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28th January 2018 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please pray for
Rev Patrick Allsop
who will be ordained to the
priesthood by Cardinal Vincent
on Saturday, 27th January,
at 11am at St Teresa's Church,
291 Shenley Road,
Borehamwood WD6 1TG



BELONGING – ALL ARE WELCOME



Today in the church we mark Racial Justice Sunday. In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination this is an opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all, and the appreciation of one another.

In his message for the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, Pope Francis says: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." We are therefore called to open our hearts to those who are discriminated against, those who are lonely, and those who are hurt and feel cut off from their communities. We are invited not to neglect the tragedy of suffering migrants among us "... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty you gave me drink ..." (Matthew 25:35). As a Catholic community we have a supra-national identity. Although the contemporary secularist agenda may want to deny it, the Catholic community at its best is a shining example of people from different cultures drawn from all the corners of the world united together.

So let us keep in our prayers today all the peoples of our parish and the wider Harrow community. May all people of good will strive to work together to build a more tolerant and welcoming community both for us and for future generations.

If you want to know more about the work of the Church in promoting racial justice then please visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2018.

Every blessing

Fr Graham

***'This is what the Lord asks of you:
only this, to act justly
to love tenderly
and to walk humbly with your God'***

(Micah 6:8)

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 27th January 2018 (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 Wojciech Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP

Sunday 28th – 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Francis Rodrigues RIP

10.00 Maureen Moore RIP Anniv

11.30 People of the Parish

Monday 29th – Feria

09.30 Peggy Islerwood

Tuesday 30th – Feria

09.30 Angela & Luke Filan RIP Anniv, Eileen Power RIP Anniv

Wednesday 31st – St John Bosco, Priest

19.00 Margarete Bartocha RIP Anniv

Thursday 1st February – Feria

09.30 Bridget McSparran RIP

Friday 2nd – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

09.30 Norah Hurley RIP

10.00 Exposition & Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Recently Deceased, Bridie Neary.

Pray Also For Maureen Moore, Angela & Luke Filan, Eileen Power, Margarete Bartocha, Morgan Rainsford, Bertha Nicholls, Jim Gallagher, Tony Daly, Michael Boland, Winifred Bushell, Kathleen O'Malley, Kitty Edwards, Hazel Wight, Tess O'Reilly, Thelma Renner, Wyn O'Hagen, May Connick, Kathleen Coyle, Marian Wrzyszc, Barbara Riseley, Eileen Reilly, Judith Rohini Christie, Doris Jones, Daniel Lynch, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan and Jack Hurst whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Wednesday Evening Mass Fr Graham takes Wednesday as his free day and, like many parish priests, does not typically celebrate a parish mass on this day. Therefore, after Ash Wednesday, 14th February, there will no longer be a Wednesday mass in our parish. Wednesday masses are available at

- 7.30am and 10am at St Joseph's, Wealdstone
- 9.30am at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow and St Thomas More, Eastcote;
- 10am at St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip.

If you have a pre-booked mass intention, please contact the parish office and Claudia will arrange for the mass to be said at another time including the *additional* Lenten Friday evening 7pm mass. Fr Graham appreciates that this change to our mass schedule may disrupt some people's regular mass attendance but hopes that you will appreciate his need to balance commitments in the parish with his own personal and family life.

Presentation to Fr Shaun In appreciation of his ministry during the past six years, there will be a collection after all masses **this weekend**. Donations can also be sent via the Parish Office. Fr Shaun will return to the parish on Sunday, 11th February 2018 to celebrate the 11.30am Mass to give thanks for his years at St John Fisher. There will be a "bring and share lunch" in the Parish Hall on that day.

Harrow Citizens Meeting On 30th January 2018, Issues Workshop, 7-8.45pm in the Parish Hall, St John Fisher Church.

Confirmation candidates This is to remind you to find Kay in the small hall on Sunday. We then meet again on 5th February at 5.30pm.

First Holy Communion Parents Just a reminder to all parents that there is a meeting on Thursday, 1st February at 7.30pm in

the large hall. Any parents who missed the January meeting on Reconciliation are welcome to attend a catch up meeting on Monday, 29th January at 8pm in the Fisher Room.

Mary's Meals Save all your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) because on 3rd/4th February 2018 representatives from Mary's Meals will be here for their annual collection. Please do not bring clothes before this date as we have nowhere to store them but **please drop them off before 11.30am Mass on 4th February at the latest**. Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 1st February at 8pm in the Social Club.

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night 'Le Retour de Don Camillo' with subtitles on Wednesday, 7th February after 7pm Mass in the Fisher Room. £1 towards refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Knitting Group We are meeting on Friday, 9th and 23rd February at 2pm in the Fisher Room. There are new guests in Bakhita House so we need a lot of scarves, hats & gloves plus it's a very social afternoon.

Parish 100 Club The 100 club is a wonderful way to support the parish and fundraise so that we can pay for the new sanctuary. Forms are available from the wall rack by the right hand side notice board in the porch. Please could parishioners who pay yearly make their next contribution of £60 as soon as possible in order to be included in any future lottery draws. Cheques payable to "St John Fisher RC Church". You've got to be in it to win it!

St John Fisher Social Club Membership subscriptions for 2018 are now due and can be renewed during club opening hours or after all Masses this and next weekend. Our AGM is on Sunday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Magnificat Booklet Try Magnificat throughout Lent and Easter with a special 3-month introductory offer. Order before end of January and get February, March, Holy Week and April Magnificats ALL for only £9. For more info please see poster on the noticeboard in the porch.

Adult Faith Formation Courses Please see below a list of courses which may be of interest. Registration is required, email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk. Alternatively, please leave a message at 020 7931 6078. Further info at <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

A series of 4 talks on A Biblical Journey through the Mass by Brian Purfield The Mass is the centre of our faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses and all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In this short course we will take a tour of the liturgy and explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and reflect on their profound significance. It is hoped that this will help to renew our faith and deepen our love for and devotion to the Eucharist - 20th Feb, **28th Feb (changed date)**, 24th Apr, 21st May 2018, 7.00-8.00pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN Suggested donation: £4.00.

Faith Formation for Readers with Sr. Karen Marguerite OP and Sr Anne Walsh OP - Sat 24th Feb 2018, 10.00am -3.00pm (including Mass with Fr Chris Vipers), Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey WD23 4EE. Suggested donation: £14.00.

New to the Parish? Please make yourself known after Mass to either Fr Graham or Kay O'Connor so you may be registered and provided with all the relevant information. A welcome pack is available from the wall rack in the Church porch.