



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Sat** Christmas Feria  
10.00am Gianinna Russo Ríos RIP  
12.30pm Baptism – Thomas Bernard Barker

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Joe Mesquita RIP

**9<sup>th</sup> Sun** THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8.30 am People of the Parish

**10.00am** Joe Mesquita RIP

12noon Michael Arulanantham RIP

**10<sup>th</sup> Mon** feria

10.00am Michael Reed RIP

**11<sup>th</sup> Tue** feria

10.00am Anthony Kane RIP

**12<sup>th</sup> Wed** St Aelred of Rievaulx

10.00am Pat Togher RIP

**13<sup>th</sup> Thu** St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

7.00 pm Mrs Stokes RIP

**14<sup>th</sup> Fri** Feria

10.00am Samuel Povia RIP

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

10.00am Jose Teixeira

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Mary & Tony Mills RIP anniv

**16<sup>th</sup> Sun** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am People of the Parish

**10.00am** Mary Rodrigues RIP

12noon Matilda Albert RIP

### BAPTISM – A DAILY CALL TO CONVERSION



It is fitting that the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord takes place at the beginning of the calendar year. Jesus embarks upon a new stage in his mission, his public ministry, as we embark upon a new year.

Today we are reminded that for each of us Baptism is not about a single day. It frees us from sin, makes us sharers in the life of Christ - priest, prophet and king - and welcomes us into communion with other Christians, that is the Church. We are born again in Christ and thus begin a lifelong journey of conversion. As Christians each and every day, not just the start of January, is the beginning of a new chapter in our life where we are called afresh to turn away from sin and turn towards Christ.

Whatever new years' resolutions you have made for 2022, how will you turn anew to Christ today?

*With every blessing for the week ahead,*

*Fr Graham*

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm

and by appointment

#### **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

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 95,

1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

## 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** – Fr Eugene Lynch SAC (parish priest of Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford), Patricia Geary

**Pray also for** Jeanne Le Forestier, William English, Joan Thrower, Hannah O’Leary, Timothy O’Sullivan, John & Mary Grogan, Frances Rowlands, June Haskell, Gladys Bennett, Maria Porrello, Anna Chenley, James Murray, Marie Bayross, Elsie Yim, Nora Duffy, Myra Mahendra, Susan Gibbs, John Murphy, Bill Kennedy, Millicent Mabin, Ratnadurai-Thayaparan, John Slavin, George Rolt, Marguerite Dalgliesh, Jane Hubert, Jesuthasan Daniel, Clement Onwuachu, Hilda Sacchett, James Fogarthy, Ian Scott, Loretta Souza, Agnes O’Sullivan, Barbara Jago, Eleen Fernando and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Baptism** - We welcome Thomas Bernard Barker into the church this weekend.

**Epiphany Chalk** – Chalk that was blessed on the Epiphany, together with a blessing card, are available at the back of the church for you to use to mark the lintel above the front door of your homes and to seek God’s blessing for the year ahead.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**Harrow Foodbank** – This weekend we are having a collection for Harrow Food Bank. The Foodbank are asking especially 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.

**Northwick Park Hospital Chaplaincy.** Father Agustin Paunon is the Catholic chaplain serving Northwick Park/St Marks, Central Middlesex and Ealing Hospitals. With current visiting restrictions it is not easy for religious ministers to visit. To refer a Catholic patient to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain please call 020 8869 2113 or email either [agustinpaunon@nhs.net](mailto:agustinpaunon@nhs.net) or [lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net).

**Tai Chi** – Online sessions resume on **Tuesday 11th January**. Regular sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.30pm to 3pm. Everybody is warmly welcomed to participate at whatever level suits them. There is no cost. This is a very friendly group and we hope to meet up socially from time to time, in person. To log into the sessions please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5410388918>. Contact Barbara if you have any queries on 020 8866 6665.

**Christian Unity Week** is taking place between 18 and 25<sup>th</sup> January. Unity Services will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** and **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** with further details to follow shortly.

**First Holy Communion in 2022** – Preparation for First Holy Communion presents a unique and challenging situation this year on account of the pandemic. For good reasons many families have been physically away from Mass for almost two years, indeed there has not been an obligation to attend Sunday Mass since March 2020.

If you are comfortable with physically coming to Mass and are interested in your child making their First Communion in 2022 please see Fr Graham or Fr Axcel after Mass to collect an Application Form. These are no longer available online. This should be completed and returned to the parish house by **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. You will then be contacted to discuss your application.

It may be that we run an additional programme or First Holy Communion celebration later in the year depending on the numbers coming forward for preparation at this stage and/or when families are comfortable to commit to returning to Mass on a regular basis.

## 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](mailto: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**.