

St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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19th May 2024 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.

18th Sat 10.00am	St John I, Pope and Martyr Nick Sheridan RIP
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
19th Sun 8:30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY Theodore Barnabas RIP
10.00am	Intentions of Theresa Mulvanney & Family
11.30am	Nicholas Quirke RIP
20th Mon 10.00am	Mary Mother of the Church Andrew & Minette Pitt
21st Tue 10.00 am	Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions Olga Taylor RIP
11.30 am	Funeral Mass of Diana Holmes RIP
22nd Wed 10.00am	Saint Rita of Cascia The Byrne Family
23rd Thu 7.00pm	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Augustine Texeira RIP/Anniv
24th Fri 10.00am	Feria Kathleen Rowley RIP
25th Sat 10.00am	St Bede the Venerable Queenie Lee RIP
12 noon	Baptism of Kai Balachandran
6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
26th Sun 8:30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Christopher Ponnukone RIP
10.00am	Jacqui Mesquita-Morris RIP
11.30am	Regina Emmanuel

CHANGES TO SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN JUNE

- 2nd June (Corpus Christi)
- 23rd June (St John Fisher)

Masses at 6pm (Sat), 8.30am and **10.30am**
followed by:

- *Corpus Christi procession (2nd June)*
- *parish 'prosecco and picnic' (23rd June)*

KEEP THE FLAME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LIT!

As we arrive to the day of Pentecost, the feast that the Lord's Spirit descends upon his Church, so to speak the birthday of the Church, we are called not to blow away the flame of the Holy Spirit, but to keep the flame of this Spirit lit in our lives.

That same Spirit can help us follow the Lord more fully in our own faith which invites us always to come out of ourselves and be life giving to others, especially those God is calling to follow him in the many different vocations we live in the Church. This could be like St Paul says: "It was he who established some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry in building up the body of Christ, until all of us attain to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to full maturity, as measured by the full stature of Christ. In this way, we will no longer be like children, tossed back and forth by the waves and swept along by every new wind of teaching, emanating from human cunning and craftiness and leading people into error. Rather, professing truth and love, we will in all things grow into him who is the head, Christ. From him, the entire body, joined and held together by every ligament, continues to grow and to build itself up in love, as each part performs its particular function". (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit help us fulfil what we are called to do.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Axcel

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

Marian May Talks – Fr Axcel will host three talks on Our Lady of Guadalupe, the image and the devotion for the month of May starting at 7pm in the Fisher Room:

- **20th May** History and Story of the apparition to St Juan Diego
- **27th May** Analysing the mantel with her image, and how this Image converted the native people to Christianity.
- **3rd June** Why is any Marian apparition important for us in our age?

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 Francis Whale, Tom Teehan

Pray also for –Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman, Ellen Broadrick, Raneer Saverimuttu, Robert Dorr, Aldo Minoli Somasundaram (Kevin James) Sundararajan, Bridie White, Raneer Saverimuttu, Franek Szlachta, John Plowright, Theresa Hughes, Joe O’Gorman, Joe McGrath, Maggie Tighe, Patrick Moloney, Neville Ransley, Frank Gallagher, Sadie Horan, Edith Peres Da Silva, Cornelius Clancy, Mary O’Shea, Augustine Texeira, Kurian Thomas, Calogero Porrello, Elena Benito and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Bake Sale for Youth Vocational Pilgrimage – Thank you to everyone who supported the young people from the Neocatechumenal way to collect for their Youth Vocational Pilgrimage from Lincoln to Walsingham in July. **They collected £800**. On behalf of these young people and the adults that are helping them a big thank you. **Fr Axcel**

Corpus Christi, 2nd June – **Sunday Masses will be at 8.30am and 10.30am** – note the 10am and 11.30am Masses on this day will be combined into a Mass at **10.30am** which will be followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction in the church grounds. Like last year if you are able to collect rose petals to be scattered in front of Our Lord during the procession that would add to our liturgy

100 Club – The draws for 2022 and 2023 as well as the first four months of 2024 have now taken place. Names of prize-winners and how to collect your prize will be in next week’s newsletter.

The **Funeral Mass for Diana Holmes** will be celebrated at 11.30am on **Tuesday 21st May** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

The **Funeral Mass for Lauranne Gillespie** will be celebrated at 11.00am on **Wednesday 29th May** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCPs) for St Michael’s Catholic Grammar School, Finchley – Please contact the parish office to make an appointment if you would like a CCP for St Michael’s Catholic Grammar School **only**. Please see church notice board for details of Open Evening on **Tuesday 25th June**.

St John Fisher School Summer Fair - Saturday 29th June. The parish is delighted to be taking part in this event by running the Plant, Cake and Refreshment stalls. More details will follow but please put the date in your diary

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) family catechesis sessions – are for any family with children in primary school between the ages of 5 and 12 years. Future family sessions will take place on **Saturday 8th June** and **Saturday 13th July**. Parents only sessions on ZOOM will take place on **Thursday 23rd May** and **Thursday 20th June** at 8pm. Any family who may not have already registered is welcome to come along.

Health and Safety - We also need to recruit **additional fire wardens** for all weekend masses in advance of a brief training session. This is an essential requirement placed on all parishes and your generous cooperation is both valued and essential. If you are happy to volunteer please contact Fr Graham or the parish office before you have to be asked!

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



A new auxiliary bishop for our diocese - Please keep in your prayers Monsignor James Curry, currently parish priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington who will be ordained as an auxiliary bishop in our diocese at **12noon on Tuesday 18th June** in Westminster Cathedral. You are very welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. **Due to the timing the parish Mass will be moved to 9am that morning**

OTHER NOTICES

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



OTHER NOTICES (online only)

Stella Maris update - Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an [online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm](#). You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

CAFOD'S Sudan Crisis Appeal - Millions of families in Sudan have been forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at www.cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Thank you

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.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on **Saturday 1st June** from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria