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17th October 2021 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 16th Oct** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Ana Francisca Texeira RIP anniv
 First Holy Communion Mass
 1.00pm Baptism of Zion D'Silva
Vigil of Sunday
 6.00pm Pauline Angold RIP anniv
- 17th Sun** **29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 8.30am People of the Parish
10.00am Gabriel Faria RIP
 12noon Amutharasan Family, thanksgiving
 3.00pm Marriage of
 Charleen Sylvian & Aran Rajeswaran
- 18th Mon** ST LUKE, Evangelist
 10.00am Sally Connolly RIP
- 19th Tue** Ss John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests,
 and Companions, Martyrs
 10.00am Paddy Walsh
- 20th Wed** feria
 10.00am Tomas Sousa RIP
- 21st Thu** feria
 7.00pm David Michael Else RIP 8th anniv
- 22nd Fri** St John Paul II, Pope
 10.00am Kay Ferguson & family
- 23rd Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
 10.00am Mary Leela Edward RIP
 12.30pm Baptism of Maya Johnston
Vigil of Sunday
 6.00pm People of the Parish
- 24th Sun** **30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 8.30 am Miguel Fernandes RIP
10.00 am Anne Marie Doyle RIP
 12noon Russell & Edna Arulanantham
 Wedding Anniversary

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

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PRAYER FOR STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Last Monday we celebrated, for the seventh time only, the memorial of Pope St John XXIII, who as John XXIII was pope from 1958 until his death in 1963. He is perhaps best remembered for calling the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. Known affectionately as 'Good Pope John' this prayer for strength he wrote is something I have been praying each day this week. I hope that it may offer you some comfort and support in what life brings.



Every day I need you, Lord, but today especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come.

This day, more than any other day, I need to feel you near me to strengthen my courage and to overcome any fear.

By myself I cannot meet the challenge of the hour.

We are frail human creatures and we need a higher power to sustain us in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

Be with me, Lord, this day and stretch out your powerful arm to help me.

May your love be upon me as I place all my hope in you.

Amen.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of www.wednesdayword.org
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 125,
 Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10 :46-52

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 – Mick Barrett

Pray also for Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Benny Hoft, Manjula Mahendra, Vincent Bourke, Bo Claeson, Angela Doctrove, Maureen Cusack, Monica O'Sullivan, Michael McWilliams, Winifred Maher, Margaret Sullivan, Gabriel Faria, Victor Crick, Patrick Webber, Maureen Nixon, Hannah Shevlin, Harry Mckinney, Hannah Barnard, Rose Wright, Martin Flanagan, Donald Haynes, Soad Raie, David Else and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

The Synodal Pathway – As you will have heard in the recent pastoral letter Pope Francis has requested a “Church-wide listening process” to hear where we are at and to hear people’s experiences of faith with all its joys and disappointments, and to look for ways of strengthening each other. We expect guidance soon about how to organise the process at parish level. Cardinal Vincent will launch the diocesan synodal process at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass this weekend in Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to be involved in helping the co-ordination of this process in the parish then please contact Fr Graham.

First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated at 10am this Saturday, 16th October – Due to this extended celebration there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions.

Baptism - We welcome into God’s family Zion D’Silva.

All Saints – The solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year so its 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!

Sunday 17th October Coffee morning – We are holding a coffee morning with a difference in the parish centre this Sunday **after the 10am Mass** to welcome people back to parish life and remind ourselves of what that offers.

Please support the event in any way you can. **If are able to help on the day or if you can bake please volunteer your help.** For more information please contact Anna Ryland on AnnaRyland22@aol.com.

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.

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

Cash Counting – a **new rota** is now available on the parish website

November the month of the Holy Souls – This is when we remember especially our departed loved ones and pray for their souls. Details of the blessing of graves and annual cemetery Mass in Pinner New Cemetery together with this year’s sheets and their envelopes for remembering the dead will appear during the week.

Church cleaning – The 10am Wednesday Mass is followed by cleaning of the church. More volunteers are always welcome to this essential function. Please come on Wednesday or contact the parish office if you would like to clean at another time.

Contactless giving - A contactless giving terminal will shortly be appearing in the church where you can use your contactless bank card or smart phone to make a donation to the parish collection. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and tap your card on the reader. Initially it will support the Sunday collection but other collections will be added in time. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% if you are a UK taxpayer.

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* this **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**. (detailed overleaf)

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**

Club Quiz – The parish **Social Club** are holding a quiz on **Saturday 6th November** 8 for 8.30 start. Entry £1.50 per person, max team size 4 persons, max number of teams 6. Reserve your table by phoning John Cousins on 020 88666845. Bottle of wine each for the winning team!

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 are in the advert at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> or speak to Fr Graham if you are interested in finding out more.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Mass Following the Pandemic: On **7th November** at 5.30pm Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral for all those who have died during the pandemic, all who mourn them, all who have been bereaved or traumatised, those who were ill and those who cared for them, including all in the medical profession and care workers. All are welcome to this Mass.

Assisted Dying Bill - Bishop John Sherrington has asked us to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill, which is due to receive a second reading with a full debate in the House of Lords on 22nd October. From October 14th to the 22nd, in the lead up to the second reading, we can unite in a Novena of prayer, asking the intercession of St John Paul II, as part of the effort to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide. Details and prayers are available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-to-john-paul-ii/

Supporting refugees - Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 8000km will visit Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 25th October at 2pm**, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent.

OTHER NOTICES (online only)

St Joan of Arc Sixth Form College – Open Evening Wednesday 10th November 2021 from 6.00pm-8.00 pm. Full details on school website

The Welcome Centre at St John's Church in Harrow (opposite where Debenhams used to be) is due to re-open, every Wednesday and Saturday 12 – 3pm. More volunteers are needed to join the experienced teams for each day on a monthly rota. Please contact Sr Judith if you would like to help, or to find out more: email srjudith@gmail.com or phone 07729014144

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

The Passage is grateful to those who have volunteered to help with its street collection on **Tuesday 19 October**. There is a final opportunity to volunteer contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 75921886 (07928 703131) but by 12.00 noon on Monday 18 October. Do look out for Passage collectors on Tuesday if you are in Westminster in Victoria Street or Oxford Street. If you do not carry cash to donate the campaign online at www.passage.org.uk/street

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.