

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

80 Imperial Close, Harrow, HA2 7LW,
020 8868 7531

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth>

Parish Priest: Fr. Graham Stokes, grahamstokes@rcdow.org.uk

Assistant Priest: Fr. Axel Soriano, axelsoriano@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Nuala Rodger, nualarodger@rcdow.org.uk (office hours Mon-Thu 9.30am-1pm)

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Gerald O'Keefe harrownorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Parish Catechist: Jan Bennett, harrownorthcat@rcdow.org.uk (office hours Mon, Tue, Thu 10am-3pm)



26th November 2023 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe

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.

- 25th Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Day with Mary - see separate notice for details
10.30am Intentions of Day with Mary pilgrims
Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm People of the Parish
- 26th Sun** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe**
8:30am Christopher Ponnukone RIP
10.00am **Brenda Higgins RIP**
11.30am Mike Deeley RIP/ 5th Anniv
- 27th Mon** feria
10.00am Manuel Abreu
- 28th Tue** feria
10.00am Thomas & Mary Teehan (get well)
- 29th Wed** feria
10.00am Frank Callan RIP
- 30th Thu** ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
7.00pm Bridie Gleeson RIP
- 1st Fri** feria
10.00am Holy Souls
- 2nd Sat** Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am Conceição
Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm People of the Parish
- 3rd Sun** 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30am John and Thelma Renner RIP
10.00am **Mary Regina McBride RIP/6th ANNIV**
11.30am Joe O'Regan RIP/Anniv

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: throughout Day with Mary – **no evening confessions**

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

A DAY WITH MARY

This Saturday we will be hosting 'Day with Mary' – a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. I came across this event in Enfield where it was hosted each year that I was there. It has not been to North Harrow for some 15 years so do pop in if you can for some or all of this day of prayer and devotion. It is a witness of faith not usually seen outside Marian shrines.

Every blessing, Fr Graham

A DAY WITH MARY
St John Fisher Church
Imperial Close, North Harrow
Saturday 25 November 2023

10.00 am Entry Procession of Our Lady, Angels, Crowning, Sung Litany
Sung Requiem Mass, Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Axel Soriano
The Five Joyful Mysteries

12.15 pm Lunch break (Please bring packed lunch)

1.15 pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
The Five Luminous Mysteries, Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Graham Stokes
The Five Sorrowful Mysteries, Silent Adoration, Meditations on the Passion

3.30 pm Tea break

4.15 pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Graham Stokes
The Five Glorious Mysteries, Benediction, Act of Consecration
Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conferment of the Miraculous Medal

During the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, from 5.30pm

2024 Pilgrimage by air to The Holy Land (9 March to 17 March) Tel: 020 8847 9418 for further information.
Booking form, Mass updates or visit www.daywithmary.org or www.ventscatholic.com

REMAINING VENUES FOR 2023
Sat 2 Dec: St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon
Sat 9 Dec: St Michael & Martin, Hounslow
Sat 16 Dec: St George's Cathedral, Southwark

Full DOW information & link to DOWs on YouTube (Full HD) at www.daywithmary.org.uk

A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.

Map Not To Scale: North Harrow, Imperial Close, The Holy Land, The Rosary, Our Lady, St John Fisher Church, London

<https://www.google.com/maps/@51.581111,0.131111,15z>

Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of
www.wednesdayword.org

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:3-8, Psalm 79,
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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- Brenda Higgins

Pray also for – Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre, Mike Deely, Catherine Sullivan, Catherine Mariasoosai, Michael Chenley, Dymphna O'Shea, Mary Ryan, Jack Drury, Frank Carr, Christopher White, Ian Welham, Nell O'Leary, Joaquim Simões, Catherine Barker, Terry Rough, Betty Williams, Mary McBride, Celia McManus and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas hamper raffle tickets will be on sale from this 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.

Day with Mary – this **Saturday 25th November** will include Mass at 10.30am. Confessions will be available throughout the day so there will be no parish confessions on this day only.

Operation Elf – We need your donations, loosely wrapped, by this **Sunday 26th November**. Thank you.

Advent Recollection Morning and Advent Reconciliation

Fr Jonathan Goodall, parish priest of Stanmore, will be offering us a morning of recollection on **Saturday 16th 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.

Christmas Carol Service - At 3pm on Sunday, 17th 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.

Bakhita House toiletries collection – We are currently having a basic toiletries collection to support the residents of Bakhita House. More information can be found at <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/bakhitahouse.php>

Harrow Food Bank next Weekend 2nd & 3rd December The foodbank would like Carrier bags (bags for life) instant mash potato (packet;)tinned corned beef; tinned meat pies (e.g., Fray Bentos); tinned chicken meals; long life fruit juice; coffee (small and large jars); tinned fruit; peanut butter; crisps. Thank you for last months generosity which passed 100 KG.

DATES FOR DIARY

Saturday 25 th Nov	10am Day with Mary
Sunday 26 th Nov	Deadline for Operation Elf Gifts
Sat 2nd/Sun 3 rd Dec	Bake Sale (Newly Confirmed)
	Harrow Food Bank Collection
Saturday 16 th Dec	10am Morning of Recollection
	12noon Advent Confessions
Sunday 17 th Dec	3pm Christmas Carol Service

Newly Confirmed – Bake Sale As part of their social action project our young people, who were confirmed last Friday by Bishop John Sherrington, are running a bake sale **on Sunday 3rd December** to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Trust offers unique care and support, designed for and with young people. They fund specialised units in the NHS, so young people have dedicated staff and facilities to support them throughout treatment. Further information can be found at www.teenagecancertrust.org.uk. Our newly Confirmed are busy baking, and cakes and other sweet treats will be available between the Masses on Sunday 3rd December. Please be generous in your support.

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 on **Saturday 2nd December**. 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 IsraeliPalestinian Crisis Appeal at 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. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

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 You can sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/advent-summit-2/>

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.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Sunday 3rd December** 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

OTHER NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

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

- **30th November:** The Night Mass
- **7th December:** The Dawn Mass
- **14th 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

Friends of Westminster Cathedral - Westminster Cathedral the mother Church of our diocese has improved the lighting of its main sanctuary. The previous aged and inefficient system had to be replaced as spare parts were no longer available. The improved lighting is of great benefit on major occasions particularly if they are being broadcast or live streamed. The improvements are being funded by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral. They are asking for our help by supporting their Big Give Campaign with online donations. For donations made from 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28th November and before 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5th December every £1 given is worth £2 with matched funding and £2.25 if you can tick the Gift Aid box. The link to the donation site is <https://bit.ly/FriendsBG23>

and finally...



The first genuinely new 'Superloop' express bus service, numbered SL10, starts on Saturday, running between Harrow Bus Station and North Finchley along a large section of the current 183 route. Consequently, slightly fewer buses will run on the 183.