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25th February 2018 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 24th February 2018

24th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Peter Bohan RIP, Declan Dillon RIP
25th Sun	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
8.30am	Mary Regina McBride RIP
10.00am	People of the Parish <i>(with Children's Liturgy)</i>
11.30am	Lino Soares RIP
26th Mon	Lent Feria
9.30am	Joanne Stride RIP
27th Tue	Lent Feria
9.30am	Helen Gallagher RIP
28th Wed	Lent Feria – no mass
1st Thu	ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales
9.30am	Prunty Family
2nd Fri	Lent feria
9.30am	Sheila McGuire RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
7.00pm	Patrick Sloane RIP Anniv <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday in Lent 8:15am – 9:15am

(not this Tuesday, 27th Feb)

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm

and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday in Lent 8:15am – 9:15am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

'I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.'

(Philippians 3:8)

MASS OF INDUCTION

As I wrote last week, you have made me feel very welcome here in North Harrow in my first few weeks here. Thank you. One particularly nice feature were the posters from each year group at our St John Fisher Primary School; you can still see these on the back wall of the church!

Soon after my arrival I received a different welcome in the form of a somewhat daunting letter of appointment from Cardinal Vincent. He reminded me of the responsibilities and duties associated with being a parish priest. He added that I was required to make my profession of faith and to take the oath of fidelity prior to taking formal possession of the parish. It was separately suggested to me that it would be good to have the bishop come for this process and for this to be an occasion to formally welcome me to the parish, given that it is my first parish priest appointment. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that **Bishop John Sherrington will be coming here on Friday, 23rd March for a Mass of Induction at 7pm followed by a reception in the parish hall.** You might suggest that a Friday in Lent is not the best time for such an occasion; that may be true! But as I see it this is an opportunity for us to gather together and to pray for the next steps in our journey forward together in faith building on what has gone before as well as seeking new opportunities to grow as a missionary community both individually, together and reaching out into the wider world.

Finally, to remind you that this Monday we will again be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which, together with the Lenten parish and ecumenical prayer groups and Stations of the Cross, help all of us to focus on our Lenten journey. What a good opportunity to pray again for our parish!

Every blessing for Lent.

Fr Graham

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, Jeyarani Sylvester, Selvam Vendakone, Bella D'Souza.

Pray Also For Patrick Sloane, Joanna Roberts, Catherine Lissemore, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley, Patrick Savage, Eugenia Chellotti, George Niznik, Maidie Wilson, James Small, Thomas Lee, Francis Roberts, Joan Barry, Jack O'Gorman, Istvan Papp, Katherine Obi, Margaret Caden, Sylvester Rebbitt, Archie O'Brien, Monica Fitzmaurice, François Joseph and Helen Cronin whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Bella D'Souza RIP Requiem Mass on Thursday, 8th March at 11.45am followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Mass of Induction Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to the parish to celebrate mass at **7pm on Friday, 23rd March** during which Fr Graham will make the profession of faith and make the oath of fidelity required for him to formally be installed as our parish priest. Do come to this celebration of our parish community after which there will be a reception in the parish centre.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal In his pastoral letter for the last Sunday before Lent, 11th February, you will recall that Cardinal Vincent asked us to consider contributing to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal as part of our Lenten almsgiving and support of good causes. There will be more information on this appeal in the coming weeks. Donation envelopes will be available at the back of the church next week should you wish to contribute to this appeal supporting: marriage and family life; youth and evangelisation and the Church's social outreach within civil society.

Stations of the Cross Will take place every Friday morning and evening during Lent after Mass. Fr. Graham will lead the Stations at the 7pm Mass. As is the custom we would invite other parishioners to lead the morning Stations during Lent, we have lots of different versions of the Stations which are available from the Sacristy. Please let Claudia in the Parish Office know if you are able to help, claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

Mass on Saturday, 17th March at 10am for the feast of St Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland.

Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on **Monday, 19th March at 7pm**. This will consist of a short welcome and introduction, a Gospel reading and brief homily followed by individual confession with one of a number of visiting priests.

Palm Crosses Please come and help make crosses from the palm leaves on **Wednesday, 21st March** at 1.30pm in the Fisher Room. **Please bring scissors.** Tea/coffee provided.

Wednesday Mass There is no longer a Wednesday mass in our parish. Wednesday masses are available at

- 7.30am and 10am at St Joseph's, Wealdstone;
- 9.30am at St Thomas More, Eastcote;
- 10am at St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip;
- 12.30pm in the Chapel at Northwick Park Hospital;
- 7.00pm at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow.

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

Spring Coffee Morning – 4th March 2018 Please keep this date free to come into the hall after 10am and 11.30am mass, to meet up with your fellow parishioners for a while and make new friends. A very warm welcome awaits you, so don't be shy. There

will be a selection of homemade cakes to go with your coffee, tea and juice.

Parish Women's Group Women of the parish (plus friends) are invited to the next meeting on Thursday, 8th March at 8pm in the Fisher Room. We will be watching a comedy DVD with a break for Fairtrade refreshments. To mark Fairtrade fortnight, a donation is requested for the Traidcraft Exchange charity.

Knitting Group We are meeting on Friday, 9th March at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please collect your new rota from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church 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 tel nr, if no email).

'Parish Mission' at Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford On Saturday, 24th February to Thursday, 1st March 2018 led by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Please see poster on the notice board.

Reframe' – a series of talks by Catholic Voices, a group who seek to help us learn how to share the genius of the Gospel even in the midst of controversy. A great opportunity to hear about important topics and offering practical insight into misunderstood issues. Weekly talks in Lent; next talk, 'Pope Francis' Vision of the Church,' at **7pm on Thursday, 1st March** at Page Centre, Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, 22 Roxborough Park, Harrow, HA1 3BE.

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

A Call to Young Adults - Your Bishops Want to Hear From You Cardinal Vincent and the auxiliary bishops of the diocese are inviting Catholic young adults, aged 18 to 30, to meet with them to discuss the theme of the next Synod of Bishops - 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. In particular, they would like to hear about how you see your place in the world, how faith impacts your life and how the Church can best accompany you as you work out God's plan for your life. The Cardinal is hosting two meetings at Archbishop's House in Victoria and the auxiliary bishops are hosting meetings across the diocese. You are invited to attend one of these meetings. They will involve discussion of the synod theme, an opportunity to question your bishops, and light refreshments. Please do consider making your voice heard and playing your part in the shaping the Church's approach to young people in the future. If you would like to attend, please register at <http://dowym.com/events/> where you can find more details.

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.

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day 23rd February Please return your envelopes today. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.