

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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4th October 2026, 27th 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.

3rd Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10.00 am	Eileen Brady RIP
	Vigil Mass of Sunday – Mass Book p 137
6.00pm	Diago Fernandes RIP/Anniv
4th Sun	**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Bernard Barker RIP/Anniv
10.00am	Leanne Middlemass
11.30am	People of The Parish
12.30 pm	*Blessing of Pets on lawn beside church*
5th Mon	Saint Faustina Kowalska
10.00 am	Teresa Emmanuel RIP/1st Anniv
6th Tue	Saint Bruno
10.00am	Paul Gladwin RIP/Anniv
7th Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary
	No Public Mass
8th Thu	Feria
7.00pm	Teresa Emmanuel 96th Bday Remem
9th Fri	SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
10.00am	Ivor & Bernard Tess Pereira RIP
10th Sat	Saint Denis
10.00am	John & Thelma 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
10.00 am	Gabriel Faria
	with Children's Liturgy of the Word
11.30 am	Finbarr Patrick Hayes RIP & Katherine 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–9.45am
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

POPE LEO XIV IN PARIS



Pope Leo XIVs visit to France has been incredibly moving, especially the Vigil for 80,000 young people in the Stade de France on 25th September. He said to those gathered:

"We are not alone on this path to holiness, for we walk it united with all our brothers and sisters around us. […] We also have the saints as our allies, supporting us in times of trial. Dear friends, when life's choices require courage, seek the intercession of the saints and follow their example. […] the encouragement of the saints assures us that we are never alone in prayer, and that we are never alone in the Church. In a particular way, let us now ask for their help to become peacemakers, which is the eternal desire of God for us, and humanity's constant task."

"As we advance along this path of holiness, it becomes clear that it is not enough merely to shun evil: we must choose the good. This is not an abstract principle, nor is it a self-evident statement. Choosing the good is the proper act of freedom, by which it is realized, refined and matured. To make the right choices, remember this principle: the good gives life; it never takes it away. The good cares for others; it does not take for itself. The good is not simply a nice idea, but the radiant face of love: it is God himself."

Fr Francis

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23(22):1-3a,
Philippians 4:12-14 Matthew 22: 1-14

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: _____Damley

Pray also for : Stephen Rizkallah, Sarah Hegarty, Remy Martens, Rita Kinoulty, Christine James**,** Bernard Barker, Keith Phaure, Patricia Dunmore, Helen Williams, Thomas"Chris" Caldwell, Peter Golden, Elizabeth O'Shea, Assaimuttu Gnanam, Teresa Emmanuel, Dennis O'Connor,Finbarr Patrick Hayes, Edith Steinitz, Joseph McGeoghan, Neilly Keating, Maria Antonia Martinez Delgado Hyacinth Schokman those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish office will only be open for urgent matters between Tuesday 6th October and Monday 12th October inclusive.

Blessing of Pets: There will be a blessing of pets at 12.30pm on **Sunday 4th October** which will take place on the lawn beside the church.



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 **8th, 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 on **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 next **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

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..

CAFOD Family Fast Day As you leave Mass this weekend there is another opportunity to support the work of CAFOD by giving what you saved on CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please place your offering in the basket or use a CAFOD Envelope so that you can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/envelope . Thank you for your generosity**.**

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

Parish Women's Social Group - Thursday, 8th October at 7.45pm in the small hall paying tribute to Deirdre Shanahan as well as reviewing 'The Past' by Tessa Hadley and 'Little Fires Burning Everywhere' by Celeste Ng. Small amounts of snacks or drinks to share will be welcome. This evening is open to all women of our parish and their friends. Cost: £1.

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. **Tickets on sale this weekend** We would be grateful for any donations towards prizes

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**.**

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.**

Foodbank The next collection will be this weekend on **3rd /4th October.** Please see link below for food items required Thank you. https://harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ Thank you for the generous donations of last month.

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/