

St John Fisher Catholic Church

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15th November 2026, 33rd 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.

14th Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday
10.00 am	Assumption Fernandes RIP/Anniv
	With GIFT Families
	Vigil Mass of All Saints – Mass Book p 155
6.00pm	Toinette Cornish RIP & John Donnelly RIP
15th Sun	**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am	Trofimena Arpino
10.00am	Fernandes Family Deceased members
11.30am	People of the Parish
16th Mon	Saint Edmund of Abingdon
10.00 am	Most forgotten Holy Souls & those only known to God
17th Tue	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
10.00am	Harry Gallagher RIP/Anniv
11.30 am	Funeral Mass of Jack O'Brien RIP
18th Wed	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul
	No Public Mass
19th Thu	Feria
7.00pm	Kathleen Stokes RIP/Anniv
20th Fri	Feria
10.0am	Raymond Menezes RIP/2nd Anniv
21st Sat	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am	Maria Moniz RIP/Bday Remembrance
	Vigil Mass of Sunday - Mass book p.158
6.00pm	People of The Parish
22nd Sun	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
8.30am	Cecilia Dhar RIP/1st Anniv
10.00 am	Anna Francisca Texeira RIP
11.30 am	Jane Wong 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

PURGATORY



All people who die in God's friendship, but are not totally purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned (hell).The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory by reference to certain texts of Scripture, which speak of a cleansing fire, for example: '*so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*' (1 Peter 1:7)

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture. In 2 Maccabees 12:45–46, Judas Maccabeus and his men pray and make a sin offering for fallen soldiers who died wearing forbidden pagan amulets:
'*But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.*'

From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice (the Mass), so that, once purified, they may reach the beatific vision of God. The Church also encourages us in the practices of almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. (*Catechism of Catholic Church, no.s* 1030-1032).

Fr Francis

Readings for next Sunday:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23 (22)
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

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: Rene Contaminard, Joan Moriarty

Pray also for: Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh, Suleiman Raie, Joan Etherden, Julie Carroll, Peter Sen, Grace Rossington, Kathleen Harrison, Wanda Owczarczak, Timothy Dineen, Anne Doherty, Stella Chapple, Mary Bridget "Maura"Kugler, John Sinn, Harry Gallagher, Kathleen Stokes, Timothy Dineen, Helen Gallagher, Raymond Menezes and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Sick and Retired Priests – next **Sunday, 22nd November**, there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Sick and Retired Priest's fund. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

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.

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

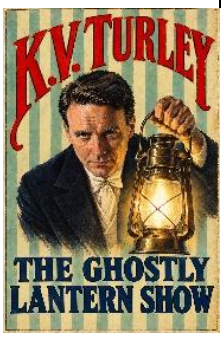
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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 –

- Northwood Cemetery – **2pm Saturday 14th November**
- Pinner New Cemetery – **2pm Saturday 28th November**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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.

Sunday 6th December Coffee morning in the Parish Centre. Currant buns will be on sale after the 8:30 Mass and pizza slices on sale after the 10 am and 11:30 am masses

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 boxes on the left-hand side at the back of the church. Alternatively, you can drop gifts at the parish office. *The collection boxes have been moved for security reasons.*

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 - There will be a meeting for potential candidates and their parents on **Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm** in the Fisher Room.

The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 November 2026 also marks the **41st World Youth Sunday**, celebrating young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a **video message from Archbishop Richard Moth**. This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "*Take courage! I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33). As a Catholic Community we have responsibility to accompany young people on their journey of faith while having great opportunity to learn from them how to approach our faith with the innocence of a child. Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. In 2025, it welcomed over 5,000 young people to SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner and supported 44 diocesan youth groups through Youth Ministry Outreach.



The 5th Annual St Luke's, Pinner Advent Morning of Recollection on Saturday, 12 December - This year we welcome Mgr Paul McPartlan, Rector of Mater Ecclesiae College and Professor of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham, who will help us reflect on what Christ's coming means for us today: "**The Eucharist and the Priestly People of God**". Talks begin at 10:30 am in the church, to conclude at 12:30 pm.

PARISH NOTICES (ONLINE ONLY)

Sick and Retired Priests - The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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

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, 13th December.** 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.

2028/2029 – Proposed Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF): Please click on the following link to see the proposed changes to the 2028/29 Admissions Policy and SIF. FYI, the consultation period is from 2nd November until 15th December. 2028/2029 Admissions Consultation (02/11/26-15/12/26) | St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Advent online Retreat - December 7th- 11th: 10-10.30am. A prayerful half-hour every morning with a different speaker each day. Contact Eddie Gilmore: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org