



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 – 7<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**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary On Saturday  
10.00am Tony Graydon RIP

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm People of the Parish

**20<sup>th</sup> Sun 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am Kathleen Farmer RIP

**10.00am Jean Gabriel RIP**

12noon Bob Charles RIP

**21<sup>st</sup> Mon** St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor

10.00am Stella & Late Joe Mesquita

**22<sup>nd</sup> Tue CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE**

10.00am Brigid Graydon

**11.30am Funeral Mass of Eileen Edwards RIP**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Wed** St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr:

10.00am John & Work Colleagues at NHS for protection

**24<sup>th</sup> Thu** feria

7.00pm Mrs McCreedy RIP

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

10.00am Gerard Clerkin RIP

**11.30am Funeral Mass of Claude Fernandez RIP**

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

10.00am Mary Sayer RIP/1<sup>st</sup> anniv

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm John Keenan RIP

**27<sup>th</sup> Sun 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.30 am People of the Parish

**10.00am Ann & Patrick Kilcoyne RIP anniv**

12noon All deceased members of the Dias Family

### 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 ONGOING MISSION OF THE PARISH

I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that following the recruitment exercise in November and due process Jan Bennett has been appointed as our parish catechist. Many of you will already know Jan who has lived in the parish for many years and has been a catechist for Saturday Club and more recently First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. She also plays the organ and piano at Mass. Jan will officially take up her post this Monday.



This marks an exciting time in the church as regards catechesis and Sacramental preparation. The pandemic has led many parishes

to ask questions about how successful traditional Sacramental programmes are at fostering 'families of faith' in an increasingly hostile secular culture. This is part of a wider question about the priority we place upon mission as opposed to the maintenance of structures that we have inherited and that were developed in a



very different social context. A great way for us to start exploring these issues is to come to our **'Watch party' at 6pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** where we will watch a discussion between Fr James Mallon, author of 'Divine Renovation', Bishop Robert Barron founder of 'Word on Fire' and Nicky Gumbel from the 'Alpha' course on 'What is God Saying to the Church.' Followed by pancakes and discussion! Please sign up in the porch or contact the parish office

May the Lord bless you. *Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

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

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

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Psalm 91,

1 Corinthians 15:45-58, Luke 6:39-45

## 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** – Eileen Edwards, Jean Gabriel, Annie Doherty

Pray also for Gabriel Dias, Lil Cawley, Joan Chan, Delia Burke, Francis Roberts, Thomas Martin, Margaret Caden, James "Seamus" Browne, Daniel "Donal" Ryan, Joe Reilly, Aristides Cordoba, Kitty Tully, John Noble, Patrick Kilcoyne, Eileen Steinitz, Leon St Hill, Michael Anderson, Nanette Burke, Joanna Roberts, Catherine Lissemore, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**A word from Jan Bennett, our new parish catechist:** 'I am very excited to be taking on this role. I have spent the last 30 years working as a pharmacist in the Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency where my focus was on public health but many of you will know me from previous sacramental programmes we have worked on together and from my music ministry in the parish. This new role will give me the opportunity to work with you all wherever you are on your faith journey to consider how we can live out our baptismal mission to take the Gospel message outside the wall of the church. I would ask you to pray for me as I start my new role and I will keep you all in my prayers.'

The **Funeral Mass of Eileen Edwards RIP** will take place at 11.15am on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** followed by burial at Carpenters Park Cemetery. The **Funeral Mass of Claude Fernandez RIP** will take place at 1.30am on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium We keep Eileen, Claude and their families in our prayers at this time.

**Confirmation** – Confirmation registration has begun. Please can candidates collect the registration forms from Fr Axcel or Fr Graham after any Mass. The deadline for the candidates to return the forms is **2nd March, Ash Wednesday**. Once we have received your application Father Axcel will send you a letter. There will be a Confirmation induction meeting in the church at **4.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March** for the Candidates and their parents, please keep that date free as it is important.

**St John Fisher Social Club** are holding a quiz on **Saturday 5th March**. Doors open at 8pm, quiz starts at 8.30. Entry £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. The **Social Club AGM** will be taking place on **Sunday 27th February** in the small hall at 7:30pm. Please note that membership renewals are now due.

**Harrow Emergency Support Scheme** – Help with living costs. The scheme is open to Harrow residents who are struggling to cope with living costs. Harrow Residents wishing to apply can email [advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk](mailto:advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk) or telephone 0808 250 5705. Full details can be found on the Church Notice Board. All applicants for the scheme must apply by 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** – For the next financial year we will be purchasing planned giving envelopes for those who have donated to the parish this way during the last two years. If you have not used your envelopes for more than two years but would still like to receive them please contact the parish office.

## **LENT 2022**

**Maintenance to Mission** – We are having a '**Watch Party**' on **Shrove Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** to watch 'What is God Saying the the Church?' a live discussion between Fr James Mallon, author of 'Divine Renovation' Bishop Robert Barron founder of 'Word on Fire' and Nicky Gumbel from the Alpha Course. Afterwards there will be time for discussion and pancakes, all in the Fisher Room starting at **6pm** so arrive for 5.45pm. Please sign up in the porch or contact the parish office if you would like to come

**Ash Wednesday** - Masses with the distribution of ashes will take place at **10 am and 7pm**

**Stations of the Cross** will take place on Friday mornings and evenings during Lent. We are inviting parishioners to lead the Stations of the Cross **after Friday morning Mass**; please contact the parish office if you would like to do this; there are many texts available in the sacristy to choose from. There will be a **Friday evening Mass at 7pm** in Lent followed by Father Graham or Father Axcel leading Stations of the Cross.

From 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, 6<sup>th</sup> March, the **12 Noon mass will revert back to 11.30 am**. Mass intentions booked for the 12 Noon mass will be transferred to the 11.30am Mass.

**Churches Together in North Harrow Lent house groups** - The course will explore the Beatitudes encouraging us to examine our lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these kingdom values now. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you would be interested in joining a group.

**Saturday morning 'mini retreat' with Confessions for Lent from visiting priests** – date and further details to follow

**Lent Walk with Me booklets** are now available at the back of the church for £1. Please put money in 'papers' wall safe

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony** - Married couples who are celebrating particular anniversaries during the course of 2022 are invited to Westminster Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony. This will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 3pm. This occasion is one where joy, gratitude and also the deep emotions of a shared journey are celebrated. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office.

## OTHER NOTICES (online only)

**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)

**The Passage** a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on **Thursday 3 March at 7.30 pm** in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at [www.passage.org.uk/st-dauids-day-concert](http://www.passage.org.uk/st-dauids-day-concert) or telephone 020 75921856

**Parish Administrator: Harrow South & Northolt Parish** is looking for a Parish Administrator. 22.5 hours per week. Salary: £13 per hour Closing date: 25 February 2022 at noon Full details available at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-harrow-south-northolt/> More details on notice in church porch.

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

**Examination Invigilators** - St Dominic's Sixth Form College are looking for Examination Invigilators to provide support for both public and college mock examinations in May and June 2022. For more information please see notice on church notice board.

**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>

**St Vincent's Nursing Home** in Pinner is looking to appoint a General Manager who has experience working in a health and social care setting to provide strong leadership to a team who care passionately about the residents in their care. For more information please see notice on church notice board.

**St Scholastica's Retreat** - The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, see notice on church notice board or visit [www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy)