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2nd January 2022 – 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

1st Sat SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

10.00am Anthony D'Souza RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Jenny Abbott RIP

2nd Sun 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00am Maria Victoria Fernandes RIP

12noon Martin McGinty RIP

3rd Mon Christmas feria

10.00am Balan Nadarajah

4th Tue Christmas feria

10.00am Kathleen Stokes RIP

5th Wed Christmas feria

10.00 am Bede Selvanayagam RIP

6th Thu THE EPIHANY OF THE LORD

10.00am Martin McGinty

11.45am Funeral Mass of Conor Maguire RIP

7.00pm John Keenan RIP

7th Fri Christmas Feria

10.00am Holy Souls

8th Sat Christmas Feria

10.00am Gianinna Russo-Rios RIP

12.30pm Baptism of Thomas Barker

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Joe Mesquita RIP

9th Sun THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00am Joe Mesquita RIP

12noon Michael Arulanantham 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

A WORD FROM THE CARDINAL AT THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

As we enter a New Year, Christmas is still with us. The crib will be in the church until the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February. Why not take a moment to say a prayer at the crib reflecting on these words from Cardinal Vincent's Christmas homily:



...as you spend time at the Crib, listen out for the echo in your hearts of the song of the angels, 'Glory to God in the highest'. It was, of course, first sung at night, not in a great Cathedral, but to the shepherds in their rocky fields. It is a reminder to us that the birth of Christ is always a cause for joy, a joy that no anxieties, or sin, or uncertainty can shut out. It offers us a renewed appreciation that, at Christmas, the brightness of heaven touches our world, and everyone who is a part of it, without exception. It is a sign to us that God's gift of salvation is assured, brought to us in the person of a tiny baby before whom, on this Christmas night, we readily bend our knee for he alone do we adore."

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Fr Graham & Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

The Baptism of the Lord,

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11, Psalm 103,

Titus 2 11-14:3:4-7,, Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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 – Connor Maguire, John Keenan, Fr Desmond Francis Henry Baker,

Pray also for John Clayton Morris, Clare Hynes, Danny Duffy, Tony Jordan, Raneem Emmanuel, Susan Margaret Hill, Daniel Bowles, Bridie Murphy, Frank Morawski, Maiered Trigg, Denis O'Shea, Sr Mary Innocentia, Kevin Cronin, James Tully Marie Chantel Ramasawmy, Anna Quigley, John Halvey, Michael Arulanantham, Dorothy Tucker, George Gray, Michael Gahan, Charles Baldwin, Lilian Blackie, Paul Harot, Elsie Ball, Veronica Joiner, and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Epiphany of the Lord – Thursday would usually be a Holyday of Obligation; Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm. *There is a Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday at St Luke's in Pinner.*

Thank you – 'On behalf of Fr Axcel and myself and for your cards, presents and offerings this Christmas. Every little act of gratitude is much appreciated especially this Christmas' - Fr Graham.

The **Funeral Mass of Conor Maguire RIP** will take place at 11.45am on Thursday 6th January followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We keep Conor and his family in our prayers at this times.

Crib offerings support the Catholic Children's Society - Throughout the pandemic the Catholic Children's Society has provided support for thousands of vulnerable children and families. Through their Crisis Fund they have also provided immediate practical help for local families facing real hardship. There are many more families in need of support and once again this year we are supporting their work by donating our crib offerings to them. If you would like to help you can donate at the crib or via www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

A Catholic School for every Catholic Child - St John Fisher Catholic Primary School is a large, happy and academically successful 3 form entry school, with 90 places for the reception 2022 intake. The school is in an exciting period of Innovation led by it's new Headteacher Nina Pignatiello. School visits run every Tuesday morning at 9.15am, but the Headteacher is happy to run additional tours. For more information about the school please go to the new website www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk and look at the schools active Facebook page @sjfpinner. For a tour please call the school office on 020 8868 2962. Apply via Harrow Council website and complete a Supplementary form which can be found on the school website.

Social Club Quiz – St John Fisher Social Club are holding a quiz night on **Saturday 15th January at 8pm for 8.30pm** start. Entry is £1.50 per person, max team size 4 persons, max number of teams 6. Reserve your team table by phoning John Cousins on 020 88666845. Bottle of wine each for the winning team!

Church cleaning - A **new cleaning rota** has been created for 3 teams of cleaners. **Are you free to help out on Thursdays at 9.30am once every 3 weeks?** This group needs at least 2 more volunteers to ensure all the cleaning can be completed in the allotted time. Please contact the parish office if you can volunteer to help keep our lovely church clean for everyone. Thank you for your support in this essential yet unseen task.

Harrow Foodbank – This month we are having the collection later on 8/9th January. The Foodbank are asking for: gravy granules; tinned hot dogs; tinned fish (not tuna); tinned meatballs; stock cubes/stock pots and general cleaning products. Thank you to the SVP for arranging this collection.

Covid-19 Guidance - We have received updated guidance this week following various Government announcements. Thus:

- **people displaying any symptoms** of covid-19 should stay at home and not come to church.
- **hand sanitiser** should be used on exit/entry and before receiving Holy Communion
- there is once again a **legal obligation to wear a face covering** (both nose and mouth) in the church unless you are exempt
- **good ventilation and air throughput** is required so please do not close open doors and windows and wrap up well
- we are asked to encourage you to **get vaccinated and have the booster jab**.
- people engaged in pastoral ministry which involves **ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable**, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so
- **congregational singing** within church buildings continues with face coverings

However, given the evidence on aerosol transmission, the previous regime of church cleaning is no longer deemed necessary; general church cleaning is sufficient. This guidance is available on the noticeboard in the church porch and is distributed with the online newsletter.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

'The New Testament for the Perplexed' – series of 5 online talks by Fr John Deehan as part of the Agency for Evangelisation's series in 'The God Who Speaks', **Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd and 10th February**, 7.00pm. Please book by Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-the-new-testament-for-the-perplexed-tickets-221344626737> or contact Anna at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

Caritas - Support is still needed for those who have arrived from Afghanistan. Kitchen utensils and clothing, bedding, kid's toys games, books, baby things and Asian clothing are required. Befrienders and English teachers (tefl qualified) would also be welcome. If you can make a donation of clothes or utensils or would like further details please contact the **Parish Office**.

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

