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16TH JANUARY 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

15th Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Jose Teixeira

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Mary & Tony Mills RIP anniv

16th Sun **2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am People of the Parish

10.00am **Mary & John Francis Rodrigues RIP**

12noon Matilda Albert RIP

17th Mon St Anthony, Abbot

10.00am Manuel Abreu

18th Tue feria

10.00am Victor Loja

19th Wed St Wulstan, Bishop

10.00am Manuel Abreu

20th Thu St Sebastian, Martyr

7.00 pm The Prunty Family

21st Fri St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

10.00am Mary Brazil

22nd Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Connie Teixeira

2.00pm Christian Unity Week Service

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

23rd Sun **3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am Annette & Danny Fadian

10.00am **Elsa Dias RIP anniv**

12noon Rasiyah Albert RIP

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

PEACE SUNDAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace: 'Education, Work and Dialogue between Generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace'. We are invited to share in this prayer, adapted from his encyclical letter, 'Laudato Si'



God of Love

show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. praise be to you! Amen.

With every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10, Psalm 18,

1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

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 – Mario Radulescu

Pray also for Graham Cooke, Freda Glynn, John McGovern, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie, Ellen Breington, Larry Gibbons, Julia Moran, Flora Buhagiar, William Quinn, John Twomey, Bridget (Delia) Walsh, William Enwright, Kitty O'Connor, Annette Motley, Ariti Papson, Ida Buhagiar and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Christian Unity Week is taking place between 18 and 25th January. Unity Week Services will take place on **Tuesday 18th January** at 12noon at St Alban's on The Ridgeway followed by light refreshments and here in St John Fisher at 2pm **Saturday 22nd January**. All are welcome.

Peace Sunday - Find more resources for Peace Sunday including activities and prayers for children and Pope Francis' message for peace at www.paxchristi.org.uk

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

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!

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 or lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group will resume **Tuesday 18th January** after the 10 am mass. Donations of wool for the group would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

100 Club – The 2020 and 2021 draws for the 100 club have now been made by two parishioners. Please see the attachment to the electronic newsletter or the notice in the porch for the winners' names. Please contact the parish bookkeeper to organise payment using the parish office contact details. Thank you for your patience!

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2022 –

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion presents a challenging situation this year due to 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. Yet the preparation for these Sacraments involves attending Mass with your child as well as preparation using the workbooks and supported by the catechists' sessions with parents, workshops and hopefully a retreat day too this year.

If you are comfortable with physically coming to Mass and are interested in your child making their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2022 please see Fr Graham or Fr Axcel after Mass to collect an application form. These are no longer available online or to pick up from the parish office. The forms should be completed and returned to the parish office by **Sunday 6th February**. You will then be contacted to discuss your application.

We may 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.

Rotas - A new cleaning rota and a new readers rota are available on the parish website under 'rotas'.

Canon Michael Munnely – Canon Michael, parish priest of Stanmore, is retiring from active ministry this weekend after almost 50 years' service, the last ten of which have been in Stanmore during which he has also served us as Dean of Harrow for four years. We wish Fr Michael every blessing as he moves into a different pattern of priestly life. There will be a gap before a new parish priest is appointed to Stanmore; Mgr Jeremy Fairhead at St George's in Sudbury will have oversight of Stanmore for the time being and having two priests in St John Fisher, Fr Axcel and Fr Graham will be sharing in celebrating some of the weekday and weekend Masses in Stanmore during this time.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Marriage - Has Covid-19 put you under more stress as a couple? Is your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue more? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! The next programme commences with a weekend **3rd-6th March 2022**. For more information, Telephone or text 0788 729 6983 (Complete confidentiality assured.) Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>

Mass for World Day of the Sick – Provisional Arrangements. The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick is scheduled to take place at 2pm on **Saturday 12th February** in Westminster Cathedral. Please contact the parish office by **Wednesday 9th February** if you are planning to attend with a wheelchair so that adequate provision can be made in the Cathedral. Further information should be available closer to the date.