



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### 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** Lent feria

10.00am John Keenan RIP

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm People of the Parish

**6<sup>th</sup> Sun** 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Chris Cusack RIP

**10.00am** "for those who prayed for Joe and supported the Mesquita Family"

11.30am Marce Baldomero Marinas

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

10.00am Mercedita Baldomero RIP

**8<sup>th</sup> Tue** Lent feria

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

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

10.00am Colin & Daphne Martin

**10<sup>th</sup> Thu** Lent feria

7.00pm Cusack Family

**11<sup>th</sup> Fri** Lent feria

10.00am Kathleen Stokes RIP

*followed by Stations of the Cross*

7.00pm Pennant - Shah Family

*followed by Stations of the Cross*

**12<sup>th</sup> Sat** Lent Feria

10.00am Pablo Baldomero RIP anniv

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Justin Hennelly RIP

**13<sup>th</sup> Sun** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

8.30 am Jackie Fong RIP

**10.00am** Angela Clusker RIP (10<sup>th</sup> anniv)

11.30am People of the Parish

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Fridays during Lent: 7.30pm-8.00pm**

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Meeting in London the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland said:



"In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals.

We ask our Catholic communities to **sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence.** We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons. We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and **respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland.** We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare"

In response to this we continue to pray and observe our Lenten fasting in support of peace in Ukraine. We will also be opening a collection to support the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain's #HELPUKRAINE emergency appeal if you wish to support the relief effort through the parish. We will also support this appeal through our Lenten Alms.

*With every blessing*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5 -12, 17-18, Psalm 26,

Philippians 3:17-4.1, Luke 9:28-36

## 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:** Brendan Nelson; Desdra Campolmi

**Pray also for :** John Rogers, Brian Morahan, Gilbert Lee, Ghandy Mangani, Celeste Robinson, Anthony Heffernan, Jimmy Gilmore, Irene Smith, Margaret Turner, Maria McCullough, Donal Ryan, Colin Martin, John O'Rogun, Mary Cross, Richard Cobb, Andrzej Drapa, Michael Carolan, Mel Stiffle, Anna Castignetti, Rowland Kenworthy, Bruno Castignetti, Breda Linnane, Doreen Williams, Betty Kalemba, Edward Goulding, Bob Le Forestier, Jack Conway, Charlie O'Brien, Kathleen Hayes, Derrick Mitchell, Delores Atkins, George O'Neill, Patricia Roach and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Watch Party** - Thanks you to all those who came to our watch party on Tuesday evening. We heard Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire and a bishop in California, give the same message that Cardinal Vincent gave last week in his pastoral letter to invite someone you know to come back to Mass this Lent....as well as much more besides about how we need to respond to what God has been telling us and move to become focussed on the mission entrusted to us by Christ, not maintaining the structures that we have inherited.

You can watch the webinar involving Bishop Barron, Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and Nicky Gumbel from the Alpha Course here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7ddd\\_o7ZDM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7ddd_o7ZDM)

If you were unable to join us last Tuesday Fr Graham will be hosting the **discussion element of the webinar at 8.00pm next Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March on zoom**. To join please e-mail Fr Graham for the link or sign in with meeting ID 816 9373 7743 and passcode: 7Gcd5B. It should last about half an hour.

**From Sunday the 12 Noon mass reverts to 11.30am.**

**Confirmation** – There is an induction meeting in the church at **4.30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** for candidates and their parents.

**St John Fisher Social Club** are holding a quiz on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Harrow Emergency Support Scheme** – Help with living costs. The scheme is open to Harrow residents who are struggling to cope with living costs. To apply telephone 0808 250 5705 or email [advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk](mailto:advice@citizensadviceharrow.org.uk). Full details can be found on the church notice board. All applicants must apply by the **new deadline of 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Harrow Foodbank** – Our monthly collection takes place this weekend; the Foodbank shopping list this month includes shaving foam and razors; long-life fruit juice; tinned fruit; tinned macaroni cheese; shampoo; sponge puddings; men's deodorant; full fat long-life milk; salt; bars of soap; nappies size 4

## **LENT 2022**

**Saturday morning 'mini retreat' with Confessions for Lent from visiting priests** – On the Solemnity of St Joseph, **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, we welcome Fr Derek McGuire, parish priest of Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Fr Derek will 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.**

**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 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 with **Confessions available at the same time** (Fridays 7.30pm-8.00pm)

**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, and also the work of Mary's Meals feeding children at school in developing countries in order to help them attain an education. Given the humanitarian crisis on our doorstep with a million displaced people and counting this year our Lenten Alms, we will also support the Ukrainian Emergency Appeal.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - We remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**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 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 3pm. If you would like to attend please contact the parish office.

**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 **21<sup>st</sup> March**. A full and enhanced DBS will be required. For an application form please email Lynne Durcan on [sjf.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.preschool@gmail.com).

## 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)

**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.