

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church



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28th January 2024 – FOURTH 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.

27th Sat	Feria
10.00am	Paul Gonsalves (intentions)
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
28th Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30am	Baby Riordan
10.00am	Annette & Danny Fadian RIP/Anniv
11.30am	Patricia & Ann Roach RIP
29th Mon	Feria
10.00am	David Allen Walter RIP
30th Tue	feria
10.00am	Rohini Alphonsun 70 th Birthday
31st Wed	Saint John Bosco, Priest
10.00am	Lorraine Breakspear RIP
1st Thu	Feria
7.00pm	Catherine McCarthy RIP
2nd Fri	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
10.00am	Holy Souls
3rd Sat	Saints Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore
10.00am	Vocations to the Religious and Consecrated Life
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6.00pm	Tony and Molly Tunney RIP
4th Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30am	Mel Bellamy RIP
10.00am	Victor Fontgalland RIP/1 st Anniv
11.30am	People of the Parish

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This Sunday, 28 January, the Bishops ask us to mark as Racial Justice Sunday, when the Church asks us all to re-commit to



opposing racism and pursuing racial justice. It's a very pertinent theme in such a racially diverse borough as Harrow. This year's theme is seeing one another in the life of the Church and celebrating the diversity of our saints. Our saints include Saint Josephine Bakhita from Sudan, Saint Oscar Romero from San Salvador and Blessed Michael Iwene Tansi from Nigeria. To find out more about them and others of our saints at www.cbcew.org.uk/saints-of-colour

Let us pray:

*God of our past, present and future,
You created each one of us in Your image and likeness.
Help us to recognise You in each person.
As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism, lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope You have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

God Bless.

Fr Graham



**WRAP UP WELL WHEN YOU
COME TO CHURCH THIS
WEEKEND AS THE HEATING
MAY STILL BE OFF**



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.30am, 5.15 - 5.45 pm and by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1- 4, 6-7 Psalm 146,

I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

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 – Lorraine Breakspear, Marian Drapa, Maureen King, Ann Taylor

Pray also for – Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Doris Jones, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Michael Boland, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley, Kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Eileen Reilly, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Jack Hurst, Margarette Bartocha, Judith Rohini Christie, Mabel Morgan, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Church heating – Last weekend an electrical fault developed on the church heating system and we are unable to use it until this is rectified. As of Friday lunchtime our engineers were still waiting for the replacement part to be delivered so it is very unlikely we will have heating in the church at the weekend. The same engineers also closed down the parish centre boiler; this is a more significant problem and may involve us replacing the boiler at significant expense, a potential five figure sum, and with some time delay as quotes are sought. Thank you for your patience whilst we address these unexpected problems ...and wrap up well for Mass this weekend.

Christmas Crib - The crib will remain in place until after the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas) on **Friday 2nd February**. Candlemas remembers the prophecy of Simeon that Jesus is the Light of the Nations. On that day you are invited to bring to Mass candles that you will use at home to assist in prayer during the year for them to be blessed. We will be taking down the crib after the 11.30am Mass on **Sunday 4th February**, following this feast. All help appreciated!

Blessing of throats - On **Saturday 3rd February** the individual blessing of St Blaise on throats will take place after 10am Mass before Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Community Building in our Parish - We have launched a vision for our parish aiming 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 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 projects. <https://bit.ly/48R9pkp> . There is also an opportunity to apply for funding from the National Lottery.

Fire wardens – Our recent health and safety audit highlighted the essential requirement to have **fire wardens** identified at each Sunday Mass. Fr Graham will be asking people to volunteer to do this over the coming weekends; thank you to those of you who have generously agreed to help thus far. It is not an onerous task and involves the application of sensible protocols should a fire break out such as checking that the Fisher Room and toilets are cleared and that nobody is unable to evacuate.

LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday is on **14th February** this year and despite being St Valentine's Day remains a day of fasting and abstinence when we abstain from eating meat or an equivalent luxury, as a sign of penitence, and we eat less than usual to help our devotion **Masses with the distribution of ashes will take place at 10am and 7pm.**

Lent 'My Day by Day' Adult and Junior booklet are available at the back of the church and cost just £1 each; they contain the Mass readings of Lent with simple reflections to aid your journey through this prayerful season. Please put money in 'papers' wall safe or use the 'Lent booklets' tab on the contactless device.

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 24th February** under the title **'The God who is faithful. God's Covenants with humanity.'**

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

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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick - On **Saturday 10th February**, 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 which tickets are required: wheelchair users who require anointing; walking sick who require anointing; those assisting the sick who **do not** require anointing. Please contact the parish office **by Wednesday this week, 31st January**, to request tickets.

Marys Meals - With Mary's Meals foreign currency collection next weekend (**3rd/4th February**) please have another look at home and ask around for any spare foreign currency, coins as well as notes, to donate; they'll also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender. Mary's Meals is a 'no-frills' charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. They feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

Harrow Food Bank Collection is next weekend **3rd/4th February** The foodbank would like carrier bags; tinned ravioli/ Bolognese; tinned spaghetti and sausages; microwavable sponge pudding; tinned mixed vegetables; cooking oil; tinned vegetarian & vegan meals; packet meat soup; tinned fish (not tuna); tinned meatballs; tinned potatoes; tinned lamb meals; tinned macaroni cheese; shampoo; shaving foam; men's & women's razors; adult toothbrush; toilet roll; washing powder; washing up liquid; men's & women's deodorant; chocolate spread; jam /marmalade; pasta sauce; honey

The Annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on **Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation details will follow when available.

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.

PARISH NOTICES (online only)

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.

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.'

OTHER NOTICES

Evangelising post-Christian Britain- a talk by Monsignor James Shea on **Tuesday, 20th February at 7pm** at St James' Church, Spanish Place, W1U 3DE (10mins from Baker Street Stn) - Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary (Bismark, North Dakota) co-authored the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission. In a lively lecture and Q&A, he will draw bridges between the different visions that the Church and the world have for our society, and suggest effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available. Book your tickets priced at £5 at www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s) - 'Discerning God's Call in your life' will be held on **16th-18th 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 or visit 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

...AND FINALLY

Proposed New local Night Bus Service -

TfL are consulting on a new nightly Night Bus service, N518, which would run from Ruislip via Eastcote, Rayners Lane Station, Alexandra Avenue and Whitton Avenue to join up with the existing N18 route at Sudbury and run via that to Trafalgar Square. Very helpful for shift workers as well as those out late, it would run four times an hour on Fridays and Saturdays and twice an hour on other nights. For more details and to comment visit <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/n518-ruislip-night-bus>

