

# St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church



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## 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – THIRD 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>20<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am	St Fabian, Pope and Martyr Francis Rodrigues RIP/Anniv
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday Susan Martin RIP
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Repose of the Souls of The Barnes & O'Brien Families & close Friends
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Rasaih Albert
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mon</b> 10.00am	St Vincent Deacon & Martyr John Nickolay RIP
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Tue</b> 10.00am	feria Tom Kinsella RIP
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Wed</b> 10.00am	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church David Craig RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Thu</b> 7.00pm	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE Mary Joan Obeyesekere RIP
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Fri</b> 10.00am	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops Christopher Ponnukone RIP
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sat</b> 10.00am	Blessed Virgin Mary Paul Gonsalves
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> 8:30am	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Baby Riordan
10.00am	Annette & Danny Fadian RIP/Anniv
11.30am	Patricia & Ann Roache RIP

### God's Work Is Our Work

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, when we hear the word 'news', the immediate reaction, well at least for me, is to expect it to be bad. This week I had very good news in the post, the Young Confirmation candidate's fundraiser/donation to the teenager cancer trust was received. The letter was gracious and very appreciative.



This is good news, because it shows us that the work these young adults did and their families were for a purpose, a good purpose to bring hope in a situation, that for the world is a tragic one. This charitable work has been a result of their confirmation not because of their human efforts, and let us keep that clear. We as Catholics understand that grace is what gives us the ability to do things for others. That's what makes this good news, new. That a bunch of teenagers say let us give to others in need.

These young people have shone the light of Christ in a world covered in uncertainty by this little action which for our parish should bring a sense of hope for the future of our Faith and Society. The letter refers to this action and is grateful for what these young people of St John Fisher, North Harrow.

Mentioning this every year the diocese has a pilgrimage to Lourdes. I would encourage everyone if they are interested in this pilgrimage I will provide the link to the diocesan website. <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

Lourdes is another place that encourages us to serve others especially in their most vulnerable. Just as Christ made himself vulnerable to save us we are called to imitate the Lord and put others first, which we can only receive by the Holy Spirit pushing us to give what we have received. This pilgrimage is beautiful for spiritual growth and the role we are called to play when we say yes to God's will like our mother The



Blessed Virgin Mary.

Let us continue to support our young people, and let us also consider to do something this year that involves growing in our understanding of our Faith.

*God Bless.*

*Fr Axcel*

#### 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

Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 94,  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

## 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** – Susan Martin, Hannah Madden, Mrs Hylda Finnerty

**Pray also for** Annette Motley, Arithi Papson, Ida Buhagiar, Elsa Dias, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan, Denise Mitchell, Henry Kobus, June Smith, Stanley Tse, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donoghue, Anton Constantine, Maria Lavelle, Geoffrey Flynn, Danial Dhar, (Baby) Lillie Rose Devaney, Zygfryd Wypchol, Betty George 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 on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March** beginning with Mass at 10:00am (second Saturday of each month) 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.

**Lenten Morning of Recollection** – Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, the Vice Rector and Dean of Studies at Allen Hall Seminary will be coming to lead a morning of prayer and recollection for us on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. More details to follow!

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

**Anointing of the Sick 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024** - On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. There are 3 categories for the anointing:  
Wheelchair users who require anointing  
Walking sick who require anointing  
Those assisting the sick, who **do not** require anointing.

**Please contact the parish office in the coming week on 0208 868 7531 if you would like to book tickets. Thank You.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** – The next will take place during the 10:00am Mass 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.'

**Mary's Meals** would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. **In 2 weekend's time** there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child.

Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

\*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

**Regrettably Mary's meals are no longer able to accept clothing for Rags to Riches.**

**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)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 10 February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY

The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information

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

**Mass Intentions** – We are taking bookings for mass intentions for the current year and will confirm in the Parish Newsletter when we are taking mass intentions for next year 2025.

## 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)

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)