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4th February 2018 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 3rd February 2018

3 rd Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Maisie, Seamus & Neil Browne RIP
4 th Sun	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am People of the Parish 10.00am Guy Verrier 25 th RIP Anniv (with Children's Liturgy) 11.30am Julie Street RIP
5 th Mon	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr 9.30am Mary Grogan RIP
6 th Tue	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 9.30am Pat Lavin RIP 12 noon Requiem Mass for Betty George RIP
7 th Wed	Feria 7.00pm Carmel McAuley RIP
8 th Thu	Feria 9.30am Bill Seery RIP
9 th Fri	Feria 9.30am Helen Hartnett

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration concluding with Benediction

First Friday 10am - 11am

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

mary's
meals

a simple solution to world hunger

THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

There was an advert on television a few years ago for a bank with the appealing strapline, '...because life is complicated enough.' That applies in the issue of international aid more than many others. Governmental aid is often associated with accusations of exporting Western social and moral ideologies along with aid to developing countries or with such aid being tied into acquiring industrial products sold by the country 'donating' the aid.

Amidst this background comes the beauty of Mary's Meals who are in our parish this weekend for their regular appeal for unwanted clothing and bedding. With their simple vision that "every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things." I know you will support their work with great generosity as I have witnessed the people of Enfield and Chelsea do in the last few years.

Clearing out the cupboard is a liberating and generous exercise demonstrating 'Love in Action' in North Harrow, but as we look towards Lent let's not forget that we are not called to stop giving....and our most precious gift is often our time. With Lent approaching how will you consider giving more time to your relationship with Jesus? As a simple idea we are starting to print next week's readings on the newsletter; why not look them up in your bible and read them in advance of coming to mass? Or buy a copy of the 'Walk with Me' booklet of daily bible readings and reflections which can simply slip into your pocket?

Every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Graham

**'Whatever you eat, whatever you
drink, whatever you do at all, do it for
the glory of God'**

(1 Corinthians 10:31)

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, Don Baker.

Pray Also For Guy Verrier, Stan Phillips, Emily Jukes, David Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan, Daya Rajakarier, Daisy Rowland, Robert O'Beirne, Neil Browne, Joe Donoghue, Patricia Martin, Florence Else and Donald Bayross whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Betty George RIP Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 6th February at 12.00pm at St John Fisher followed by committal at Pinner New Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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.

Confirmation candidates Next meeting on 5th February at 5.30pm.

Mary's Meals will be at church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). **Please bring all your bags before 11.30am.** Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks – 4 full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year. *Thank you.*

Harrow Citizens Last Tuesday over 50 people from many faith communities across the borough, including St John Fisher, met in the parish hall to be led in discussion and debate on the four key areas that Harrow Citizens is focussing on: housing; refugees; mental health and low pay. Lively discussions concluded in a number of realistic localised goals being set by each group to pursue. Watch the newsletter if you want to be more involved in this community led initiative to promote justice in our neighbourhood!

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.

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 weekend. Our AGM is on Sunday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

Churches Together in North Harrow – Lent House Groups Starting in the week beginning **February 18th** and running for five weeks until the week beginning **March 18th**, the Lent House Groups will be using the York Course for discussion groups called **"On the Third Day"**. Sign up to come to one of these groups,

even if you cannot manage every one of the five weeks, to refresh and encourage in the weeks leading up to Easter. Forms are available from the wall rack by the notice board in the porch. Please preferably email the details to Marian marian@stjulians.plus.com or phone 8427 2870 by **Wednesday, 7th February** at the latest.

Walk with Me Journey through Lent with these booklets of bible readings and short reflections for each day. Available at the back of the Church for just £1. Please put money in 'Papers' box at the back of the Church.

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 workshop on Pope Francis and the Evangelising Mission of the Church with Brian Purfield This short talk explores some of the key themes of the papacy of Pope Francis, with particular focus on the theme of evangelisation and the Pope's call for a Church of missionary disciples and a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ - 26th February 2018, 11.00-1.00pm, Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey WD23 4EE. Suggested donation: £4.00.

A day with Mary On Saturday, 24th February 2018 at St George's, Harrow Road, Sudbury. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession. For more info please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Claudia at claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 by **Friday, 9th March 2018** with: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & email (or telephone number, if no email).

Porto & Santiago de Compostela 25-31 October 2018 with Pax Travel. Cost £899 or less. Details in porch. Please contact Neil Cocking to register your interest as soon as possible on 07850 790747 so we can assess viability to proceed.

Baptisms take place on the first Saturday of the month at 12.00pm. Please contact Kay O'Connor kayconnor@rcdow.org.uk.

Getting Married Please remember that it is a requirement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales that at least six months notice be given if you intend to get married. We need this time to process the paperwork and to ensure that you can have access to Marriage Preparation.

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.

Fr Shaun will return to the parish on Sunday, 11th February 2018 to celebrate the 11.30am Mass. A presentation will be made to him followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. It would be great if you could bring a plate of food to share. The bar will also be available. If you didn't manage to make a donation to Fr Shaun's leaving fund, you can still do so via the Parish Office.