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8th November 2026, 32nd 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.

7th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
10.00 am	John Garvey RIP
	Vigil Mass of All Saints – Mass Book p 152
6.00pm	People of the Parish
8th Sun	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Fr Selvarajah RIP
10.00am	Deceased in War and Conflict
	With Childrens Liturgy of the Word
11.30am	Teresa O'Connor RIP/1st Anniv
9th Mon	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
10.00 am	Xavier & Marie D'Souza RIP
10th Tue	Saint Leo the Great
10.00am	Dr Nihal Ranasinghe Bday Remembrance
11th Wed	Saint Martin of Tours
	No Public Mass
12th Thu	Saint Josaphat
7.00pm	Karen Halvey RIP
13th Fri	Feria
10.00am	Brian Woods
14th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
10.00am	Assumption Fernandes RIP/Anniv
	With GIFT Families
	Vigil Mass of Sunday - Mass book p.155
6.00pm	John Donnelly RIP & Toinette Cornish RIP
15th Sun	**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Trofimena Arpino
10.00 am	Fernandes Family Deceased Members
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

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



This reflection was given at the Bethany Mass on All Souls Day: 'The resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death. It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle, nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us. In the resurrection is the expression of God's faithfulness to Jesus and to all God's children. Through the resurrection, God has said to Jesus, "*You are indeed my beloved Son, and my love is everlasting*," and to us God has said, "*You indeed are my beloved children, and my love is everlasting*." The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost not even our mortal bodies. The resurrection doesn't answer any of our curious questions about life after death, such as: How will it be? How will it look? But it does reveal to us that, indeed, love is stronger than death. After that revelation, we must remain silent, leave the whys, wheres, hows, and whens behind, and simply trust.'

Our Greatest Gift by Fr Henri J. Nouwen

Fr Francis

Pope Leo's Intention for November
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 less.

Readings for next Sunday:
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 31:10-13, Psalm 128 (127)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

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.

Pray also for : Bernard Rooney, Peggy O'Malley, Vinvent McNulty, Peter O'Brien, Maxime Wu, Teresa O'Connor**,** Josie Redmond, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive, Kathleen Kelly, Mrs Ofulue, Charles Harris, Bill Smith, Carl Jorgensen, Mr Rajeswaran, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Josef Schuster Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Mary Coady, Patricia"Tisha" Pace 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 this weekend focusing on its work in Venezuela and Red Wednesday. The appeal will also highlight ACN's Article 18 advocacy campaign, which calls for the protection of religious freedom. Parishioners will be invited to sign the petition urging the UK Government and the United Nations to uphold this fundamental human right. All donations will be match-funded!. 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 still 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 and prayed for at each Mass this 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.

Blessing of Graves –

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

The Funeral Mass of Jack O'Brien RIP will be at **11.30am on Tuesday 17th November** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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

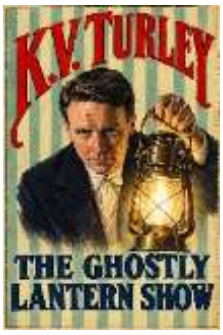
Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) – If you require a CCP for your child's entry into a primary or secondary school or sixth form please contact Fr Graham to arrange an appointment. **You should be regularly coming to Sunday Mass.**

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.** The deadline for dropping off toys will be the weekend of 28th/29th November. Saville's Funeral Directors have again kindly agreed to drop our presents off with the Catholic Children's Society in North Kensington

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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/

You may have noticed the date is incorrect on the tickets/poster it should be Saturday 14th November.



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 to fund the decoration of the church at Christmas.

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. Proceeds will go to 'The Passage' charity based in Westminster that helps people before, during and after homelessness, providing practical support, advice and innovative services that stop rough sleeping before it begins.

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

PARISH NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

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 the future than may be expected. Please be patient and reassured that masses booked will be said even if the date has to be changed

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**. The next parents session is **Monday 16th November at 7pm** in the Fisher room

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

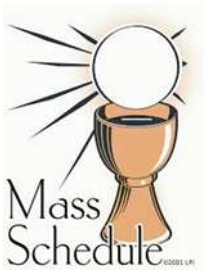
Children's Liturgy of the Word – takes place on the second Sunday of each month at the 10am Mass. Our next session will be **Sunday, 8th November** If you are interested in helping to lead or support these sessions please get in touch with Jan at Mass or via harrownorthcat@rcdow.org.uk

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.

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.