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23rd March 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent

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.

22nd Sat	Lent Feria
10:00am	Janet Texeira RIP/1 ST Anniv
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6:00pm	Paul Carey RIP
23rd Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30am	William Johns RIP/3 rd Anniv
10:00am	Gaetan Collard RIP
11:30am	People of the Parish
24th Mon	Lent Feria
10:00am	Angela McMahon & Family
25th Tue	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
10:00am	Christopher Ponnukone RIP
26th Wed	Lent Feria
	<i>no public mass</i>
27th Thu	Lent Feria
7.00pm	Kathleen O'Mahoney RIP
28th Fri	Lent feria
10:00am	Patrick & Mary Monaghan RIPs/Annivs
	<i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
7.00pm	Dora MacDonald RIP
	<i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
29th Sat	Lent feria
10:00am	Tommy Kilroy RIP
	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
6:00pm	Vincent Doyle
30th Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30am	Niamh Brady
10:00am	Bob Streek RIP
11:30am	People of the Parish

Lenten Jubilee Reconciliation Service



During this Jubilee Year Pope Francis invites us through the jubilee indulgence to 'a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy.' He reminds us that God's mercy is limitless and ever-present. In confession, we encounter the tenderness of Christ, who lifts the burden of sin and restores us to grace. As well as being a magnificent spiritual gift, the

pope reminds us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is 'a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith.'

Come and celebrate the grace of this Jubilee Year—return to God's boundless mercy. For the first time in a number of years we will be hosting a **Reconciliation Service for Harrow parishes in St John Fisher at 7pm on Tuesday 1st April**. After a short introduction, Gospel and reflection there will be the opportunity for individual confessions with visiting priests whilst the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Benediction will take place at 8pm to conclude the evening. Do come and tell your friends especially those who may have missed out on this great gift of God for a while There will be a **similar service at Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill at 3pm on Sunday 30th March**.

Every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Graham

Holy Father's Prayer intention for March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Reflect on **next Sunday's Readings** with the help of

www.wednesdayword.org

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a-12 Psalm 34 (33)

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.30am (not 2nd Saturday of the month),
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
(Benediction on First Friday)

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

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 : Vincent Gillespie, George Kendal Margaret O'Callaghan, Canon Bernard Scholes, Marion Keating

Pray also for: Paul Esler, Alfred Hill, Janet Texeira, Sean Kelly, Stephen D'Cruz, William Patrick Johns, Kathleen Truscott, Eugene Patrick Savage, Margaret Rogers, Josephine Doyle, Grace Selvarajah, Anton Kulasegaram Saverimuttu, Ned O'Neill, Dean Michael Taylor, Sabina Walsh, Charles Brown, Noel O'Neill Walter Jackson Antonio Cacchioli, Ann Castell, Michael Lee, Jose Duran Carballo, Deirdre Ratnayake, Bernard Letchet and all whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD Lenten Appeal – The collection remains open If you have not yet returned your donation envelope to support the Fast Day collection. Thank you.

Confessions – There will be no confessions next Saturday evening, **29th March**. Fr Graham is involved in the selection advisory conference at Allen Hall. Please keep the five men offering themselves for priestly training in our diocese, together with the selectors in your prayers. Thank you to those priests who will be covering our regular Masses and morning confessions.

The funeral of **Jesse Singh Kang RIP** will take place at 12noon on **Tuesday 25th March** at Breakspear Crematorium. We pray for him and his family.

Nuala – Further to last week's notice I will now be remaining in my position as Parish Administrator. Thank you for your understanding.

100 Club draws have taken place thus:

January	February
£100 - Maura Dillon	£100 - Angela Andrade
£50 - Aaron O'Flaherty	£50 - Maura Dillon
£25 - Madeleine Wareing	£25 - Hilda Joseph

To claim your prize please contact the bookkeeper via the parish office or e-mail harrownorthbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk
To join the 100 club please pick up an entry form from the church narthex or download a copy [here](#). The more entries the greater the prize fund! And it goes to support the ongoing development of the parish.

New Gospel books for Passion Gospel – As part of the ongoing introduction of the new lectionary we have purchased three Gospel books at £30 each for the proclamation of the Passion Gospel in three parts that takes place on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. If you would like to support the purchase of one of these Gospel books please contact Fr Graham. As with the Mass lectionaries and Book of the Gospels we can affix a plate inside the booklet for your dedication. Thank you..

Baby clothes - Bakhita House need new baby clothes for two pregnant ladies. Please contact the parish office to donate or leave your items in the Fisher Room. Thank you



Churches Together in North Harrow Lenten Talks – the series of talks on 'The Sermon on the Mount – Jesus' Message for Today' by Professor Tony Lane from London School of Theology continue on **Tuesday evenings concluding on 8th April** at St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway from 8.00am-9.30pm. £3 per evening or £10 for all.

Stations of the Cross take place on Friday mornings and evenings. We invite you to lead the Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Mass. There are texts in the sacristy to choose from. There is a **Friday evening Mass at 7.00pm** followed by Fr Graham or Rev James leading Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Alms - Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025. This Jubilee Year you are invited to support work being done in the Diocese to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal will help fund vital projects across our Diocese. Donation envelopes are available and you can also contribute online using the QR code or using the contactless device

Lenten Lunches - Churches Together host a series of simple lunches in support of St Luke's Hospice. Details can be found on the poster in the narthex. The next lunch will be at the **New Testament Church of God, Eastern Avenue, HA5 1JE from 12noon this Saturday, 22nd March** then the next will be at Elmfield 89 Imperial Drive, HA2 7DX on **Saturday 5th April**

Jubilee Year Parish Pilgrimage of Hope Walk, Saturday, 26 April

As part of the Jubilee Year walking pilgrimage that concludes in Nottingham on 13th September, we plan to hold a shorter walk for our parishioners. Accessible by public transport, it will commence at Rickmansworth Met station and end in Watford (4km) or at Hunton Bridge near Sarratt (8km overall); return by no.322 bus. It is a walk almost all on flat ground, mainly along the Grand Union Canal and then the River Gade, suitable for everyone, including families. We anticipate it will take around four hours, with an additional 40 mins for the bus and return journey to Rickmansworth. It would be advisable to bring water and some light refreshments, and to wear sturdy footwear. Further details to follow. If you would like to participate or have questions regarding the walk, please contact Anna Ryland by email: annaryland22@aol.com or via the parish office. For safety reasons, **registration for this walk is essential**.



There are more plans for the Jubilee Year including:

- Jubilee Indulgence pilgrimage to walk the Westminster Way to Westminster Cathedral
- Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Pilgrimage to St Edmund's Ware and Rochester
- Jubilee Indulgence pilgrimage to St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip with anointing of the sick

Building Works in the Parish Centre – The work to install the new boiler in the parish centre begins this week. As part of the works involves removal of asbestos so the parish centre will be closed to all users for the week beginning 31st March.

OTHER NOTICES (online only)

Family Catechesis - Our Family Catechesis session – Growing In Faith Together – is for all families with children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age including those wishing to receive the Sacraments. There is no start date or deadline and you can join anytime of the year. Even if you haven't registered do come along and speak to Fr Graham or one of the other catechists about what is involved.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May at 2:30pm - The Cardinal invites couples celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. **Please give the parish office details of:** husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number)

Allen Hall Jubilee Year talks - To celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Diocesan Seminary at Allen Hall is to host a series of talks on 'Exploring the Theological Virtue of Hope and its Relation to the Nicene Creed'. The dates and themes of the talks are as follows:

- **Saturday 7th June** (Eve of Pentecost): The Holy Spirit – 'Taste and Dynamism of Hope'
- **Saturday 6th December:** Advent - The Great Season of Hope in which to Contemplate the Last Things.

There will also be a focus on St Thomas More and the Douai Martyrs as witnesses to hope. The afternoons include a talk, refreshments, a tour of the seminary and conclude with sung Vespers ending by approx. 6pm. As space is limited to reserve a place email Monica Ruiz Herrera at parector@rcdow.org.uk.

Recognising the Risen Lord - A short series of talks by Fr John Deehan: from 6:30pm- 8:00pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN;

- **Tuesday 22nd April** - A Look at the Easter Narratives in the Gospels of Year C
- **Tuesday 29th April** - Apocalypse: New Testament Eastertide Readings for Year C

To book contact: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7798 9152

Lourdes Pilgrimage 25th July - 1st August 2025 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the online form at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train 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 **Wednesday 30th April**.

Come and See – Everyone is welcome.

At St John Fisher we strive to be a joyful and vibrant Catholic community who gather to experience God's love.

Nurturing our relationship with Jesus we become His disciples.

By the power of the Holy Spirit we are inspired to serve and spread the Gospel message.

Community – Discipleship – Mission