

# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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**19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

*You may appear on camera if you are seated in the front four pews and/or when you come to receive Holy Communion.*

<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am	Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul Holy Souls  <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am <b>10.00am</b> 11.30am	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Kay Stokes RIP/Anniv <b>Harry Gallagher RIP/4<sup>th</sup> Anniv</b> Katherine Hayes & Finbarr Patrick Hayes RIP/Anniv
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Mon</b> 10.00am	feria Naomi Saverimuthu RIP
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Tue</b> 10.00am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Helen Gallagher RIP/7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Wed</b> 10.00am	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr Jose Teixeira
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Thu</b> 7.00pm	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr Caroline Teehan (Birthday & Get Well)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Fri</b> 10.00am	St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest Denise Likoune RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am – 5.30pm	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Day with Mary <i>see separate notice for details of Mass, Exposition and Confessions today</i>
6.00pm	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> People of the Parish
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am <b>10.00am</b> 11.30am	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b> Christopher Ponnukone RIP <b>Day with Mary</b> Mike Deely RIP/5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10:30am-11.30am; 5.15-5.45pm and by appointment

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays and Fridays 9am-9.50am

Saturdays, First Friday: after Mass – 11.30am (with Benediction on First Friday and First Saturday of the month)

**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 8967 5130

or email [lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:lnwh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

## DEVOTION AND GOD'S PERFECT LOVE

Brothers and sisters, Last Friday we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 12 candidates. It was a very joyful time for the candidates and also having Bishop John Sherrington in our midst. In a few weeks' time, most likely the first week of Advent, the candidates will make cakes to help a cancer charity, **The Teenage Cancer Trust**, (more information on the charity will be provided in due course in the newsletter). This Sacrament will be the beginning of their adult faith being put to action, not just in words but also in practice. Not just in charity, but in faith; to practice what you believe requires gratitude in what God has given us. What has he given us? He has given us his only son to die for our sins so that we no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again.



If he has risen he has opened the way for us to enjoy that resurrection by gifting us the Holy Spirit who enlightens our life, who comforts us and gives us, like he has done with these candidates, his seven gifts. What are these seven gifts? Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Wisdom we understand, and we understand as well, counsel, fortitude, and knowledge, but piety and fear of the Lord are two that that we fail to comprehend. Our idea of **fear of the Lord** is to be afraid of God or else. In a biblical sense to fear God is to give him priority and revere him. How many times do we revere God rather just take and use him than have a rooted relationship with him. **Piety** we think that is something we due in order not to upset others, but piety is rather a life of good character that shows others that your good character is directed towards gratefulness to God.

What is important for these candidates, and a reminder for us is to love God, with all our mind, soul, strength and our neighbour as our selves. This is what Our Lord showed his disciples and teaches us as well through his Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for these candidates as they continue their adult faith journey.

*Amen. Fr Axcel*

Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of

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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, Psalm 22,

I Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25: 31-46

## 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** –Mary Bridget “Maura” Kugler, John Sinn, Harry Gallagher, Kathleen Stokes, Timothy Dineen, Helen Gallagher, Patrick Kiernan, Patrick Mangan, Anita Simoes, Carmel Wilmot, Aseervatham Mariathan, Ellen Papworth, Joseph O'Regan, Martina Bhanji and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Mission Appeal** – This weekend we welcome Sr Rose Mary Harbinson, RNDM from the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Wealdstone who will present our annual Mission Appeal.

**Christmas hamper raffle** tickets will be on sale from next weekend after Sunday masses costing 50p per ticket or £2 for 5 (cash only). There will be lots of prizes, thanks to your generous donations of food & drink. The draw will take place after the carol service on 17th December.

**Advent 'My Day by Day' booklets** – These are available at the back of the church at £1 each; they contain the Mass readings of Advent together with short reflections to accompany you spiritually in your time of preparation. Please put money in 'papers' wall safe or use the 'Advent booklets' tab on the contactless device.

**Blessings of Graves at Pinner New Cemetery** – A short service followed by the blessing of graves at 2pm on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Pilgrimage to Poland:** From **May 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**, Fr Axel will lead a pilgrimage to important historic and religious sites in Poland. Application forms and further details are available in the church narthex. The overall price for minimum 20 pilgrims is £1110, and there is a deposit due now to secure a space. **If you have expressed an interest please complete an application form and send it with your deposit direct to Tangney Tours.** For further info contact Fr Axel

**Day with Mary – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** A day of instruction, devotion and intercession:

10.00am Entry procession of Our Lady, Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany. Sung Requiem Mass. Five Joyful Mysteries  
1.15pm – Exposition and Procession of Blessed Sacrament; Five Luminous Mysteries, Sermon on Our Lady, Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion  
4.15pm – Sermon on Our Lady; Five Glorious Mysteries, Benediction, Act of Consecration, Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conferment of Miraculous Medal

Confessions available during the day

**Operation Elf** – We are supporting the Catholic charity PACT so that dads inside Wormwood Scrubs Prison are able to give gifts to their children. Please see the poster in the narthex which gives the ages of the boys and girls. We need your donations, loosely wrapped, by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.

## **DATES FOR DIARY**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Get together after 6pm Mass
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am Day with Mary
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Deadline for Operation Elf Gifts
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Morning of Recollection
	12noon Advent Confessions
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm Christmas Carol Service

**Advent Recollection Morning** – Fr Jonathan Goodall, parish priest of Stanmore, will be offering us a morning of Recollection on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** beginning with Mass at 10am and including an opportunity for Confessions, including with other visiting priests, from 12noon. Fr Jonathan was previously a Bishop in the Church of England and has served as a chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. More details will follow.

**Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP)** – Fr Graham will be available to meet with families **who regularly come to Sunday Mass** and are seeking a CCP for entry into **primary school** in 2023 **by appointment only** this **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 4pm–5pm and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 4pm–5pm**. To make an appointment contact the parish office. NB. A CCP is no longer required for entry into St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.

**Christmas Carol Service - At 3pm on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.** Please do come along and invite a friend. We will serve mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in the parish hall when the Christmas hamper raffle will also be drawn. Volunteers are needed to help with the refreshments; please contact the parish office if you can help.

**Pre-Christmas Get-Together this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm.** The Welcome Group invites all parishioners to the Parish Centre on **after the 6pm mass**, for pre-Christmas drinks and snacks. Come to meet and chat to fellow parishioners and friends. The social club bar will be open as well

**Bakhita House toiletries collection** – We are currently having a basic toiletries collection to support the residents of Bakhita House, women escaping from human trafficking who are provided with the safety and support to allow them to begin the recovery process. More information can be found at <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/bakhitahouse.php>

**ACAT (Harrow Group)** will be holding their final annual service of prayer, music and reflection on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** from 3-4pm at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, HA2 0JN. Please join us to remember those suffering & at risk of torture because of their defence of human rights or their religious beliefs

## OTHER NOTICES

**Advent Morning of Recollection - St Luke's, Pinner;** Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary, will give this year's Advent Morning of Recollection at St Luke's, Pinner. Talks begin at 10:30 am in the church, to conclude at 12:30 pm. Coffee, tea and cake will be served in the break

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** - You can donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [www.cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://www.cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you.

## OTHER NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

**Red Wednesday 2023** - Red Wednesday is an important opportunity for UK Christians to express their support for persecuted Christians worldwide. Throughout the day Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) encourages everyone to wear an item of red (representing martyrdom) and to help to achieve ACN's target of 100k Decades of the Rosary and £100k 'Matched' Challenge for Africa. As part of ACN's #RedWednesday 2023 celebrations on **22<sup>nd</sup> November**, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. RedWednesday events will start at 5.30pm with a gathering in the Cathedral's Courtyard before Mass at 6pm. For more information you can go to [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org). If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be an ACN parish volunteer, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, [John.Ravi@acnuk.org](mailto:John.Ravi@acnuk.org)

**Advent Summit** - This Advent all young people in the diocese are invited to join Westminster Youth Ministry on **Saturday 2nd December** from 2pm to 5pm. This afternoon of prayer and adoration will be themed around 'the dwelling place' with speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Emmanuelle McFarlane-Barrow. Confessions will be available throughout. The event will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Queensway. For more information email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). You can sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/advent-summit-2/>

**Advent Retreat for Young Adults** (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Sunday 3rd December 2023 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with reflections, prayer, adoration, and confessions. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, London W8 4BB. Timings: Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch at 1pm, Retreat from 2pm-5.30pm. Donations only. Register: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

**Kol Chai Reformed Synagogue** in Hatch End invite you to their Shabbat service at 10.30am on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** to mark Interfaith week. RSVP to [admin@kolchai.org](mailto:admin@kolchai.org). Please see notice in church narthex for more details.

**Caritas Newsletter** – The latest newsletter from Caritas Westminster is on the noticeboard in the church narthex for helpful advice and information on help with the cost of living and the church's social outreach.

**Jubilee 2025: Year of the Council** - Second of two talks on the Council's Constitutions with Fr Brian O'Mahony on **21<sup>st</sup> November**; Gaudium et Spes – How the Church Looks at the World. Please register via [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**'Witness to Hope'** - Four online talks by Fr John Deehan focusing on the **Prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses**.

- **23<sup>rd</sup> November**: The Vigil Mass
- **30<sup>th</sup> November**: The Night Mass
- **7<sup>th</sup> December**: The Dawn Mass
- **14<sup>th</sup> December**: The Day Mass

The talks are open to all and a donation of £5 is requested per talk. Further details on enquiry. Please register with Warren Brown [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)