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## 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	Emidio Mesquita RIP Anniv
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Private Intention
10.00am	People of the Parish <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i>
11.30am	John Monaghan RIP Anniv
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Norah Hurley RIP
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Angela Clusker RIP Anniv
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>(Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence)</i>
9.30am	Maura O'Donnell (Sick)
7.00pm	Anton Ratnarajah RIP
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Kathleen Sullivan RIP Anniv
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Trish Jennings (Sick) <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
7.00pm	Margaret Cunningham (For recovery) <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>

#### 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:

Genesis 9:8-15; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

### THE SEASON OF LENT

Just as the nights are shortening and the world around us is moving out of one season into another so the Church is doing the same. Yes, we are about to leave Ordinary Time and enter the season of Lent. To help you in your preparation for the great celebrations that are to come here is what is happening in St John Fisher.

We are opening Lent on Ash Wednesday with Masses including the Distribution of Ashes at 9.30am and 7pm. Then during Lent there are a number of opportunities to help you in prayer, fasting and almsgiving:

- **Monday morning 8.15am – 9.15am:** a time of quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to start the week
- **Tuesday mornings 8.15am – 9.15am:** (except 27<sup>th</sup> Feb) an additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the baptistery
- **Friday mornings after 9.30am Mass** we will pray the Stations of the Cross; Fr Graham will lead this Friday and on Good Friday evening. We invite other parishioners to lead the Stations during other Friday mornings of Lent
- **Fridays 7pm Mass;** we will have an additional mass to enable those who are not free in the mornings to get to a weekday mass during Lent; this will be **followed by Stations of the Cross** led by Fr Graham
- **Churches Together in North Harrow** – Ecumenical Lent House Groups using the York Course, 'On the Third Day' – more details overleaf
- **Small Groups** using materials provided by the diocese – more details overleaf
- **7pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Lenten Reconciliation Service with individual confession and visiting priests
- **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to support CAFOD's overseas aid and development programmes
- **Cardinals' Lenten Appeal** during Lent to support innovative programmes in family life, youth and civic society across our diocese as announced in today's pastoral letter

.....but before we get down to the serious business of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let's celebrate and give thanks to God for Fr Shaun's time with us as he returns this Sunday to celebrate the 11:30am mass and at a bring and share lunch afterwards!

Every blessing for the week ahead

*Fr Graham*

**'The kingdom of God is close at hand.**

**Repent and believe the Good News'**

(Mark 1:15)

**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**, Joseph Navaratnam Henry, Bridie Curtin, Donal Morrissey, Charlie Doherty, Betty Eager, Denise Zoiele.

**Pray Also For** Emidio Mesquita, John Monaghan, Angela Clusker, Kathleen Sullivan, Martha Dyball, Tessa Corrigan, Bernard Hickin, Patrick Hannigan, Teresa Fernandes, Albert Smith, Joan Hickey, Denny Bowles, George Ransley, Winnie McDonagh, Nora Broderick, Fr Jeremy D'Cruz, Kathleen Beesley, Cecilia Woodhall, Aurora Fernandes, David Notley, Bridge Davis, (baby) Terisa Stokes, John Duffy, Eileen Reilly, Ann Kelleher, Matilda Stanislaus, Oswald McCarthy, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Theresa Orakwue, Agnes D'Souza, Patricia Rebbitt, Bridget Mary Hoft and Terence "Terry" Malone 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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;
- 12.30pm in the Chapel at Northwick Park Hospital

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.

**Altar Servers** We are recruiting new altar servers for all masses. Any children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to give their name to Kay after mass and then be invited to attend the training session. Closing date for applications is Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Lent Faith Sharing Groups** Have you considered joining one? At present there are two groups continuing: 1. Thursday mornings, beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February, after Mass (about 10.00 am) in the Fisher room. For info, contact Tony McWilliams on 8868 3205. 2. Also after Mass, but on Monday mornings at 5 South Way, beginning on 19<sup>th</sup> February. For info, contact Neville Bayross on 8863 8876.

**Churches Together in North Harrow – Lent House Groups** Starting in the week beginning **February 18<sup>th</sup>** and running for five weeks until the week beginning **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:marian@stjulians.plus.com) or phone 8427 2870.

**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.

**Bethany Group** The next meeting for members will be on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

**A day with Mary** On Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Knitting Group** We are meeting on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

**World Meeting of Families – Ireland** Dublin, Ireland has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". For more information and registration for this event, please see poster on the notice board in the porch.

**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](mailto: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.

**Leaving the Parish or Change of Address?** Please advise Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

**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.

**Fairtrade stall, the Easter Egg with a message & CAFOD trade campaign** Fairtrade food will be on sale after all masses next weekend. There will be some 'Real' Easter Eggs on sale (Fairtrade chocolate & a booklet telling the story of Easter) at £3.90 each. Email [sjfraidcraft@gmail.com](mailto:sjfraidcraft@gmail.com) to place an order. Come to the stall to sign a card, produced by CAFOD and other aid agencies, asking MPs to ensure that the needs of poorer countries are not forgotten in Brexit trade negotiations.

**Diocese of Westminster Vacancies** Please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/> where you can view all current vacancies.

**Mary's Meals** I am delighted to say that the parish managed to give 1,825kgs of unwanted clothes; there were also donations of £507.85 making a total contribution of £1,529.85 which is a fantastic result. The amount raised will feed 110 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too. Well done.