

# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church



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## 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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>6<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	Christmas feria
10.00am	Billiet Family
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
8:30am	Elena Molino & Family
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>William Donovan RIP (Months Mind)</b>
11.30am	Michael Arulanantham
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
10.00am	D'Cruz Family
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	feria
10.00am	Cecil Obeyesekere RIP
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	feria
10.00am	Marjorie Hoddinott RIP
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	feria
7.00pm	Aiden Butler
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
10.00am	Catherine McCarthy
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	St Hillary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
	<i>With GIFT Family Catechesis families</i>
10.00am	Bertha Nodder
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8:30am	Eleen Fernando RIP/4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
11.30am	Denis O'Donovan RIP/1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv

### 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

### WELCOMING IN THE NEW

This weekend we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Our minds are filled with images of the three wise



men travelling from the East to visit the new born King guided by the star. We will hear again of the gifts that they brought of gold for a king, frankincense to use in worship and myrrh with which to anoint a body of someone who has died. This weekend I will share with you an 'epiphany moment' I had concerning parish life when I become conscious of something that is very important; the need for renewal. This has led to the development of a parish vision which we will start talking about this weekend.

At the same time I wish you and your families a very blessed beginning to 2024. The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering in so many different ways. Preparations for the Year of Jubilee include a year of prayer this year. The bishops will be producing resources for this preparatory year of prayer, focusing on the Our Father, as well as resources about Jubilee in the Catholic Church. These resources will help guide us as we prepare for this most vital year in the Church's life. To start here is a short film that you can watch:

[www.youtube.be/FBi5SCO2J88?list=PLKM6wyWJKrxdmZo5EPxDcIVbW4MOqzljm](https://www.youtube.be/FBi5SCO2J88?list=PLKM6wyWJKrxdmZo5EPxDcIVbW4MOqzljm)

*With every blessing for the week ahead*

*Fr Graham*

Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

I Samuel 3:3-10.19 Psalm 39,

I Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20; John 1:35-42

## 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** – Fr Stuart Gullan–Steel, Hilary D’Cruz, Deacon Anthony Clark

**Pray also for** – Michael Gahan, Charles Baldwin, Lilian Blackie, Paul Harot, Veronica Joiner, Elsie Ball, Jeanne Le Forestier, William English, Joan Thrower, Elsie Yim, Hannah O’Leary, Timothy O’Sullivan, Dr Christine Morris, John & Mary Grogan, Frances Rowlands, June Haskell, Gladys Bennett, Maria Porrello, Anna Chenley, George Rolt, Jamie Murray, Marie Bayross, Nora Duffy, Myra Mahendra, John Murphy, Bill Kennedy, Millicent Mabin, Susan Gibbs Ratnadurai Thayaparan, Allen Morgan, Marjorie Hoddinott, John Slavin, Marguerite Dalglish, Jane Hubert, Hilda Sacchett, Jesuthasan Daniel, Clement Onwuachu, James Fogarty and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**A word of thanks and appreciation** from Fr Graham and Fr Axcel for all your cards, gifts, offerings, prayers and support during the Christmas period. It would be great to thank you all individually but that would take until next Christmas! Thanks are also due to all those who came together to enable us to joyfully celebrate Christmas.

**The Christmas trees on the sanctuary** will be taken down after 11.30am Mass this Sunday. All help greatly appreciated!

**Special Collection for the Holy land** – At Cardinal Vincent’s request there will be a collection this weekend towards relief for those suffering from the conflict in the Holy Land. The collection will be forwarded to the appeal organised by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, who is deeply concerned about the impact on the Palestinian population in the West Bank as well, for many of whom their main sources of income have effectively ended. Thank you for your generosity.

**Epiphany chalk and blessing cards** are available after all Masses this weekend for marking the lintel of your homes and seeking God’s blessing for the year ahead. They contain on the reverse the parish ‘vision’ which Fr Graham will be speaking about this weekend.

**Crib Offerings to support the Catholic Children's Society (CCS)**  
- The 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 will support this important work. You can donate at the crib or via the CCS website [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)

**GIFT – Growing in Faith Together** Our next family catechesis session will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January** beginning with Mass at 10:00am. Future family sessions will be on the second Saturday of each month – **10<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Our next parents’ only meeting will take place on ZOOM on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm**.

**Health and Safety update** – Our health and safety audit highlighted the essential requirement to have fire wardens identified at each Sunday Mass. More details to follow.

**Visit to the Foundling Museum** - on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January the Parish Women’s Social Group are planning a visit to the Foundling Museum in London, the 270-year-old charity transforming the lives of London’s most vulnerable children. If you wish to join us; please get in touch with Anna Ryland at [annaryland22@aol.com](mailto:annaryland22@aol.com) or 0774 710 3303 for more details.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** Children’s liturgy of the word will take place during the 10:00am Mass on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. CLW is suitable for children between the ages of 4 and 7 years and who are in preschool or up to school Year 2.

**Harrow Food Bank this Weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January** The foodbank would like carrier bags (bags for life); instant mashed 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.

**New parish website** – The previous website is no longer being updated; the new one is part of the diocesan website and can be found at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth>. More information is slowly being added such as current service and ministry rotas that can be found under ‘parish life.’

**Diocesan Year book for 2024** is now available at a cost of £5.00 from the sacristy or parish team.

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



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## OTHER NOTICES (online only)

**Resonate 2024-25** - Resonate is Westminster Youth Ministry's intellectual formation series for young adults aged 18-35. The theme of the upcoming Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and so, we will prepare prayerfully to become such pilgrims by making our way, step by step, through the Lord's Prayer. For more details see poster in church narthex or visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/>