

# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church



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## 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – SECOND 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>13<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am	St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Bertha Nodder
6.00pm	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> People of the Parish
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 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
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Mon</b> 10.00am	feria Matilda Albert
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Tue</b> 10.00am	feria Thanksgiving
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Wed</b> 10.00am	feria McManus Family
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Thu</b> 7.00pm	feria Repose of the Soul of Devendran
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Fri</b> 10.00am	St Wulstan Margaret Harte RIP
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am	St Fabian, Pope and Martyr Francis Rodrigues RIP/Anniv
6.00pm	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> Susan Martin RIP
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Repose of the Souls of Barnes & O'Brien Families & Close Friends
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
11.30am	Rasaih Albert

### 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

### 'OUTSTANDING'

As a governor of our parish primary school I am delighted to be able to tell you that, following December's Ofsted inspection, the overall effectiveness of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School has been graded as 'Outstanding.' In order to achieve that overall grade the school had to be graded as

'outstanding' in: quality of education; behaviour and attitudes; personal development; leadership and management and early years provision. No mean feat!

The whole school staff together with the governors and trustees deserve our praise for their hard work, commitment and passion. In her letter to parents the headteacher, Mrs Nina Pignatiello, highlighted the first two sentences of the report which stated that "Pupils flourish here. They are happy and kept safe".

This is the first time that I have been involved in the Ofsted inspection process as a priest and governor; I hope they are all as uplifting an experience as this was! It has been a long time coming and we can all share in the joy and encouragement that this report gives our school and parish. I enthusiastically recommend to all families in the parish (and beyond!) St John Fisher Catholic Primary School for their children's all round education and learning. A reminder that the closing date for primary school applications is this Monday!

*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)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 24,  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

## 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** – Adelaide Menezes, John Nickolay, Margaret Harte, David Craig, Terry Millar

**Pray also for** – Ian Scott, Loretta Souza, Agnes O'Sullivan, Barbara Jago, Eleen Fernando, Denis O'Donovan, Freda Glynn, Graham Cooke, John McGovern, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie, Ellen Breingan, Larry Gibbons, Julia Moran, Flora Buhagiar, William Quinn, John Twomey, Bridget Walsh, William Enwright, Kitty O'Connor, Raymond Ngeh and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Epiphany blessing cards and parish vision** – The Epiphany blessing card together with our parish 'vision', which Fr Graham introduced last weekend, are distributed electronically with this newsletter. They will also be available, together with blessed chalk, in the church narthex.

**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 this **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**.

**Community Building in our Parish** - We have launched a vision for our parish. We hope to build a stronger community, enable discipleship and carry forward our mission in Christ. Volunteers are needed to help with community-building projects. These could be anything ranging from nature walk, youth ministry, international meal, social event, bible-reading, music, drama to other activities. Please fill out this form if you are interested in leading any of these projects. <https://bit.ly/48R9pkp>. There is also an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the National Lottery.

**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.

**St John Fisher Catholic Primary School Ofsted report** - Following our 'outstanding' grading you can read the Ofsted report in full on the school website at <https://www.stjohnfisherschool.co.uk/inspection-reports/>. A hard copy is available on the noticeboard in the church narthex.

**The funeral service for Hilary D'Cruz RIP** will take place at 2.40pm on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** at West Herts Crematorium near Garston. Please keep Hilary and his friends and family in your prayers at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Visit to the Foundling Museum** - On **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January** the Parish Women's Social Group are planning to visit the Foundling Museum in Bloomsbury, 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.

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - This will take place during the 10:00am Mass this **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January** and then on **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.

**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.'

**Thank you** – to all those who helped take down the Christmas trees in record time! We will be taking down the crib after Mass on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, following the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord the previous Friday.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – This takes place in the octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, running from **18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January**. The theme this year is 'Go and Do Likewise' and more information can be found at [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

**Social Club Annual Meeting** is being held in the small hall at 7.30pm on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

## OTHER NOTICES

**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/>

**Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)** - 'Discerning God's Call in your life' will be held on **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February** in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). It will provide the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come on Saturday. There will be the opportunity for prayer, reflection and input plus a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk** – Will you walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty? Take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. That is 5km per day and includes walking, skipping and strolling. You will be amongst many people conquering the target before Easter. Sign up now! See poster in church narthex or visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)