

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, Masses will be offered for all the names in the Book of Remembrance.

The dates for these Masses are:

Tuesday 9th November	- 10.00am
Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)	- 9.30am
Monday 15th November	- 10.00am
Friday 19th November	- 10.00am
Thursday 25th November	- 10.00am
Sunday 28th November	- 11.30am

The Book of Remembrance

Lists and envelopes are still available in the lobby for you to write down the names of your loved ones, which will then be added to the Book of Remembrance. Think of them, write their names and put the list in the envelope (you may also like to include a donation) and place it in the collection basket or post it through the black door of the parish office (No.41)

LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6	Mass	6.30pm	Lee Dos Remedios RIP Leonard Cabral RIP
Sunday	7	Masses	9.30am	People of the Parish
			11.30am	Carlos Pereira RIP For the deceased members of the Murray, Donegan, Pinto and Bernard families
Monday	8	Mass	10.00am	In Thanksgiving Hermigildo De Oliveira RIP Ermelinda Monteiro RIP and Emedio de Oliveira RIP
Tuesday	9	Masses	10.00am	All Souls
Wednesday	10	No Mass		
Thursday	11	Mass	10.00am	Jude - In Thanksgiving and for Good Health
Friday	12	Mass	10.00am	De Oliveira Family
Saturday	13	Mass	6.30pm	For the souls of the family of Joao Mendonca
33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)				
Sunday	14	Masses	9.30am	All Souls
			11.30am	Eugene Garcia RIP

Please pray for: John McCarthy, John Lyne, Rebecca Sullivan, Hannah Tran, Mary Dykes, Clare Ashton, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan,
for those who died recently: Timothy Mulcahy, Margaret Rattray, Blanca Crisanti, Elsa Robertson, Teresa Gannon, Carlos Pereira, Anne Wilson, Barbara Czaykowska, John Preston, Stefania Browne, William Swords, Mariano De Gregorio, Bridget Rozario.
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: William Talbutt, Fr John Elliott (former parish priest), Peter Mahoney, Carmel Egan, Olive Beavan, Stephen Hayes, Marie Dempsey, Aidan Burns, Kathleen Gleeson, Jean Breen, Clare Plummer, Sam Stocker, Kathleen Ainslie, Peter Connolly, Margarita Hillman, Breda Connellan, Canice Connellan, John Duff, Frank Carroll, John Dunne, John O'Connor, John Hogan, Julie Thomas, Angela Beaney, Gwendoline Hughes,

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life. This month the Holy Father calls our attention to the stress and depression affecting many people. Aware that people around the world are going through times of mental, emotional, and affective exhaustion (in varying forms and degrees), the Pope asks that they be adequately accompanied, that we pray for them, and that Jesus' closeness not be forgotten.

His message addresses a central issue in the lives of millions of people: mental health. In his prayer video for this month, he explains that in many cases, "sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, which are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today." In fact a study published this year estimates that about one in ten people worldwide lives with a mental health disorder and identifies depression and anxiety as the most prevalent in people's lives.

The Pope says: "Let us not forget that, along with the indispensable psychological counselling, which is useful and effective, Jesus' words also help. It comes to my mind and heart: 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'"

With the reality of the pandemic in view, the Holy Father asks that we "be close to those who are exhausted, to those who are desperate, without hope and that often, we should simply listen in silence."



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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12: 38-44

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SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

This weekend there will be a second collection in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

Please rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection basket in the lobby today. If you do not have an envelope, there are more available. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or use the 'QR Code' that features on the envelopes and posters. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests.

Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

SYNODAL PATHWAY

This Sunday (and next Saturday), we will be holding the first of our listening groups on the Synodal Pathway.

As part of this synod, we are being asked to reflect on our experience of journeying together as a church – on what our faith means to us, and how we have tried to live it. We are being asked to reflect together and listen to one another in order to discern what the Holy Spirit is doing in the church.

We are being asked to imagine, to dream about the Church we are called to be – how we can make hopes flourish, how we can stimulate trust, how we can bind up wounds and how we can weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from each other, how we can build bridges and enlighten minds.

Please join us this Sunday after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses in the parish room

Our feedback from the parish will join that of all the other parishes in the diocese before being shared at a national, continental level and then at the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. There is no fixed anticipated result from this synod and synodal process – we are all looking to be guided by the Holy Spirit to show us the way we should walk.



COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

Cardinal writes to the PM ahead of the Summit

Ahead of the meeting of world leaders at the COP26 UN climate summit, which started on Monday 31st October, Cardinal Vincent Nichols wrote to the Prime Minister to express the hopes of the Catholic community in England and Wales.

Describing the global ecological crisis as “a dark cloud over humanity”, he emphasised that the Catholic faith “calls us to care for our common home with all people of good will”.

Whilst assuring the Prime Minister of prayers for a successful summit, Cardinal Nichols pointed out how Catholic parishes, schools and dioceses are meeting the environmental challenges head-on, stressing that whilst the crisis is human made, so too are its solutions.

He also asked that three key actions are pursued:

- Support poorer and more vulnerable communities in the face of the devastating effects of climate change,
- Take a lead in international efforts to develop and champion green energy solutions,
- Do all you can to lead partnership between all nations in reducing harmful emissions and in keeping global warming to its stated goals.

Background

The urgency of the global ecological crisis and the teaching of our Catholic faith implores us as a Church to work to cultivate care for our common home with all people of good will. Both Pope Benedict and more recently Pope Francis have spoken out on our responsibility to care for creation.

Within Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis encourages us to approach this “dark cloud” with a “renewed hope” and a fraternity grounded in the “reserves of goodness present in the human hearts” and not from a position of “isolation and withdrawal into one’s own interests.” [1]

In Laudato Si’ he points out that “we are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis that is both social and environmental.” [2]

We cannot, as the Pope reminds us, “pretend to be healthy in a world that is sick” because the wounds inflicted on the planet “are wounds that also bleed into us.”[3]

Restoring a harmonious relationship with nature is the crux of the climate challenge that faces us, and this must begin with “acknowledging that every living being has intrinsic value and purpose and, as such much be cherished.” [4]

Such an approach places interrelated demands on each of us to respond, from world leaders to the youngest amongst us. Within our own community this last year, we have been showcasing some of the excellent projects and initiatives run by some of our parishes, schools and dioceses. [5]

Throughout this next week, let us continue to pray for the leaders who are meeting in Glasgow, and reflect on the role of every one of us in creating and supporting a sustainable future for our Common Home.

*Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen*

ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL Volunteering at the School - Supporting Children to Read

To help promote reading for pleasure and support our ethos of being a ‘We love reading school’, we are looking for volunteers to hear children read.

Volunteers must be willing to commit to at least 1 hour a week on a regular basis (preferably in the afternoon) and be willing to listen children read from all year groups ranging from Reception to Year 6. All volunteers will be DBS checked in line with the Safeguarding Policy.

If you are interested, please contact the school office via email (admin@stjohnfisher.ealing.sch.uk) or by telephone 020 8799 0970, giving your name and contact details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 7th	Synodal Pathway - Listening Groups	After the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses	Parish Room
Monday 8th	Adult Catechesis	8.00pm	Church
Tuesday 9th	Baptism Course	7.30pm	Church
Thursday 11th	Adult Catechesis	8.00pm	Church
Friday 12th	Senior Citizens Party - Planning Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Room

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY Volunteers’ Meeting

There will be a **Planning Meeting on Friday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**. If you would like to help with the event, setting up, serving, driving guests to the venue, clearing up at the end, please come along.

NURSERY & RECEPTION APPLICATIONS Certificates of Catholic Practice

If you are applying for Nursery/Reception places for September 2022, attend Mass at this parish, and need a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your child, Fr Agustin has appointments available on the following days:

Monday 15th November 7.00 - 7.45pm
and
Monday 6th December 7.00 - 8.00pm

ST JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL Nursery & Reception - Open Days

For those interested in applying for Nursery or Reception, the school will be open for parents to visit on the following days:

Tuesday 9th November @ 2pm
Thursday 11th November @ 9am
Tuesday 16th November @ 9am
Thursday 18th November @ 2pm

Parents are welcome to go along and hear from the leadership team as well as have a tour of the school.

Further information on how to apply is available on the school’s website

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Application Forms are now available for the next programme with St John Fisher. If you would like your child to join the next programme, please contact the Parish Office.

The programme is open to children in year 3 or above. Please note that, if you child was not baptised at St John Fisher Church, you will need to provide a copy of your child’s baptism certificate and if you are not already registered with the parish, you will also need to provide a letter of permission from your parish priest.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Forms received after this date will not be accepted.

The children will be split into groups with lessons taking place on
Monday afternoon (at St John Fisher School) or
Monday evening (at the church - parish room) or
Saturday afternoon (at the church - parish room)

We are expecting a high number of applications this year and so we will take into account which school your child attends, their year group and any special needs when determining which group your child will be in. Dates/location for each lesson will be communicated to parents once all applications have been received.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Application Forms are now available for the next Confirmation programme here at St John Fisher. **Young people in Year 8 or above**, who feel ready to prepare for this sacrament, can apply.

The programme will start in February 2022 with a mix of face-to-face and online sessions and the Masses will take place in October. If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021