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13th MARCH 2022 – 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

12th Sat *Lent feria*
10.00am Pablo Baldomero RIP anniv

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Justin Hennelly RIP

13th Sun **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am Jackie Fong RIP

10.00am Angela Clusker RIP (10th anniv)

11.30am People of the Parish

14th Mon *Lent feria*

10.00am Raymond Ngeh RIP

15th Tue *Lent feria*

10.00am Michael Biesty RIP (2nd anniv)

16th Wed *Lent feria*

10.00am Mr Geoffrey John Reynard

17th Thu *ST PATRICK, Bishop Patron of Ireland*

7.00pm Thanksgiving

18th Fri *Lent feria*

10.00am Mike Horan RIP

followed by Stations of the Cross

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19th Sat **ST JOSEPH, Spouse of Mary**

Morning retreat – 'Sing a New Song', Fr Derek McGuire

10.00am Justin Hennelly RIP

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm People of the Parish

20th Sun **3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am Julien & Ruth Melville- Thanksgiving

10.00am Mrs Theresa Keenan

11.30am Pat O'Driscoll

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays during Lent: 7.30pm-8.00pm

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm

Saturday 19th March 10.30-11.30 with visiting priests

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

Sacrament of the Sick – please speak to a priest or contact the parish office leaving a message if there is no reply

WORKS OF MERCY

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ, I take the opportunity to write about something scriptural or practical in our faith because I am aware many of us do not understand the scripture as a mirror to our life. Psalm 119:105 says "your word o Lord is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path"

Many other words guide our life. Those words usually cause us to live only for ourselves. But usually in a moment of crisis what we have learned and receive by those who passed down the faith to us prove useful.



The reason I say this is because the works of Mercy are 7 physical or corporal and 7 spirituals. In other words, either work has one goal that one may have an encounter with the risen Christ physically and have also the hope of eternal life. That life does not end here.

I have a friend who is a priest and who is in Kyiv at the moment. He writes to me and other brothers who know him in the time we were in the Holy Land. He remains there despite his human weakness. He asks us to pray for him. Our spiritual work is to pray for these people. Because there are many who are working corporally for mercy for the widow and the orphan, those without a home because of war.

To be humanitarian is to give glory to oneself with slogans. Works of mercy are rather silent and point those acting on them to heaven and brings the soul which is suffering closer to God.

This Sunday Jesus tells his apostles that he has to undergo his passion, but on the third day he will rise. Our Hope is this. To love God is to love others even if it means giving up a bit of ourselves. Like a parent who has to wake up at night to care for their crying child.

Let us pray for these people in Ukraine, and anywhere there is persecution, and we can help physically as well remembering that God sees our intentions.

With every blessing

Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15, Psalm 102,

I Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 Luke 13:1-9

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: Mary Ginty, Nora Ding, Mark Byrne

Pray also for : Catherine Cattigan, Joan Howard, Brenda O'Hanlon, John Forde, Guiseppe Marcellini, Milly Yarwood, Frederick Sutherland, John Cahill, Norma Mesquita, Veronica Marzollini, Baby Melissa Ferreira, Ann Devine, Eric McCarthy, Margaret McKenna, Sophie Swidzinska, Margaret Enwright, Michael Wlodarczyk, Ernesto Placencia, Wijdan Marji, Jason Moore-Martin, Ted Finn, Maria Magdolna Braun, Anthony Caden, Lisa Alex, James O'Shea, Margaret Locascio, and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Harrow Deanery – The priests of the deanery are meeting here on **Tuesday** from 11am. This means that there will be no knitting group and the church entrance will be closed from 11am-1pm.

What is God Saying to the Church? - You can watch the webinar with inspiring speakers Bishop Robert Barron, Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and Nicky Gumbel from the Alpha Course here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7ddd_o7ZDM Over 30 parishioners have engaged in discussions on this so far! Please pray that this may be the starting point for a process of renewal within our parish and beyond.

Welcome rota - Could you arrive about 10-15 minutes early for Mass some weekends and join the rota to greet people and hand out books? If you are able to offer this small amount of time Sue Moriarty would be happy to hear from you. Please email suemoriarty@sky.com and let her know which Mass you normally attend. During the pandemic many commented how welcome it was to be greeted at the door of the church. Let's continue that hospitality. Thank you.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal – We raised over £400 last weekend to support this appeal. As there is now a Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal set up, with match funding from the Government, this money will go to support that charitable effort. If we raise another £100 this weekend then £1,000 will go to support the appeal! Thank you for your generosity in practical as well as prayerful support for this terrible human tragedy.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Isaiah: the Fifth Gospel, Part Two: The Ecstasy and the Agony – On **Tuesday 22nd March** at 7pm Fr John Hemer MHM will present on zoom the second part of his talk on the prophet Isaiah. Please book via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/288514353197

Synodal Pathway updates - If you would like to access feedback from the recent Synodal listening sessions across the diocese please go to www.rcdow.org.uk/synod There's a lot to read!

LENT 2022

'Sing a New Song' Saturday morning retreat with Confessions for Lent from visiting priests – Next **Saturday, 19th March**, we welcome Fr Derek McGuire, parish priest of Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill to celebrate and give the homily at our 10am Mass and a subsequent talk on the theme of how the Psalms can change our lives. **Visiting priests will be available during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to hear confessions.** A Lenten lunch in Elmfield Church follows straight afterwards.

Stations of the Cross take place on Friday mornings and evenings during Lent. We invite 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 texts available to choose from. There will be a **Friday evening Mass at 7pm** in Lent followed by Fr Graham or Fr Axel leading Stations of the Cross with **Confessions available at the same time** (Fridays 7.30pm-8.00pm) except on 18th March as we are covering Stanmore that weekend.

Lenten Almsgiving – This year our Lenten alms, typically the collection on Holy Thursday, will support the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** supporting the work of parishes and Caritas Westminster to enable those on the margins to lead a life of dignity and worth, the work of **Mary's Meals** feeding children at school in developing countries in order to help them attain an education and the **DEC Ukrainian Emergency Appeal**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Family Fast Day was last Friday, 11th March, a day when we hopefully remembered to eat simply in order to give generously to support CAFOD's work around the world. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate using the envelopes available in the church porch or by visiting www.cafod.org.uk/lent Please Gift Aid your contribution if you are eligible.

Churches Together in North Harrow – Lenten lunches of soup, cheese and bread to raise money for St Luke's Hospice and to promote fellowship amongst Christians will be taking place at 12noon on **Saturday 19th March** at Elmfield, Imperial Drive and at 12noon on **Saturday 9th April** at St Albans Church, The Ridgeway.

Universe Catholic Weekly - have launched a new online newspaper. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 6617650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony - Married couples who are celebrating particular anniversaries during 2022 are invited to Westminster Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony. This will take place on **Saturday 14th May** at 3pm. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office.

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 or lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

OTHER NOTICES (online only)

Walk of Witness – The regular Churches Together Walk of Witness around the local churches will take place on **Good Friday, 15th April**, starting at 11.30am outside St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway

Examination Invigilators - St Dominic's Sixth Form College and Sacred Heart Language College are looking for Examination Invigilators. For more information please see notice on church notice board.

St John Fisher Preschool is looking for a preschool assistant, ideally with a relevant Level 2 Early Years qualification or above. However they will accept unqualified if you are willing to start a level 2 course. You will be required to work up to 20 hours a week, (days/times negotiable for 38+ weeks). Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. Closing date for applicants **21st March**. A full and enhanced DBS will be required. For an application form please email Lynne Durcan on sjf.preschool@gmail.com.

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>.

Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) - On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **Wednesday 23rd March** at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

Train to Teach at Salvatorian College - Are you a Graduate with a good degree and strong communication skills? Funded secondary teacher training opportunities are available at Salvatorian College from September 2022. Enjoy exceptional new facilities, a calm and orderly atmosphere, and polite, responsive students. Starting salaries of £30k+ available on qualification. Please send an email to recruitment@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk for more information.

'The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from Monday 14 March. Every £1 donated online between 12.00noon on Monday 14 March and 12.00noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.