

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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11th October 2026, 28th 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.

10th Sat	Saint Denis
10.00 am	John & Thecla D'Souza RIP
	With GIFT Families
	Vigil Mass of Sunday – Mass Book p 140
6.00pm	People of The Parish
11th Sun	**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Frances Rea
10.00am	Gabriel Faria
	with Children's Liturgy of the Word
11.30am	Finbarr Patrick Hayes & Katherine Hayes RIP
12th Mon	Saint Wilfrid
10.00 am	Peter Wong RIP
13th Tue	SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
10.00am	Sister Joyce Maarie
14th Wed	Saint Callistus
	No Public Mass
15th Thu	Saint Teresa of Jesus
7.00pm	Theobold & Pakiyam Alagaiah RIP
16th Fri	Saint Margaret Mary Alocoque
10.00am	Elizabeth Gallagher, Thanksgiving for Long Life
17th Sat	Saint Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am	Joe Mesquita RIP/5th Anniv
	Vigil Mass of Sunday - Mass book p.143
6.00pm	Kevin Carway, 2nd Anniv/RIP
18th Sun	**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Tony Desouza
10.00 am	Maria Pranto RIP/5th Anniv
11.30 am	People of the Parish

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–9.45am
Saturdays, First Friday: after Mass – 11.30am

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

PRISONERS SUNDAY



A friend of mine has started volunteering in prison chaplaincy. On this, Prisoners Sunday when we remember those in prison as well as their families and the victims of crime, it is good to reflect on the reality of faith in prisons:

"Pope Francis liked to see the Church as a "field hospital", a place where badly wounded sinners could find mercy and a path to long-term healing. Prisons are like that. When you speak to prisoners you will hear of dysfunctional upbringings, absent fathers, addictions, violence, tragedies, homelessness, the scourge of drugs. A surprisingly high number identify as Catholic. To be sure, they are there for a reason: they've made bad choices, developed vices, damaged lives. Many reoffend. Justice rightly demands that they "serve time" – and prisons are no holiday camp.

"I was in prison, and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36) is all the justification we need for prison chaplaincy. Christian charity goes beyond justice. To quote Dostoevsky, "the Church, like a tender loving mother, always keeps up relations with the criminal as a dear and precious son". Many prisoners have been dealt a bad hand in life, and those of us privileged to get close to such souls quickly realise "there but for the grace of God go I". We speak often of the Prodigal Son, the Good Thief, Jesus dining with "sinners" – and how we are all beggars before God. And there is great joy in seeing prisoners trying to turn their lives round, and being open to the wonder and challenge of living as a Christian. And that in turn challenges me to be better.

Pray for prisoners, and ex-prisoners, and show them love if you get the chance. They really are poor in every sense, and yet I have learned so much from them."

With every blessing for the week ahead, Fr Graham

Pope Leo's Intention for October
For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Readings for next Sunday:
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96(95):1,3.
1Thessalonians 1;1-5b, Matthew 22:15-21

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: Suresh Damley, Ernest Oheney

Pray also for : George Mahon, Kevin Carway**,** Louisa Tydda**,** Bryan Cross, Gwladys Smith, Phylliss Berry, Peter Wong, Francis "Frank" Hacklett, Bridgitte Ryan, Tony Crck, Pauline "Polly" Lee, Pauline Roa, Mary Smith, Marguerite Atkinson, Ana Francisca Txeira, Bernard Pereira, Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Benny Hoft, Majula Mahendra those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 10th October The families taking part in our family catechesis will be joining a guided meditation from 11.15am until the end of Exposition.



Rosary with the Old Testament. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Join Kevin Turley to recite this ancient prayer and reflect on how the Old Testament helps us to pray the mysteries of the Rosary. Thursdays at 6pm in the Fisher Room on **15th, 22nd October and 5th November**. (NB. NOT 29th October)

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*** in due course. You can join anytime during the year. The next Session will be this **Saturday 10th October starting with Mass at 10:00am**. Come along and see what is involved.

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

At your Word Lord – Our faith sharing group commences **Monday 19th October** after 10am mass at Neville Bayross's house. All welcome. Nevilles phone number is 0208 863 8876.



Confirmation 2027 - Young people in year 10 or above interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation should speak to Fr Graham or Fr Francis and collect a link to the on-line registration form. You must be baptised Roman Catholics and the first part of any preparation is attendance at Mass every Sunday in the parish. Applications will be considered on an individual basis and will involve a meeting with Fr Graham to discern together where candidates are in their relationship with Jesus, His Church and His mission and what God's call means for each candidate. There will be a meeting for candidates and parents on **Thursday 19th November after Mass at 7.30pm i**n the Fisher Room. Note – the application portal will close at 23:45 **on Sunday 8th November** so please ensure you complete your registration by this time to be considered.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEKEND Sunday 11th October – Macmillan Coffee and Cake Appeal in the Parish Centre after all masses.



TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND 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. **Donations for the raffle gratefully received. Please place donations in the box in the narthex.**

Sunday 1st November – Coffee after all masses.

Saturday 14th November – Curry Evening in the Parish Centre 7 for 7:30 pm. Food provided by Gana Restaurant, Rayners Lane. **Gana would like to know as soon as possible how many will be coming. Could you leave your name to the list in the narthex this weekend if possible. You can also book via harrownorthwelcome@rcdow.org.uk.** Tickets will be available after all masses from 1st November £20 adults, £10 for under 18s. Meat or vegetarian options.

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.**

Mass Intentions for 2027. The diary has now been opened for Mass intentions up until the end of May 2027. We are taking intentions for two Masses on Sunday mornings.

Alpha – Our 'Alpha' course continues on Tuesdays. Please pray for the guests and helpers, that the Holy Spirit may touch all their hearts

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

OTHER NOTICES

Adoremus, the **National Eucharistic Congress** on **Saturday 10th October**. Join the **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Southwark Cathedral, along the South Bank of the Thames, to Westminster Cathedral**. The procession begins at 3pm and will finish at 5pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral presided over by Bishop Jim Curry. This will be followed by Mass at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. After the Mass at 8pm, the first of three Holy Hours will begin led by different youth ministry teams. From 11pm an all-night Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament begins, which finishes with Mass at 6am. Anyone wishing to attend the Holy Hours and all night-vigil should register at: https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

Candlelit Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 7pm **Sunday 18th October**. Join Archbishop Richard, Pilgrims, and the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, as we ask Our Lady's prayers for the gift of Priests for the Church, and for the Protection of London. The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX