



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**29<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
10.00am Stella Chapple RIP

#### Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Jerome Lynch RIP

**30<sup>th</sup> Sun** 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

8.30 am Finbarr Patrick Hayes RIP

10.00am People of the Parish

12noon Patrick Cusack RIP

**31<sup>st</sup> Mon** St John Bosco, Priest

10.00am Patrick Joseph Cusack RIP

**1<sup>st</sup> Tue** feria

10.00am Aseervatham Mariathan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed** THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10.00am Joe Mesquita RIP

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thu** Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury

7.00 pm Joseph & Elsie Yim RIP

**4<sup>th</sup> Fri** feria

10.00am Holy Souls

**5<sup>th</sup> Sat** St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

10.00am Ciara McCarthy

#### Vigil of Sunday

#### Catenian Vocation Mass

6.00pm Jerome Lynch RIP

**6<sup>th</sup> Sun** 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30 am Patrick Joseph Cusack

10.00am Paddy Murray RIP

12noon People of the Parish

### 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

### The Presentation of the Lord

The presentation of the Lord is one of those feasts that get forgotten. Many may see it as an afterthought of Christmas and Christmastide. But this feast has an importance because God reveals himself to the simple and meek.

This feast calls to mind the Jewish custom of redeeming and offering the everything we have to the Lord. As we know it is the Lord himself that offers himself to us to redeem us.

And two very simple people in the temple point this out to Mary and Joseph.



And old man named Simeon and old woman named Hannah. Both filled with God's spirit but to some may have been considered the mad ones because they were always in the temple.

Both prophecy that The Child has a mission to save and to reveal what was hidden for ages past. That this Child was going to save his people from the biggest threat. This threat is sin that enslaves us in a circle of death.

This feast marks the beginning and end of Jesus hidden life, and inaugurates his ministry always pointing to the fact that he will Passover from death to life so that we who are called to be the first fruits of the spirit do the same.

God loves each and every one of us and he wants us through this feast to be reminded that our fear and slaveries can be overcome because we have a God who has gone before us, and has suffered like us except in sin. So that we may too learn from him and serve other.

*May God bless you all. Fr Axcel*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137,  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

## 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** –Raymond Ngeh, Lily Agnes Anthonypillai,

**Pray also for** Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley, kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Margarete Bartocha, Judith Rohini Christie, Doris Jones, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan, Jack Hurst, Stan Phillips, Joseph Navaratnam Henry and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**The Presentation of the Lord, 'Candlemas'** – is celebrated on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:agustinpaunon@nhs.net) or [lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto: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](mailto:harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk)). If you would be a taxpayer and do not currently Gift Aid your donations to the parish but would like to please also get in touch.

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

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Confirmation** – Next weekend, the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb Confirmation registration begins (*Please do not ask for the forms this weekend*). **Please can the candidates collect the registration forms from Fr Axcel after the Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Deadline to return the forms is on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, Ash Wednesday.** The course is to begin for Lent and finish with confirmation at the end of May beginning of June. More information will be provided to the candidates in due course. Please keep updated with the newsletter.

**Harrow Foodbank** – Our monthly collection is next weekend 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> February. Especially required are: Shaving Foam, Sponge Pudding, Coffee (small 50g) Mugshots/packet pasta, Rice (500g), Tinned Mixed Vegetable, Cooking oil, Strong carrier bags (20p bags), Tinned Custard, Tinned baked beans with sausages, Washing up liquid, Nappies size 3, 6 & 7, Single adult toothbrushes. Thank you.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The God Who Speaks Scripture Festival** – You are invited to the God Who Speaks Festival at St Albans Cathedral from **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 **3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March**. For more information, Telephone or text 0788 729 6983 (Complete confidentiality assured.) Email:

[retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)  
<https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk>

or visit

**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