

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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1st November 2026, ALL SAINTS

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.

31st Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
10.00 am	Margaret & Pat Martin
	Vigil Mass of All Saints – Mass Book p 184
6.00pm	Marian Cunningham RIP/3rd Anniv
1st Sun	**ALL SAINTS**
8.30am	Sarah, Brendan & James Lynch RIP
10.00am	Patrick O'Rouke RIP
11.30am	People of the Parish
	with Adult Baptism and Confirmations
2nd Mon	**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; ALL SOULS' DAY**
10.00 am	Jackie Collins RIP
7.00pm	Holy Souls; ***Annual Bereavement Mass***
3rd Tue	Saint Martin de Porres
10.00am	Xavier & Marie D'Souza RIP
4th Wed	Saintt Charles Borromeo
	No Public Mass
5th Thu	Feria
7.00pm	Eddie Collins & Family
6th Fri	Feria
10.00am	Holy Souls
	Followed by Exposition and Benediction
7th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
10.00am	Mr John Garvey RIP
	Vigil Mass of Sunday - Mass book p.152
6.00pm	People of the Parish
8th Sun	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Fr Selvarajah RIP
10.00 am	Deceased in War & Conflict
11.30 am	Teresa O'Connor RIP/1st Anniv

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

From last week……..

SUNDAY MASS TIMES



This year's Mass attendance count is almost unchanged from 2024 and 2025 at 510, around a third below that just before the pandemic. Therefore the time has come to respond to this new reality by changing our Sunday Mass times, something that has been in my thoughts and prayers for some time. After Christmas we will be combining three Sunday morning Masses into two as mentioned several times in this newsletter. We have followed this pattern over the last two summers and for significant celebrations such as the Feasts of Pentecost, Corpus Christi and St John Fisher.

A joyful and vibrant celebration of Mass depends on good liturgy, including music and singing, readers and altar servers, as well as a warm welcome, thoughtful homilies and a congregation large enough to foster a genuine sense of community. When attendance is spread more thinly across several Masses, it becomes increasingly difficult to sustain these ministries and to celebrate the liturgy as well as we would wish; this has become increasingly evident in recent years.

The most straightforward approach would be to adopt our summer schedule all year round with Masses on Sunday morning at **8.30am and 10.30am**. The Saturday Vigil Mass would remain at 6pm.

I want to know what you think about these proposed times before they are confirmed. So far, most of those who have spoken to me have recognised the need to make this change. Yet there may well be others amongst you who have different thoughts or concerns, and it is important that everyone has the opportunity to be heard before a final decision is made. If you have any comments please contact me or Fr Francis or the welcome group if you prefer (harrownorthwelcome@rcdow.org.uk)

These proposed changes are intended to strengthen us as a parish community, enabling us to grow in faifhfuless and holiness, to reach out to those in need, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those we meet and with all those who live in our parish.

Have a blessed week ahead, Fr Graham

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 Etwary Geewan, Jack O'Brien

Pray also for : Arthur Moore, Norah May Hurley, Mariane Cunningham, Joan,Elaine, Rachel Gilsenan, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney, William Golden,Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Alan Forbes, Alasdair Wilson, Joe Quinn, Margaret & Anthony Sweeney, Terry Johnston, Mary Gleeson, Katherie Hayes, Michael Mullins, Liam Moroney, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Aid to the Church in Need will be making an appeal at all Masses next weekend focusing on their work in Venezuela, Nigeria, and the Holy Land. There will be a trade stall selling handmade devotional items from Syria, Nigeria, Ukraine and the Holy Land after all Masses. You can use this QR to make an online donation

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Remembering the faithful departed - 'Dead List' envelopes and sheets are available at the back of the church for you to list your deceased loved ones and others you wish to pray for; these lists will be placed in our Book of Remembrance on the sanctuary during November and prayed for at each Mass in that month. Please return the envelope, and any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery, sacristy or via the offertory collection. During November and throughout the year Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of the departed.

All Souls Mass Monday 2nd November at 7.00pm - The names of those we have prayed for who have died in the last year is being compiled, to be read out during the evening Mass. If you would like someone to be included in the list please contact the Parish Office. Names need to be submitted by Thursday 29th October.

Blessing of Graves –

- Carpenders Park Cemetery **– 1.30pm Sunday 8th Nov**
- Northwood Cemetery **– 2pm Saturday 14th November**
- Pinner New Cemetery – **2pm Saturday 28th November**

In addition, Fr Graham will be visiting Pinner New Cemtery on **Monday 2nd November** at around 11.30am-12noon

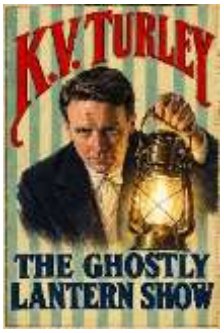
Social Club Quiz on Saturday 5th December. Spaces are limited, so please let John Cousins know, via WhatsApp if you would like to take part. £3 / person. 4 Bottles of wine for the winning team. Doors open at 8pm for an 8:30 start

Catholic Children's Society's Christmas Gift Appeal. We will once again be collecting presents through this appeal for children who are not expecting to receive anything this Christmas. More details to follow but please note that **only new toys can be accepted.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1st November – Coffee morning in the Parish Centre after all Masses.

Saturday 14th November – Curry Evening in the Parish Centre 7 for 7:30 pm. **Tickets on sale this weekend**. Food provided by Gana Restaurant. Please leave your name on the list in the narthex if you would like to come. You can also book via harrownorthwelcome@rcdow.org £20 adults, £10 for under 18s. Cash or card accepted. Meat or vegetarian options. Here is a flavour of our previous Curry Evening in 2024 - https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrownorth/news/culture-music-and-dance-parish-curry-night/



Saturday 28th November 7.30pm in the Parish Centre – Ghostly Lantern Show with Kevin Turley – Come in from the Dark – an evening of the extraordinary hidden within the ordinary. Stories of those who lived, loved, struggled, failed hoped and dared again. See flyer for more details of this free event; a retiring collection will be taken.

Sunday 13th December – 3.00pm Advent Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. There will be a hamper raffle and Christmas cake auction.



Christmas Hamper Raffle. We would be grateful for any donation of a luxury food or drink item (e.g. chocolate, biscuits, jams, snacks) for our annual raffle. Items can be put in the collection box in the narthex from the weekend of **7/8 November**. Alternatively, you can drop gifts at the parish office. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale after all masses on **5/6 December and 12/13 December**. The draw will take place at the Mulled Wine and Mince Pies event after the Carol Service.

Rosary with the Old Testament. Final session at 6pm in the Fisher Room on **Thursday 5th November**.

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 potential candidates and their parents on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm i**n the Fisher Room. The application portal will close at 23:45 **on Sunday 8th November** so please complete your registration by this time to be considered

Mass intentions – Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish clergy through offerings for particular Mass intentions. We are currently booked up with Mass intentions until the **end of March 2027**. With fewer Sunday Masses there will be fewer opportunities for Sunday Mass intentions resulting in Mass intentions being further into he future than may be expected. Please be patient and reassured that masses booked will be said even if the date has to be changed.

PARISH NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

Alpha continues on Tuesday evenings in the parish centre. Please pray for the 20 or so guests as well as the service team, that the Holy Spirit may touch all their hearts

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 **Saturday 14th November starting with Mass at 10:00am**.

100 club - The **August** winners are (1) £100 - Helen Sherwood (2) £40 - Aaron O'Flaherty; (3) £20 - Henie Blackhouse

Foodbank The next collection will be on **7th/8th November.** Please see link below for food items required Thank you. https://harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

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.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word – takes place on the second Sunday of each month at the 10am Mass. Our next session will be **Sunday, 8th November** 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

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

Sacred Heart Language College Wealdstone are having a **fundraising clothes collection** Please see notice board in church narthex for more details and note that clothes are to be brought directly to the school.

Magnifica Humanitas - The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on **Wednesday 4 November** at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on *Magnifica Humanitas.* Pope Leo's encyclical on artificial intelligence. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/

Pope Leo's Intention for November:
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have

Readings for next Sunday:
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63(62):2
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13