

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church



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24th December 2023 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
& 31st December 2023 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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.

23rd Sat 10.00am	Advent feria John Riordan RIP
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday Michael Fitzgerald RIP
24th Sun 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT People of the Parish Mrs Lorraine Breakspear Oscar Soriano RIP
	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) Vigil Mass of Christmas 5.00pm Sarah Brandan & James Lynch 11.00pm Mass during the Night – People of the Parish
25th Mon 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mary Guadalupe Jandres Garcia RIP Brian Robinson RIP Pat & Marie O'Rourke RIP
26th Tue 10.00am	ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr Christopher Ponnukone RIP
27th Wed 10.00am	ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist Angela McMahon
28th Thu 7.00pm	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs Pat & Marie O'Rourke
29th Fri 10.00am	ST THOMAS BECKET, Bishop & Martyr Paulpillai Anton Ratnarajah
30th Sat 10.00am 12 Noon	6 th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS Suzanne Lai RIP Baptism of Danial Alexander Bailey
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday Patsy O'Callaghan & Tim
31st Sun 8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH People of the Parish Marian Cunningham RIP Ladilus Albert

1st Mon 10.00am	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD Mary Fell RIP
2nd Tue 10.00am	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Luis Carvalho RIP/4 th Anniv
3rd Wed 10.00am	Most Holy Name of Jesus Bill Donovan RIP
4th Thurs 7.00 pm	Christmas feria Brian Robinson RIP
5th Fri 10.00am	Christmas feria Holy Souls
6th Sat 10.00am	Christmas Feria Intentions of the Billiet family
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
7th Sun 8.30 am 10.00am 11.30 am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Elena Molino & Family William Donovan RIP (Months Mind) Michael Arulanantham

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.30am, 5.15 – 5.45 pm 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

Wishing you and you families a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas



Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

The Holy Family

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14, Psalm 127,

Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:22-40

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 6:1-6, Psalm 71,

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

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 – Patricia Ross, Mary Cullis, , Jim Walsh, Isabelle Collins, Diana Morris, Bridget Devlin, Agnes McCourt, William Bush, Mary Walsh, Ann Mahon, Wyn Bowker, Charles “Charlie” Pollock, Julia Brown, Pat Bolwell, Tom Forde, Frances Greenfield, Patrick Quinn, Matthew Jackson, Anton Ratnarajah, Thomas Buckley, Mary Mills, Joan O’Keeffe, Clare Hynes, John Clayton Morris, Danny Duffy, Tony Jordan, Rane Emmanuel, Susan Margaret Hill, Daniel Bowles, Bridie Murphy, Frank Morawski, Maiered Trigg, Denis O’Shea, Sr Mary Innocentia, Kevin Cronin, Marie Chantal Ramasawmy, Luis Carvalho, James Tully, Anna Quigley, John Halvey, Dorothy Tucker, Michael Arulanantham, George Gray, Lily Agnes Anthonypillai and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Advent and Christmas Services details – Leaflets available at the back of the church. Please take one for yourself and another one, or more, to give to people you know and invite them to join us over the Christmas season. An emailed version is distributed with the emailed newsletter. **Please note that the 5pm Christmas Vigil and 11pm Mass During the Night on 24th December do not fulfil the obligation to attend Mass on 4th Sunday of Advent.**

Baptism – We welcome Daniel Alexander Bailey who is being baptised into the church next weekend.

10am Mass on Wednesday 3rd January will be celebrated by Fr Graham.

Christmas offering - Envelopes are available in the church porch for your Christmas offering towards the clergy. This is paid into the parish bank account and supports the stipend that the diocese pays our priests. If you contribute by standing order this does not include a Christmas offering. There is an option on the contactless device to contribute to the Christmas offering. Thank you for your generosity

Diocese Year book for 2024 is now available at a cost of £5.00. Please ask one of the Parish team if you would like to purchase one. Thank you.

Cake Sale – The Teenage Cancer Trust - Thank you for your generosity and to the Confirmation young people for the organisation of the cake sale which raised £507.

Christmas Hamper Raffle – Thanks to all who took part in and organised the Christmas Hamper Raffle. £720 was raised to fund defibrillators for the parish centre and the church. Using the proceeds and some generous personal donations these will be purchased from the London Hearts charity in January.

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.

Crib Offering to support the Catholic Children's Society


The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local families in crisis who are struggling to put food on the table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children. There are many vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib

On Blessings - You may have seen headlines in the media such as ‘Vatican gives conditional approval to blessings for same-sex couples.’ In his Christmas letter to clergy Cardinal Vincent clarifies the widespread misreporting of last week’s Vatican Declaration ‘On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessing’.

“This Declaration reminds us of the nature and use of blessings, understood as both a prayer of praise and supplication to God for our needs in particular circumstances, and an invocation of God’s grace and mercy upon those who approach God in that prayer. The Declaration makes it clear that such prayer and blessings may include all people, whatever their circumstance, who wish to approach God for grace and mercy. This includes those whose pattern and partnerships in life are outside the clear and consistent norms of Church teaching - those in irregular marriages and those in same-sex partnerships and civil marriages.


The Declaration is clear that such moments of prayer and blessing are to be ‘spontaneous’ and never part of a ritual or liturgical act. No set formula of prayers and blessings are envisaged or to be provided. In this way it is to remain clear that such moments of prayer and blessing are quite different from a blessing of the union or partnership itself and are a moment of turning to God for his mercy and for the grace to lead a life of increasing faithful love and service in obedience to the Lord.”

Primary school applications – A reminder that the closing date for primary applications is **15th January**.



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