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3rd October 2021 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10.00am Mass and highlighted Masses livestreamed on 'St John Fisher North Harrow' YouTube channel

2nd Oct *The Holy Guardian Angels*

10.00am Josephine Sugrue

1st Holy Communion Mass

12.30pm Baptism of Layla Ann Yacoub

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

3rd Sun **27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30am Jhon Albuquerque RIP

10.00am O'Brien Family

12noon Victor Emmanuel RIP/8th anniv

4th Mon *St Francis of Assisi*

10.00am Sebastiane Rodrigues RIP

5th Tue *St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin*

10.00am Barnard Barker RIP anniv

6th Wed *St Bruno, Priest*

10.00am Maria Victoria Fernandes RIP anniv

7th Thu *Our Lady of the Rosary*

7.00pm Chris Mote RIP

8th Fri *feria*

10.00am Jim King RIP

9th Sat *ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest*

10.00am George Standon RIP

1st Holy Communion Mass

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Eileen Broderick

10th Sun **27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00 am Albert Smith RIP & Gladys Smith RIP

12noon Rosy Albuquerque 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

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 today Sunday Mass will return to 10.00am

THE SYNODAL PROCESS



This weekend we have a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols. It provides an introduction to the 'synodal pathway,' an exercise that will be taking place in our parishes this Autumn. It seeks to hear where we are at and to listen to our experiences of faith with all its joys and disappointments, and to look for ways of strengthening each other. We have only just had initial information on this process and it is still rather vague but we'll know more in the coming weeks as to what is involved. Copies of the Cardinal's letter are available at the back of the Church; the audio and text will also be available at www.rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/pastoral-letter-for-27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time/

CAFOD

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day was last Friday, 1st October. This weekend you are invited to give what you saved from forgoing some food to support the work of CAFOD. Please go to www.cafod.org.uk to donate online. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church should you wish to gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity

Every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11, Psalm 89,

Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

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 – Stanley Rodrigues, Mark Jenkins

Pray also for Patrick Grogan, Stephen Rizkallah, Sarah Hegarty, Remy Martens, Christine James, Bernard Barker, Patricia Dunmore, Helen Williams, Thomas 'Chris' Caldwell, Peter Golden, Elizabeth O'Shea, Assaimuttu Gnanam, Keith Phaure, Dennis O'Connor, Edith Steinitz, Joseph Mcgeoghan all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at 10am on Saturdays 2nd, 9th and 16th 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** 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 17th 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. Alternatively you can find the photos here, <https://ibb.co/0qWQXFZ>, <https://ibb.co/MkQwh91>, <https://ibb.co/pzdHgF8> <https://ibb.co/7KwfJ2x> <https://ibb.co/nj3xHwh>

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. **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, 31st October**. We are encouraging children to come to Mass dressed as their favourite saints that weekend with prizes too!

Rosary – October is the month of the Holy Rosary; the Rosary is prayed after the 10am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

New rotas – A new **readers' rota** is available on the parish website and a rota for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** will follow shortly. We are restarting the **money counting rota** on a fortnightly basis; if you are able to help with the counting the offertory on a monthly or six-weekly basis please contact harrownorth@rcdow.org.uk The counting typically takes place on Sunday morning or Monday morning, but if there is sufficient support we could also launch a Sunday afternoon team.

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 to see families wishing to obtain CCPs for **secondary school and sixth form** applications *by appointment only* on **Saturday 16th October from 2pm – 4pm** and **Monday 18th 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! **The group would welcome any donations of wool to support their work**

Prisoners' Sunday: Next Sunday, **10th October** is a national day of prayer for all affected by prisons and imprisonment - prisoners, their families, prison workers, and for the attitude of our society to imprisonment. PACT is the national Catholic charity supporting all these needs. This year PACT have recommended everyone interested in this social issue, and the influence of the Church on it, to look at the recent BBC drama 'Time', as a realistic depiction of what life is like in our prisons, and the potential for the Gospel there. More information at www.prisonadvice.org.uk.

Maintenance to Mission – Fr Graham plans to launch the reading group next month with a visiting speaker to share his parish's experience of this journey of renewal. More details to follow.

Parish Catechetical Co-ordinator – We have begun the process to find a new catechetical co-ordinator for the parish. It is a part-time post working 18 hours per week at a rate of £15 per hour. Full details will appear during the week at www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Harrow Welcomes Refugees - You can support and find out more about Harrow Citizens' work with refugees through: 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, boys and girls under eight years' old. For more details contact Peter Lewy from Kol Chai Reform Synagogue, 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.