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27th MARCH 2022 – 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 26th Sat** *Lent Feria*
 10.00am Mrs Theresa Keenan
Vigil of Sunday
 6.00pm People of the Parish
- 27th Sun** **4th SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8.30 am Mr M F C Hubert RIP
10.00am Stella Mesquita & All mums in the Parish
 11.30am Deirdre Ratnayake RIP anniv
- 28th Mon** *Lent feria*
 10.00am Patrick Monaghan RIP anniv
- 29th Tue** *Lent feria*
 10.00am Mrs Theresa Keenan
- 30th Wed** *Lent feria*
 10.00am Mrs Lily Kamala RIP anniv
- 31st Thu** *Lent feria*
 7.00pm Margaret Murphy RIP
- 1st Fri** *Lent Feria*
 10.00am Holy Souls
followed by Stations of the Cross
 7.00pm Leocadia D'Souza RIP/30th Anniv
followed by Stations of the Cross
- 2nd Sat** *Lent feria*
 10.00am Leocadia D'Souza RIP
Vigil of Sunday
 6.00pm Caroline Brennan (Good Health)
- 3rd Sun** **5th SUNDAY OF LENT**
 8.30 am People of the Parish
10.00 am Mark Byrne RIP
 11.30am Michael Galballly

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fridays during Lent: after Stations of the Cross

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

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

MARY OUR MOTHER, LET US RECEIVE HER LOVING HEART

Brothers and sisters, we hear in Genesis 3:15 the pre-announcement or the first Gospel. Many Church Fathers interpret this mysterious passage as Mary being the woman, the son being Jesus and that this is prophecy means that because death and suffering entered the world through the seed of the serpent, Jesus will crush death on the cross striking as well.



This is the first reading for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. All life is sacred, and as we know the seed of the serpent hates life from conception to old age, and this lie has entered in the form of division in the world. We see it now in Ukraine and Russia. The Pope in this special solemnity invites all of us to unite with him to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the same heart which was wounded by the death of her Son, and the same heart which is wounded when we are divided. As we approach Mothering Sunday as well it is important to remember the love of a mother. Jesus says to her behold your Son; will we be like John and welcome her to our homes? This excerpt is the prayer we were all invited to say on Friday with faith:

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Fr Axcel

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 125,

Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

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: Fr Kevin McDevitt, Raymond Argue, William Patrick Johns,

Pray also for : Walter Jackson, Sean Kelly, Antonio Cacchioli, Jose' Duran Carballo, Michael Lee, Ned O'Neill, Ann Castell, Kathleen Truscott, Deirdre Ratnayake, Bernard Letchet, Barbara Dyt, Lucy "Lucille" Goulding, Mary Farrell, James O'Brien, Marian Blazek, Michael Stiffle, Quentin Gill, May McDonagh, Rose Cunningham, Charles Merritt, Lily Kamala, Clifford Perera, Phelbean Martins, Eric Rodrigues, Avito Saldanha, Madeline Borio, Saverimuthu Leo Anton whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

(live-streamed in red)

Palm Sunday:

8.30am Mass;
10.00am **Mass** (*starting outside St Alban's Church on The Ridgeway followed by procession*);
11.30am Mass

Holy Thursday:

8pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (*followed by watching at altar of repose in church*)
11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday

10am Morning Prayer
11am Stations of the Cross for children
3pm; **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion;**
8pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

10am Morning Prayer
8pm **The Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday – Mass at usual Sunday times

Altar Servers Holy Week & Easter Preparation – There will be a rehearsal for the Holy Week and Easter services on **Monday & Tuesday 4th & 5th April at 6pm to 7pm** in the church. We would like to invite all Altar Servers to attend.

Good Friday 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.

Harrow & Brent Citizens Local Election Assembly - 20th April from 6:30 to 8pm at the Ark Academy beside Wembley Park Station. More information to come but please register for one of the limited free tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brent-citizens-harrow-citizens-accountability-assembly-tickets-299023355907>

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. Thank you.

LENT 2022

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. **Friday evening Mass at 7pm** in Lent followed by Fr Graham or Fr Axcel leading Stations of the Cross with **confessions available straight after**.

Lenten Almsgiving – This year our Lenten alms, including the collection on Holy Thursday, will support the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal**, the work of **Mary's Meals** and the **DEC Ukrainian Emergency Appeal**.

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 2nd April** at St George's, Pinner View and on **Saturday 9th April** at St Albans Church, The Ridgeway

Ukraine Emergency Appeal – Having responded generously with prayer and financial donations we are now invited to focus on responding more broadly to the humanitarian crisis caused by war in Ukraine. The document from Caritas distributed with last week's electronic newsletter and available at the back of the church addresses key points, what is needed and how best to respond. The full document is available at <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>

Furniture request: our SVP group has had a request for help from a person who has recently been housed in this area. They are particularly in need of a bed and mattress, a small second hand sofa and dining table and chairs, toaster and microwave. If you can help please contact iainadlington@icloud.com

Harrow Foodbank – our monthly foodbank collection takes place next weekend. To find out what the Foodbank's particular needs are visit www.harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ Please no baked beans, tinned soup, cereal, pasta, porridge or tuna

Club Quiz – SJF Social Club are holding a quiz on **Saturday 2nd April**. 8 for 8.30 start. Entry £1.50 per person, max team size 4 persons, max number of teams 7. Reserve your team table by phoning John Cousins on 020 88666845. Bottle of wine each for the winning team!

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

The Passion of Jesus live in Trafalgar Square – Free performance at 12noon and 3.15pm on Good Friday, 15th April. More information including livestream at www.wintershall.org.uk

OTHER NOTICES (online only)

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 Please pray that this may be the starting point for a process of renewal within our parish and beyond.

Mass for Migrants - Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral for the Feast of St Joseph, the Worker with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London; 2pm banner procession followed by 2.30pm Mass

CAFOD - Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.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