St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

7.00pm Mary Danaher RIP

### 1<sup>st</sup> Fri St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

10.00am Holy Souls

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat The Holy Guardian Angels

**10.00am** Josephine Sugrue

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass**

12.30 am Baptism of Layla Ann Yacoub

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Jhon Albuquerque RIP

**10.00am** O'Brien Family

12noon Victor Emmanuel RIP/8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings** – by appointment – 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

**From next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Sunday 10.30am Mass will return to 10am**

### THE GOOD NEWS IS FOR EVERYONE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am very glad to be back, but I have to apologize because this weekend I am away celebrating my 1-year anniversary in the Parish I served as a deacon before and during the start of the pandemic. I was kindly invited by the parish priest there, to celebrate properly with them my anniversary of priesthood which I couldn't do when I was ordained as we were still with many restrictions at the time.



As we enter a new term and a new outlook in regards to this pandemic it is important to understand that the work of announcing the gospel is still very much necessary for us to engage with. We hear in the readings today that God chooses to give his Spirit to whoever he wishes. We, brothers and sisters, have been called to be Christians not to look inwardly but to look out too. We have been given this treasure in earthenware jars which we are to give to others, not just to keep for ourselves. And that treasure is the gift of our faith. How do we live our faith today? Do we only live it by word of mouth or do we also show it to others, not necessarily just with acts of charity, but that in that charity work we engage with, can people see your love for Christ? Because the two greatest commandments of the Law are to love God and to love neighbour. Our neighbour is those around us, even those we are not aware of.

To look out for the lost sheep is not just a job for priests but for all followers of Christ. Those neighbours around you may be lost and may benefit from a word of hope. Now that things are open, consider visiting or inviting your neighbours back to Church but most importantly witness to them the love of God, and tell them about your faith.

*Every blessing for the week ahead*

*Fr Axcel*

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

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 127,

Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

## 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 Brehony, Siobhan Dillon, Cartan Finegan, Gareth Taylor, Bridie Anderson

**Pray also for** Sean Caden, Delia Mulvaney, Keith Cullis, Agnes Van Rosse, Eileen Lynch, Bridget & James Horkan, Mary Kane, Katie Quinn, Peter Lamble, Michael Mascurine, Margaret Doran, Evelyn Kelly, William Murphy, William Rebbitt, Kitty Davis and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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** has resumed. 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.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October Coffee morning** – We will be holding a coffee morning with a difference in the parish centre **after the 10am Mass** to welcome people back to the parish life. It will be an opportunity to sample cakes and sweets from different nationalities and to re-acquaint ourselves with the creative talents and plans of our special interest and hobby groups, as well as with the activities of the spiritual and religious groups. We are planning to make the morning fun for children by launching an art competition to paint or draw a portrait of Father Graham and/or Father Axcel which will be assessed in different age groups. If your children are interested in taking part please have a look at the photographs at the back of the church and familiarise yourselves with the rules. We hope that you will support the event in any way you can. If you can bake please let us know whether you can bring something for the day and how you would be able to get involved. For more information, please contact Anna Ryland on [AnnaRyland22@aol.com](mailto:AnnaRyland22@aol.com). **Double flyers will be handed out after Mass – please keep one for yourself and use the other to invite back someone you know who hasn't been to church for a while.**

**All Saints** – The solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year so it's celebration is transferred to the Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. We are encouraging children to come to Mass dressed as their favourite saints that weekend with prizes too!

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

**Candles** – Fire is one of the biggest risks in churches. New spacers have been placed on 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.**

**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.

**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.

**Knitting group** – The group meet in the Fisher Room **after Mass on 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 plans to launch the reading group 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** 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 and a closing session on the following Saturday. You then meet daily at a mutually convenient time with you companion. More information and application forms are available in the church porch.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** is this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Fasting is an ancient practice to help us to grow in spirit. Please mark the regular Family Fast Day and give the money that you save from the food that you forgo that day to support the work of CAFOD. CAFOD experts are helping around the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Go to [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). Please pick up a donation envelope at the back of the church this weekend and return it next weekend. Thank you.

**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). If you want to make a physical donation they are especially in need of toys and books for the first family's four children, a combination of boys and girls under eight years' old. For more details contact Peter Lewy from Kol Chai Reform Synagogue, [peter.lewy@gmail.com](mailto:peter.lewy@gmail.com)

**40 days for life** - 40 Days for Life's campaign of prayer, fasting and Pro-Life vigils have started all over the world. Whilst there is not a vigil in London this time, London 40 Days are having 40 days of Eucharistic Adoration to pray to end abortion. If you can help to do some hours of Adoration in any Church you like please visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/en> or see the poster in the church porch.