



# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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## 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sat** Lent Feria

10.00am Leocadia D'Souza RIP

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm Caroline Brennan (Good Health)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.30 am People of the Parish

**10.00am** Mark Byrne RIP

11.30am Michael Galbally RIP

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

10.00am Charles Kalanzi RIP

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

10.00am Mr & Mrs Fontgalan RIP anniv

**11.30am** Funeral Mass of William Patrick Johns

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

10.00am Bernadette Fernandes RIP 3<sup>rd</sup> anniv

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

7.00pm Michael Flynn RIP

**8<sup>th</sup> Fri** Lent Feria

10.00am George Etueo RIP/1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

*followed by Stations of the Cross*

7.00pm Mrs B Conway RIP

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

10.00am Jack Taylor RIP

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Vigil of Sunday**

6.00pm John Buckles

**10<sup>th</sup> Sun** **PALM SUNDAY**

8.30 am People of the Parish

**10.00 am** Starting outside St Albans Church on The Ridgway

**George & Henry Standon RIP**

11.30am Lucy Mulvaney RIP/2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv

### **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

### CHERISHING LIFE

This week the House of Commons voted to allow continued access to abortion medication at home. The measure was brought in during the pandemic but was rescinded by the government and was due to cease on 30 August 2022. However, MPs have now voted to support an amendment to the the Health and Care Bill allowing the use of the pills at home by 215 votes to 188.



As Bishop John Sherrington, the lead Bishop for Life Issues

commented 'Such a move diminishes the seriousness with which these decisions should be taken. Not only will this endanger the lives of the unborn, but also the lives of women.'

So what can be done to promote the dignity of human life from conception until natural death? Bishop John adds that 'we must now strengthen our resolve to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life, and to continue to pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.' Our local MPs voted on opposite sides in this vote; this is worth bearing in mind with elections coming up. They are local elections to Harrow Council, but politicians and activists are door-knocking to raise interest in political issues! Find out how your MP voted at [www.theyworkforyou.com/divisions/pw-2022-03-30-237-commons](http://www.theyworkforyou.com/divisions/pw-2022-03-30-237-commons)

*With every blessing for the week ahead*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

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

Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28 -40, Psalm 21,

Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23;56

## 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.

**Pray also for** :Keith Bowker, Cecil Cobb, Marian O'Dea, Darren Jones, Mary O'Sullivan, Maureen O'Rogun, Victoria Manuel Loja, Paul Harrison, Aldo Trombetti, Roman Sidorowicz, Mary Reidy, Joe Walsh, Gerard Nicholas, Maria Teixeira, Hannah Celine O'Brien, Kathleen Prendeville, Bernadette Fernandes, Sally Enwright, Nora O'Connor, John O'Sullivan and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

*(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

**The Funeral Service of William Patrick Johns** RIP will take place this **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.30am** and be followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We keep Maria and her family in our prayers at this time.

**Change to Mass Times – On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April the parish Mass will be celebrated at 9am**, rather than 10am, to enable the priests to attend the Chrims Mass in Westminster Cathedral.

**Altar Servers Holy Week & Easter Preparation** – There will be a rehearsal for the Holy Week and Easter services on **Monday & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April from 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, 15<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 11.30am outside St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway.

**Our Children's Understanding of Sunday Mass** – A great free online resource for families to support Sunday and Holy Week is available online from Mark 10 Mission at [www.themark10mission.co.uk](http://www.themark10mission.co.uk)

**Harrow & Brent Citizens Local Election Assembly - 20th April** from 6:30 to 8pm at the Ark Academy beside Wembley Park Station. 'The Church, while respecting the autonomy of political life, does not restrict her mission to the private sphere. On the contrary, she cannot and must not remain on the side-lines in the building of a better world.' (*Fratelli Tutti* 176) Help build a better Harrow for people on the margins who are poor or homeless. Please register for one of the limited free tickets here (under Company, enter St John Fisher Church):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brent-citizens-harrow-citizens-accountability-assembly-tickets-29902335907>

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> April** at St Albans Church, The Ridgeway

**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 [jainadlington@icloud.com](mailto:jainadlington@icloud.com)

**Harrow Foodbank** – our monthly foodbank collection takes place this weekend. To find out the Foodbank's particular needs visit [www.harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://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.

**Disruption due to works** – Contractors will be on site during Easter Week to repair storm damage to the church roof and to replace the worn and leaking flat roof on the right hand side of the church.

## DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**The Passion of Jesus live in Trafalgar Square** – Free performance at 12noon and 3.15pm on Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April. More information including livestream at [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://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](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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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>

**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.

**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)