
*If you wish to have a mass intention said, please contact the Parish Office

## Please read the attached Newsletter for the latest Church Update

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Sunday, 20 June 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
To all our Dads, Happy Father's Day!

## XII Sunday is a day of prayer celebrating the sacredness of life.

Our Mass schedule remains:
Weekdays - Monday 10.00am; Wednesday 10.00am; Friday 10.00am Sunday 8.30am; 10.30am; 6.30pm

## YouTube link for Sunday Mass

The 10.30am Mass will be livestreamed via YouTube. Copy and paste the following link to watch: https://youtu.be/Lc3IMOZvCXM

Remember the Sunday obligation is suspended and given the current situation you should think carefully before coming to Mass, especially if you are shielding or vulnerable. If in doubt, please stay at home.

## In Remembrance

For those who have died recently, especially Johanna Abbott and Ellen Webber (Helen). Remember them and their family.
*The private funeral for Ellen Webber (Helen) will be held Thursday, 24 June
*The private funeral for Johanna Abbott will be held Thursday, 1 July
Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Robert Tuhey, Anne Munro, Derek Kelsey, Christy Noonan, Joyce Codrington, Henry Piper, Kathleen Platschette, Sheila Donohue, Alfred Bullen, Gretchen Franklin, Abby King and Veronica Braun.

## Sick List

For the sick and the suffering, especially James, newborn twins Aymeric and Natalie Schirmer (Aymeric is now at home while Natalie remains in the hospital), Mary Alinson, Sandy McCabe, Barbara Still, Rolande Gantly, Sarah Sacarello, Fr Anthony Logan and Susan Kelsey.

Please remember those who are sick and especially those who have contracted the virus.

## Tuesday is the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

St. John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1469. He was educated at Cambridge University where he became a top scholar. He became a priest in 1491 and a bishop in the year 1504. As Bishop of Rochester he was the spiritual director of King Henry VIII's mother. King Henry VIII wanted to divorce his wife, Catherine, in order to marry Anne Boleyn. He was angry with Bishop John for insisting that his marriage to Queen Catherine was true. He was further angered when Bishop John rejected his claim to be the Supreme Head of the Church of England. King Henry VIII had Bishop John arrested and sent to the Tower of London. Bishop John suffered much but would not betray his faith. Whilst he was imprisoned in the Tower of London, Pope Paul III named Bishop John a cardinal, yet even this did not encourage King Henry to set him free, but only made him more angry. Cardinal John was beheaded on June 22, 1535. Along with his friend and fellow Catholic, Sir Thomas More, Cardinal John Fisher was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935. It takes courage to stand up for the truth. Saint John Fisher shows us that, with God, we can always have the strength to do the right thing.
St Thomas More was born in London, England, in 1478. He was a famous writer and lawyer. Thomas More was a married man, and he and his family lived happily, sharing with the poor. He was deeply religious and prayed long hours into the night and performed many penances. Thomas was also a good friend of King Henry VIII who made him Chancellor of England, a position just under the king. Thomas enforced the laws of England and saw that the poor were protected against injustice. Once while Thomas was hearing Mass, King Henry sent for him. He did not leave until the Mass was finished, but sent this message, "As soon as my audience with the King of Heaven is ended, I will at once obey the desire of my earthly king." King Henry wanted a law passed making himself head of the Church in England, because the Pope would not grant him a divorce from Queen Catherine. When Thomas refused to consider such a law and resigned his position, he was arrested. At the trial false witnesses were called against him, and he was condemned to death. Thomas was beheaded on July 6, 1535 and along with his friend and fellow Catholic, Cardinal John Fisher, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935. Just like his friend Saint John Fisher, Thomas did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king. He was able to stay strong through prayer and trusting in God. (from Wednesday Word)

## News from the Green Team

After our Covid hibernation we are emerging into the sun. The world has not stood still.

In November the COP26 meeting in Glasgow will be crucial for the wellbeing of our planet. The future of our children and grandchildren, and of the poorest people on earth, is at stake.
As a parish and hopefully as part of the wider Christian community in Barnes we will be praying for the vision of Laudato Si' to become a reality and searching for ways in which we can make our own contribution, however small.

The team is meeting on July 8th. We would have liked to invite anyone interested to join us, but the extension of Covid restrictions makes that problematic. However, if you have any thoughts or ideas to share, you can email Trish at patricia.neate@btinternet.com and she will take them to the meeting on your behalf. $Q Q$

## More from the Green Team and a request for your action

The Global Catholic Climate Movement have organised the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition demanding that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 take action this year. The Global Catholic Climate Movement says "We have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now." Will you join take action? Click here:
https://thecatholicpetition.org/?source=email\&

## Bishop Lord Richard Harries

An evening where Bishop Lord Richard Harries discusses his new book "Seeing God in Art" with Professor Ben Quash, King's College London with masterpieces by Rembrandt, Leonardo da Vinci, Cranach, Fra Angelico, Caravaggio, Chagall and Spencer.
Monday 5 July 2021 at 8pm St Mary's Barnes
Tickets $£ 10$ from Barnes Bookshop or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes

## A Message from the Men's Group

Men of all ages are warmly invited to our next meeting on Thursday 24 June at 8.30 pm on Zoom. Join us for a presentation on St Ignatius's Rules for "Dealing with Ups and Downs in Your Spiritual Life". Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

## Our Bash

Sadly the save the date Parish gathering on 27 June is off. Given the uncertainly still surrounding the virus it is better to be cautious, postpone and wait. Moreover were the weather inclement we cannot as yet use the Hall for social gathering. Consequently we would be doubly stymied. Hey ho!

## Give As You Live

St Osmund's Parish has registered with the Give As You Live platform. This simply means that by shopping at trusted online retailers such as M\&S, John Lewis, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco and 3994 other shops, you can earn money for our parish. Go to: www.giveasyoulive.com and search for St Osmund's Church Barnes to get register today.

## Donations

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