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15th MAY 2022 – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

14th Sat ST MATTHIAS, Apostle
10.00am Adeline & Nicholas

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Brendan Nelson RIP

15th Sun 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Stella Mesquita RIP (1st Month Anniversary)

11.30am Maureen Casey RIP

16th Mon Easter feria

10.00am The Bell Family

17th Tue Easter feria

10.00am Jane Francis Ryan RIP

11.30am Funeral of Pearl Jeremiah RIP

18th Wed St John I, Pope & Martyr

10.00am Tommy Doonan RIP

11.30am Funeral of Marie Odette Lai Choo Kan RIP

19th Thu Easter feria

7.00pm Betty Kalemba RIP

20th Fri St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

10.00am Jean Coward RIP

21st Sat St Christopher Magallanes Priest & Companions

10.00am Winn Kennedy, health intentions

Vigil of Sunday

6.00pm Mary Anne & Patrick Joseph Moloney RIP

22nd Sun 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Gabriel Faria

11.30am Augustine Texeira & Holly Rodrigues RIP anniv

Reconciliation

Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm
and by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 9am-9.45am

Saturdays and 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
For Northwick Park Hospital call 020 8869 2113 or email agustinpaunon@nhs.net or lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

COMING BACK TOGETHER



The bishops of England and Wales have issued an invitation to all Catholics to return to Mass from Pentecost. Their statement recognises the challenges that some of you may still face in physically coming to Mass but encourages us in our “fundamental Christian

duty ... to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass.” It reminds us that “attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges...” A copy of this statement is included with the e-mailed newsletter and hard copies are available at the back of the church; please do read it and respond!

Remember the Cardinals' invitation to us at the start of Lent to invite someone to return to Mass? Well a great focus for this would be Mass on **Trinity Sunday, 12th June** as we are having a **parish get together** to celebrate our faith and meet old and new parishioners. For this to happen we need your help in **bringing savoury and sweet foods to share as well as helping setup and clear up**. The parish will provide something to drink. **Please sign up in the church porch this weekend!**

And remember the watch party we had in the parish centre on Shrove Tuesday? This week I am inviting you to join a reading group **to read and discuss Fr James Mallon's book on parish renewal, Divine Renovation** with a desire to taking this forward in the parish. Everyone is welcome to join this journey whether you joined us on Shrove Tuesday or not. There will be more details given on **Monday 13th June at 7pm in the small hall**. Please let me know if you will be coming as I need to buy the books! I am very excited by this potential journey of renewal so if you want to join the book reading please contact me. It will be a long term project but there's no need to commit to more than wanting to read the book at this stage!

So let's pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our community in the build up to Pentecost and all that is happening.

Every blessing

Fr Graham

Reflect on next Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 66,

Revelation/Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29.

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 - Timothy Aseerwatham

Pray also for Thomas Durkin, Cathleen Smith, Hilda Rogers, William Irving, Carl Johns, James Moreland, Rita Rough, Eugene Murray, Anne Griffin, Peter Digby, Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman, Ellen Broadrick, Raneer Saverimuttu, Somasundaram "Kevin James" Sundararajan, Robert Dorr, Franek Szlachta, John Plowright, Theresa Hughes, Joe O'Gorman and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Returning to Mass at Pentecost – copies of the bishops' statement restoring the Sunday obligation on Catholics are available at the back of the church, having been distributed with the e-mailed newsletter.

Parish Get Together – from 12noon on Sunday 12th June (Trinity Sunday) you are invited to come to the parish centre (and outside if the weather is good!) for a bring and share lunch. It will be a great opportunity to socialise with other parishioners and celebrate our faith together for the first time in 3 years! **Please sign up to help set up, clear up or to bring along some food, sweet or savoury**

Parish Renewal 'Divine Renovation' reading group – Further to our 'watch party' on Shrove Tuesday Fr Graham would like to invite parishioners to join a reading group to explore the principles and ideas in 'Divine Renovation' and how we might take them forward in the parish. This will start with a gathering on **Monday 13th June at 7pm in the small hall. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Fr Graham** in person or via e-mail as we need to buy the books! More information can be found at www.divinerenovation.org/ or by watching www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0I28-2U

Funeral Masses - There are a number of funerals in the parish over the coming weeks, each of which is a blessed opportunity for us to pray for the repose of the souls of those that have died. We keep each of these families in our prayers at this time; may Pearl, Marie and Stella rest in peace and rise in glory.

- The Funeral Mass of **Pearl Jeremiah RIP** will take place at **11.30am on Tuesday 17th May** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium
- The Funeral Service of **Marie Odette Lai Choo Kan RIP** will take place at **11.30am on Wednesday 18th May** followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery
- The Funeral Mass of **Stella Mesquita RIP** will take place at **12noon on Tuesday 24th May** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium

Sacramental Celebrations – Bishop John Sherrington will be here to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation at 2pm on Sunday 29th May**. This year we will be celebrating **First Holy Communions** at parish Sunday Masses on the weekends of **28/29 May, 4/5 June and 11/12 June**. These will be followed by a **Corpus Christi procession after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 19th June**. Please keep these young parishioners and their families in your prayers.

Fr Tony Brunning RIP – Fr Tony's Funeral Mass will be on **Monday 23rd May at 12.15pm** at Holy Trinity, Brook Green. Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside and the homily will be given by Fr Tony Pellegrini. Fr Tony Brunning was parish priest of Northolt and South Harrow in the 1980s and 90s.. May he rest in peace.

Little Explorer Stay and Play at St John Fisher Primary School – **9.30am-11.00am on Monday 23rd May, Thursday 30th June and Monday 11th July**. Sessions for children 4 years old and under playing alongside qualified and experienced teachers. Cost of £3 per session. A variety of activities both inside and outside. Snacks and refreshments provided. To book please contact the school office on 020 8868 2961 or office@st-johnfisher.harrow.sch

The Parish Women's Group are organising a walk on **Saturday 21st May** in Sarratt. They will meet at the church at 10.30am after morning Mass and share cars to Sarratt. The walk lasts about an hour and a half. You will need walking boots/shoes. There will be lunch afterwards at The Cock Inn, where the walk starts. All women in the parish are invited and we would be delighted to see new faces. Please contact Deirdre Barker on dshanahan1@hotmail.com or the Parish Office for more information.

St John Fisher Primary School Summer Fete – The Friends of St John Fisher School are holding a Summer Fete on **Saturday 2nd July** which we have been invited to take part in. More information will follow but we will firstly be asking for **plants for a plant stall as well as for volunteers to sell raffle tickets after Sunday Masses**.

DEANERY & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Day Of Prayer For Eastern Christians: This year's International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is on **22nd May**, the 6th Sunday of Easter. More details on poster n parish porch.

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place this year from **22nd-29th July**. For further details please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or visit www.tangney-tours.com/westminster.

March For Life 3rd September - See more details on leaflets in church porch or at www.marchforlife.co.uk and plan to join Catholics and other people of good will at this important annual act of pro-life witness in London. More information to follow but save the date!

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse - The Bishops have chosen Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse — **17th May 2022**. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused in Eastertime, a season of hope and new life.

Interested in hosting refugees? Join Caritas Westminster and the Jesuit Refugee Service for an information session on hosting refugee guests. **Wednesday 18th May, 6.30 - 8pm** via Zoom. This session is open to those who are hosting, would like to learn more, or would like to join a group to discern what a wider welcome could look like. This session has been set up in response to the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Afghan Refugee Response, and the wider situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the Diocese of Westminster. Sign up by visiting <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php> or Caritas Westminster's Eventbrite Page.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES

The paradox of abundance – St John Paul II Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

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