

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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20th September 2026, 25th 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.

19th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00 am	Moira Nasseri
	Vigil Mass of Sunday – Mass Book p 131
6.00pm	Thanksgiving of 60th Wedding Anniversary of John & Margaret Billiet
20th Sun	**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Marguerite Kuhn
10.00am	People of The Parish
	with First Holy Communions
11.30am	Tony Eivers Good Recovery
21st Mon	SAINT MATTHEW
10.00 am	Breda Creane RIP
22nd Tue	Feria
10.00am	Con Shanahan RIP/Anniv
23rd Wed	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
	No Public Mass
24th Thu	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
7.00pm	Silver Blessing
25th Fri	Feria
10.00am	Alish Healy - continued good recovery
26th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00am	In thanksgiving
	Vigil Mass of Sunday - Mass book p.134
6.00pm	Gabriel Hanrahan RIP/Bday remembrance
27th Sun	**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00 am	Agnello Fernandes & Sophie RIP/Anniv
11.30 am	John Patrick Hayes RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday: 10.30am -11.30am (except 2nd Saturday of the month)
5.15 – 5.45 pm and by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
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

WORK, WORK, WORK



This Sunday's Gospel features a situation of employment and a question of fair wages. While Jesus' parables are not intended as a social commentary, but rather a reflection on the nature of God and the mission of the Church, this parable presents an opportunity for the Church to speak, as it rightly should, to the context in which we live and do mission.

Throughout the centuries the Church has courageously spoken out on social, moral, and economic issues. We call this body of teaching (encyclicals, letters, homilies, and papal pronouncements) Catholic Social Teaching. For an outline of the history of this, I highly recommend reading chapter 2 of Pope Leo's latest encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas.*

For example, on the dignity of work, Pope Leo wrote: '*For these reasons, work is not simply an instrument; it expresses and enhances the dignity of our lives. It is a requirement of the human condition, a normal path toward maturity, development and personal fulfilment*' (§149). Such is the tragedy of unemployment and the risk to jobs by the development of AI technology, Pope Leo insists: '*It is certainly desirable for technology to relieve humans of arduous, repetitive or dangerous tasks and to provide intelligent support for human activity. Yet, the protection of employment opportunities and the irreplaceable role of the individual must remain the general rule. The pursuit of greater profits cannot justify choices that systematically sacrifice jobs, because the human person is an end, not a means, and the economic order must remain subordinate to human dignity and the common good*' (§152). Lots to ponder.

Fr Francis

Readings for next Sunday:
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28, Psalm 25(24):4-5b,
Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21: 28-32

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: Emmanuel Francis Xavier; Kathiran Laxsumi

Pray also for Jim Cousins, Michelle Maire, Thomas Nolan, Olive McHugh, Edward OFulue, Kathleen Moffatt, Patrick O'Malley**,** John Patrick Hayes, Christine Roglic Mary Joseph Anthonypillai, Jack Fitzgerald, Diana Anthony, , Martin McDonagh, Francis Lewandoski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini, Raymonde Thillier, Rosemary Faleiro, Ramesh Logeawaren Peter and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated this Sunday. On Home Mission Sunday, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

Funeral Mass of Mary Else RIP wil take place on **Thursday 1st October** at 11.30am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) – If you require a CCP for your child's entry into a primary or secondary school or sixth form please contact Fr Graham to arrange an appointment. **You should be regularly coming to Sunday Mass.** Please bring a part completed CCP with you for each application. Many Catholic schools, such as St John Fisher Primary School and St Joan of Arc Secondary School no longer ask for a CCP.

Youth Ministry - Meetings for our young people who are in school year 7 and above return on **Saturday 26th September after Mass**. This is an opportunity for us to explore aspects of our faith, meet other young people in the parish and have fun.

Family Catechesis (GIFT) - Growing in Faith Together is for families with children between 5 and 12 years of age ***including those wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion***. You can join anytime of the year. Next Session will be this **Saturday 10 October starting with Mass at 10:00am**. Come along and see what is involved. The next Parents' only meeting will be on **Monday 28th September** at 7pm in the Fisher Room.

Parish Women's Group's next meeting will be on **Thursday, 8th October**; it will be a book evening, and the group will pay tribute to Deirdre Barker, who was an author and a poet.

July 2026 - 100 Club winners.£100 - Marie Gregory; £40 - Louise Toussaint; £20 - Maria & Roger Barrett. Please contact parish office for payment

CAFOD Family Fast Day is next **Friday 25th September** when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas. Please collect a CAFOD Envelope as you leave so that you can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you for your generosity**.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11th October – **Macmillan Coffee and Cake Appeal** in the Parish Centre after all masses.
Saturday 17th October – **Quiz Night** in the Parish Centre, 7 for 7:30 pm. Bring your own food if you wish. The bar will be open and light snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Entry £5 with prizes to be won.
Sunday 1st November – **Coffee** morning after all masses.
Saturday 14th November – **Curry Evening** in the Parish Centre 7 for 7:30 pm. Food provided by **Gana Restaurant**, Rayners Lane. Tickets will be available after all masses from 1st November £20 adults, £10 for under 18s. Meat or vegetarian options**.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word – takes place on the second Sunday of each month at the 10am Mass. Our next session will be this **Sunday, 11th October**. If you are interested in helping to lead or support these sessions please get in touch with Jan at Mass or via harrownorthcat@rcdow.org.uk

The Phiniefs Family wish to thank all who attended Georgios Andreou Phiniefs's funeral Mass for their support, prayers, mass cards and love during this sad time. A mass will be said on Saturday 16th January at 10am in thanksgiving.

Parish Social Club – The social club is open on Friday nights (8.30pm–11.00pm) and on Sunday afternoons (12.30pm-3.00pm). It serves a wide range of drinks and is open to all parishioners to use as a place to relax, socialise and meet new people. There is no membership fee. For further details contact Jerome 07721 788000

Would you like to work in a bar? A part time job in a bar can be a good source of income. The Social Club can offer training in bar management to help you get a job. For further information contact the Parish Office. Over 18s only, please.

Alpha – Our 'Alpha' course has started with 25 guests beginning the course on Tuesday. Please continue to pray for the fruitfulness of this renewal in our parish

Poor box' distribution – Thanks to your generosity in supporting the parish 'poor box' a significant amount of money has accumulated which we wish to redistribute to good causes. Fr Graham and the Parish Finance Committee agreed that sufficient money should be held to support the parish SVP and any urgent pastoral needs; beyond that money given in this way should be distributed to Catholic charities worldwide and local registered charities that support the poor and needy and which are not supported as part of our regular activities. Any suggestions for charities that we might also support and meet the above criteria are welcome. Please contact Fr Graham who will bring your suggestions to the Finance Committee.

OTHER NOTICES

Praying with the Scriptures workshop at 2pm on **Saturday 24th October** in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Join Archbishop Moth for an inspiring and spiritual workshop on the holy reading of the Scriptures, Lectio Divina, All are welcome but please bpok to secure your place. See poster in church narthex or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/events

London Catholic Social Group 30+ is a friendly social group bringing together Catholics aged 30 and over from across London.. To find out more**:** Email londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com