

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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21st April 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

20th Sat	Easter Feria Marie O'Connell 12 Noon Baptism of Amaya Emma Angelo <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> 6.00pm Mary Anne & Patrick Moloney RIP
21st Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30am Mary Kate McGlynn 10.00am Maria Pranto RIP/4 th Anniv 11.30am People of the Parish
22nd Mon	Easter Feria 10.00am Neville Ransley RIP
23rd Tue	SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England 10.00 am Angela Bayross RIP
24th Wed	Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus 10.00am Patricia O'Sullivan RIP
25th Thu	SAINT MARK, Evangelist 7.00pm Xavier & Augustine Teixeira RIP
26th Fri	Easter feria 10.00am Christopher Ponnukone RIP
27th Sat	Easter Feria 10.00am Agnes Kelly RIP <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> 6.00pm Janet Teixeira RIP
28th Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30am People of the Parish 10.00am Mary & Joseph Patten RIP/Anniv 11.30am Mr McDonagh RIP/Anniv

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday and Wednesday of Holy Week – after Mass;

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

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

The 4th Sunday of Easter is marked as Good Shepherd Sunday; we hear the Gospel proclaimed of Jesus as a good shepherd, 'one who lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11). It is the day we pray especially for vocations. A vocation is a calling from God; by virtue of our baptism we each have a vocation. God is calling each and every one of us and has a plan for each of our lives. We are called to be disciples of Christ and commit our life to serving him in whatever state of life God calls us to.



Yet amongst the rich variety of vocations in the life of the Church and her faithful there is a particular vocation, that of the ministerial priesthood, which is of fundamental importance. Priests are called to be of service to the servants of God. Without the priest there is no Eucharist. So this weekend we pray especially for vocations to the priesthood to serve in our diocese.



Let us all pray the following prayer for vocations seeking the intercession of St Joseph:

Blessed St Joseph,

You listened in the depth of your heart to the call of God for you to participate in his plan for the salvation of the world, you responded with faith to that invitation.

Help me listen for the call of God in my life, help me understand what the Holy Spirit is asking of me, and help me be open to follow that invitation, with courage and a trusting heart.

May your fatherly hand guide me and keep me safe. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wishing you a blessed week, Fr Graham

Reflect on upcoming Sunday's Readings with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts of the apostles 9:26-31. Psalm 21,
1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

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 – Nick Sheridan, May Byrne, Fr John Warnaby, Fr David Williamson

Pray also for – Mary Chute, Pauline Egan, Mary Parker, Charles Contaminard, Molly Hurley, Brendon Lyons, Christopher Dent, Joseph Thiruchalvam, John Maher, Richard Murray, Christina Cousins, Bill Williams, John O'Brien, Janet Pyne, Kathleen Middleton, Francisco D'Cruz, Noel Ryan, Ina Valerie, Joe Dias, Violet Harris, James "Jimmy" O'Connor and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES



This Saturday, 20th April, 7pm PARISH QUIZ NIGHT In the Parish Centre. Tickets £5 are on sale after masses; pay with cash or using the contactless device. Alternatively

order by phone from Eddie Collins 07803150222. Cash Bar and Snacks. Bring a team of up to 6 or join one on the night

Baptism We welcome Amaya Emma Angelo who is getting baptised at St John Fisher this weekend.

Priest Training Fund - This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Marian May Talks – Fr Axcel will host a couple of talks on Our Lady of Guadalupe, the image and the devotion during the month of May. Further details to follow next week.

Mass Intentions 2025. We are now taking mass intentions for 2025. Please contact the parish office to book.

If you are a UK taxpayer, through Gift Aid, we can claim back the tax that you have paid on your donation at no cost to you; every £1 you give is worth £1.25 to the parish. If you are interested in joining the scheme or are a member of the scheme but are no longer a taxpayer please contact our bookkeeper harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk

Church heating – The parish centre boiler requires replacement There is a 'repairs and maintenance' option on the contactless giving device as well as on the donate section of the website or scan this QR code. Thank you for your support



Poor box – Thanks to your generosity in supporting the parish 'poor box' in the back wall of the church a significant amount of money has accumulated over the past few years which we wish to redistribute to good causes. Fr Graham and the Parish Finance Committee have agreed that sufficient money should be held to support both the parish SVP group and any urgent needs; beyond that money given to the poor box should be distributed to Catholic and local registered charities that support the poor and needy and which are not supported as part of our regular parish activities. This year we would therefore propose to support the work of

1. More Than Just a Choir
2. Good Counsel Network
3. The Passage
4. The Cardinal Hume Centre
5. Providence Row
6. Little Sisters of the Poor
7. Firm Foundation

Any suggestions for additional registered charities that we might also support are welcome. Please contact Fr Graham in the first instance who will bring your suggestions to the Finance Committee.

OTHER NOTICES

SPUC PRO - Life Chain 2024 this Saturday 20th April Harrow SPUC Branch will be holding a Silent Act of Witness between 11am and 1pm the "Pro Life Chain" to commemorate 56 years of legalised abortion. This will take place on Kenton Bridge opposite Kenton station. Pro-Lifers will hold placards which will be witnessed by passing motorists. You are most welcome to join the chain. The organiser Iwona Edupuganti can be contacted on 07713990065 or at iwonaedupuganti@gmail.com

London Eucharistic Octave from 25th May – 2nd June - A series of Masses in the various rites and uses of the Catholic Church together with 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and a Corpus Christi Procession to celebrate the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church in central London. For more details see poster in church narthex or visit www.catholiclondon.org

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicholl Road, London NW10 9AX at 3pm on **Sunday 12th May**. Preacher Fr Pius Collins O.Praem. For more details see poster in church narthex

How Beauty Draws Us Closer to God – talk by Fr. Patrick van der Vorst at 7pm on **Friday, 17th May** at St Patrick's, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. Fr Patrick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. He will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available. See poster in church narthex

OTHER 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.

Translator required - Volunteer sought by a Pro-life, Pregnancy Support Centre to translate leaflets into Tamil, so that more women in difficult pregnancies can be reached with help and alternatives to abortion. Call Clare on 07795205117 if you can help.

General Elections & Our Catholic Voice - CAFOD & the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are working together to encourage parishioners to use their distinct catholic voice when responding to the general elections. They are hosting a session to help and support parishes and individuals on how to use our voice for good. Find out more at these online sessions: **Thursday 25th April** 6:30-8:30pm or **Saturday 4th May** 11am-1pm. Sign up online at www.caford.org.uk or contact brozycka@cafod.org.uk /07789876913

Soul Food Young Adults Prayer Group based in St Charles Borromeo Church, Ogle Street, will be running their annual Life in the Spirit Seminar in April. This is a six-week course running every Thursday evening from 7.00pm, beginning 18th April. The course is a back-to-basics course, with a focus on the Holy Spirit, for Catholics at all stages of their faith journey. As part of the course they will be hosting a weekend retreat. For details and to register visit <https://soulfoodgroup.co.uk/liss/>

Retrouvaille – Do you need in support your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme is in Welwyn Garden City on **14th -16th June**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the application form on or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Tuesday 30th April**.