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23rd JANUARY 2022 – 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

22nd Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Connie Teixeira

2.00pm Unity Week Service

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

23rd Sun 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

8.30 am Annette & Danny Fadian

10.00am Elsa Dias RIP anniv

12noon Rasiah Albert RIP

24th Mon St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

10.00am Justine Wareing (good health)

25th Tue THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

10.00am Anthony D'Souza RIP

26th Wed Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops:

10.00am Martin McGinty

27th Thu St Angela Merici, Virgin

7.00 pm Cicela Malcolm

28st Fri St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

10.00am George Standon RIP/Birthday

29th Sat Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

10.00am Stella Chapple RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Jerome Lynch RIP

30th Sun 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am Finbarr Patrick Hayes RIP

10.00am People of the Parish

12noon Patrick Cusack 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

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

"Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink" 1 Corinthians 12:12

Brothers and sisters, in this 3rd Sunday of ordinary time we once again hear Saint Paul speak about unity in our differences. In today's world everyone strives to think alike, and tries to form unity with the same ideals. Once someone begins to think differently the person becomes or is cut off from the pack. In other words, unity is something supernatural, or beyond our natural tendencies to remain in our pack. St Paul says that this unity can only work if Christ is present and we partake of His Spirit.



I found this very striking during my break. I went to Texas with a priest friend of mine. We don't have any family there, but we know people through our faith. He knew an old parishioner that let us borrow his house for a week, and I knew some families there because of Church.

Those people and us had nothing in common worldly speaking. People would look at us with them and say yea you're not from the same country, state, race, age or culture and somehow you can be together. **The answer to that is because we believe in the one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the Catholic Faith.** What brought us together was this same faith in Christ. The challenge for us as a parish brothers and Sisters is to see what really brings us together? Does our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ bring us here despite our differences, or are we just individuals not really engaging with anyone or anything our parish community has to offer to build our faith together? Something to ponder.

Finally thank you for your prayers while I was isolating and I am happy to be back in action

May God bless you all. Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, Psalm 70,

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

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 – Fr Peter Preston SDS,

Pray also for Elsa Dias, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan, Denise Mitchell, Henry Kobus, June Smith, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donoghue, Anton Constantine, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Daniel Dhar, Lillie Rose Devaney, Zygfryd Wypchol, Betty George, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Michael Boland and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Christian Unity Week is taking place between 18 and 25th January. The second Unity Week Service will take place on here in St John Fisher at **2pm Saturday 22nd January**. All are welcome.

The Presentation of the Lord, 'Candlemas' – is celebrated on **Wednesday 2nd February**. The blessing of candles will take place at the start of the 10am Mass.

The Blessing of Throats - for the feast of St Blaise, will be offered after the 7pm mass on **Thursday 3rd February**.

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.

100 Club – The 2020 and 2021 draws for the 100 club have now been made by two parishioners. Please see the notice in the porch for the winners' names or visit the notice on the parish website at <https://stjohnfisher.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/100-club-winners-2020-2021.pdf>. Please contact the parish bookkeeper to organise payment using the parish office contact details. Thank you for your patience!

Synodal Pathway – Thank you to all of you who completed the Synodal Way questionnaire after Mass last November and who came to the subsequent group meeting that was held in the parish centre. The tight deadline means that there will sadly not be an opportunity to garner further reflections. Your responses have been collated by the parish welcome group and have been submitted to the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation to be collated with responses from parishes across the diocese. It was a privilege to read about the deep faith of so many, despite personal loss and challenges. Thank you for your participation.

Gift Aid Scheme: We thank everyone who 'Gift Aids' their donations to the parish enabling us to claim back the tax paid on your offering at no cost to you. If you are a member of the scheme but are no longer a taxpayer contact the Parish Bookkeeper (harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk).if you would are a taxpayer and do not currently Gift Aid your donations to the parish but would like to please also get in touch.

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 **physically attending Mass at St John Fisher** 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.

Knitting Group – The Knitting Group has resumed and will take place after Tuesday 10 am mass.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

The God Who Speaks Scripture Festival – You are invited to the God Who Speaks Festival at St Albans Cathedral from **3rd to 5th February**. It gives an opportunity for all pilgrims, whether from schools, parishes, or just visitors to the Cathedral to have an encounter with Christ through His Word at this three-day event. There will be different ways of exploring the Word of God in prayer, through activities and our intellect. For more details visit www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival

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**. 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.

Gala Irish Concert - at Salvatorian College, High Road, Harrow Weald from 7.30pm-11pm on **Saturday 26th February** supporting the British Heart Foundation and Michael Sobell Hospice. For more details see notice in church porch