



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 – 5<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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sat** *St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*  
10.00am Ciara McCarthy

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

Catenian Vocations 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

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

10.00am John Monaghan RIP anniv

**8<sup>th</sup> Tue** *St Josephine Bakhita*

10.00am Patrick Joseph Cusack RIP

**9<sup>th</sup> Wed** *feria*

10.00am Grace Heskin

**10<sup>th</sup> Thu** *St Scolastica,*

7.00pm Justine Wareing (good health)

**11<sup>th</sup> Fri** *Our Lady of Lourdes*

10.00am Pat Jenkins

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

10.00am Patrick Joseph Cusack RIP

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Mary Morgan

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

8.30 am Mary Conway RIP

10.00am **Paddy & Tilly O'Connor 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

## BUT WHAT OF THE ABSENT MAJORITY ?

Over recent weeks I have noticed an increase in the numbers coming to Mass; a number of you have commented that numbers seem to be going up. Perhaps the easing of restrictions and the launch of our Sacramental programmes have provided the incentive that families and others have needed to come to celebrate the liturgy and share the Eucharist?



However in our concern over those who are not yet back at Mass we should not overlook the people that have returned and come regularly to celebrate the Sacraments since the church re-opened. So many of the recent synodal pathway responses highlighted how many of you cherish coming to pray and to receive the Sacraments. Yet returning to our previous Mass attendance is not an end goal. Across the country, before the pandemic, it was estimated that some 80% of baptised Catholics never come to church. Jesus gave us the command to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) so this is before we even think about bringing the Good News of Jesus to those who of other faiths or none!

It is surely this 'absent majority', many of whom will be members of your family just as they are of mine, that should spur us into action and help us understand the need to re-examine what we are doing?

We cannot sustain a parish solely on maintenance but must also look to mission!

*May God bless you all.*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

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

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jerimiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20,  
Luke 6:17, 20-26

## 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** – Stanley Tse

**Pray also for** Guy Verrier, Emily Jukes, David Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan, Daya Rajakarier, Daisy Rowland, Robert O’Beirne, Neil Browne, Joe Donoghue, Patricia Martin, Florence Else, Donald Bayross, Elizabeth Tavener, Martha Dyball, Tessa Corrigan, Bernard Hickin, Patrick Hannigan, Teresa Fernandes, Angela Clusker, Albert Smith, Mary Dunleavy, and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Covid-19** – Copies of the recent advice from the Bishops of England and Wales in the light of the Government’s lifting of ‘plan B’ were widely circulated last weekend. Consequently we have reintroduced the Sign of Peace at Mass and will no longer be taking names and phone numbers for ‘Test and Trace’, although the QR code is still available should you wish to register. We continue to invite you to **wear a face covering in the church and to gel your hands on entry and before Holy Communion**.

**St William of York, Stanmore** – Fr Axcel will be covering Friday and Saturday evening Masses this weekend whilst Fr Graham will be in Stanmore on Sunday and Monday mornings

**Northwick Park Hospital Chaplaincy.** Father Agustin Paunon is the Catholic chaplain serving Northwick Park/St Marks, Central Middlesex and Ealing Hospitals. 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 2020 and 2021 draws** – 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 office to organise payment. Parishioners who have already been in touch can collect their cheques after Mass or from the Parish Office (Mon-Thu 9.30am – 1pm)

**Synodal Pathway** – Thank you to everyone who took part in this process. Your responses have been submitted to the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation. The Cardinal is keen that each parish be represented at the Diocesan Synodal Gathering in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 19th February**. If you would like to attend and represent our parish please contact Fr Graham by **Monday, 7th February**.

**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 please contact the Parish Bookkeeper ([harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk)). If you are a taxpayer and do not Gift Aid your donations to the parish but would like to please also get in touch.

**The Social Club AGM** will be taking place on **Sunday 27th February** in the small hall at 7:30pm. Please also note that

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**– 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. The forms should be completed and returned to the parish office by this **Sunday, 6th February**. You will then be contacted to discuss your application.

**Confirmation** – Confirmation registration begins this weekend **Please can the candidates collect the registration forms from Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after the Masses on the 5th and 6th of Feb. Deadline to return the forms is 2nd March, Ash Wednesday**. The course is to begin in Lent and finish with Confirmation at the end of May or beginning of June. More information will be provided to the candidates in due course. Please keep updated with the newsletter.

membership renewals are now due for 2022. After the last two difficult years, we look forward to welcoming you back.

**Harrow Foodbank** – Our monthly collection is this weekend. 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

**Funeral Mass of Rev Father Peter (Louis) Preston SDS** - Fr Peter was born and brought up in this parish and was a professed Salvatorian for 69 years and ordained for 63 years. His body will be received into St Joseph’s Church, Wealdstone at 7pm on **Thursday 10th February** and his Requiem Mass will be on **Friday 11th February** at 12 Noon.

**Harrow Emergency Support Scheme** - The scheme is open to Harrow residents who are struggling to cope with living costs. To apply email [advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk](mailto:advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk) or call 0808 250 5705. Full details can be found on the notice in church porch. All applications must be received by **18th March**.

**Mass for World Day of the Sick** – The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be at 2pm on **Saturday 12th February** in Westminster Cathedral. Please contact the parish office by **9th February** if you are planning to attend with a wheelchair so that adequate provision can be made in the Cathedral.

**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

**Right to Life UK** - In our society there is an emphasis on defending the victims of societal discrimination, yet most of the time those most vulnerable and discriminated against are the ones without a voice. It is important to recognize human dignity in all stages of life from conception until natural death. Right to Life UK helps us to be informed and to act upon life issues no matter what their background or religion. To find out more, make a change and defend those without a voice please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/about-us>

## OTHER NOTICES (online only)

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