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4th March 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS week beginning Sat 3rd March 2018

3 rd Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Ethel Leahy
4 th Sun	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 8.30am Mary Regina McBride RIP 10.00am Patrick Bowles RIP Anniv 11.30am People of the Parish
5 th Mon	Lent feria 9.30am Christine Moggan RIP
6 th Tue	Lent feria 9.30am Donald 'Bunny' Watkins RIP
7 th Wed	Lent feria – no mass
8 th Thu	Lent feria 9.30am Monica Fitzmaurice 12 th Yr RIP Anniv 11.45am Requiem Mass for Bella D'Souza RIP
9 th Fri	Lent feria 9.30am Michael Patrick Connolly RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i> 7.00pm Albert Smith RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>

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

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:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10,
John 3:14-21



THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

A few weeks ago, you may have heard the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, in which he spoke of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal in support of key areas of work in our Diocese. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal was set up in 2015 to fund the innovative work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities working within the Diocese, contributing to three fundamental mission areas of the Church:

- **Marriage and Family Life** – enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church;
- **Youth and Evangelisation** – supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith;
- and the **Church's Social Outreach** within Civil Society – putting our faith into action through projects that serve the poor, the lonely and the marginalised, especially at a time of greater division and inequality in society.

These mission areas embody how we live out the Gospel and put our Catholic values into action – in service to others through practical programmes. Please take one of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflets which will be available as you leave Mass next weekend. During Lent, and in the spirit of sacrifice, sharing and almsgiving, please consider designating your Lenten sacrifice to the Cardinals Appeal.

Every blessing for Lent.

“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.”

Evangelii Gaudium para 164

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, John O'Donague, Joana De Souza.

Pray Also For Patrick Bowles, Monica Fitzmaurice, Delia Murphy, Noel Johns, John Dignam, Veronica Furie, Doris McNulty, Helen Leahy, Honora Norgate-Bennett, John Rogers, Brian Morahan, Gilbert Lee, Ghandy Mangani, Celeste Robinson, Irene Smith, Margaret Turner, Maria McCullough, Donal Ryan, John Orogun, Mary Cross, Richard Cobb, Michael Carolan, Mel Stiffle, Anna Castignetti, Rowland Kenworthy, Bruno Castignetti and Breda Linnane whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome Cillian Harbi and Tom Stokes who are being baptised in our church this week.

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 'bring and share' reception in the parish centre.

Stations of the Cross take place every Friday morning and evening during Lent after Mass. Parishioners are invited to lead the morning Stations. 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 on 16th or 23rd March, claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 020 8429 5681.

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.

Spring Coffee Morning – 4th March 2018 in the hall after 10am and 11.30am mass. 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. Raffle prizes will be on display in the porch after all masses so please buy a ticket for £1 sold in the porch, and make sure you give us your name & telephone number. The draw will take place around 1.30pm. All proceeds to the parish fund.

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.

Theology on Tap The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 21st March 2018 at 7.30pm** in the parish bar. Our subject is "Does God exist?"

Wednesday Mass There is no longer a Wednesday mass in our parish. For mass times at other parishes please see the notice board in the porch.

Parish 100 Club Draw – January 2018 Winners: 1st prize £100 Elizabeth Gallagher, 2nd prize £50 Julien Melville, 3rd prize £25 Helen Sherwood. Please contact finamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8.30am, 9.30am (see note below), 11.30am

Holy Thursday

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer
1.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Mass as Normal

Easter Monday

Mass at 11.00am

Palm Sunday – 25th March 10am Mass The arrangements with St Alban's for Palm Sunday have to be finalised but we hope to leave at 9.30am from St. John Fisher Church, as last year, to go to St. Alban's for an ecumenical Liturgy of the Word and blessing of palms at 9.45am. Then we will process back to continue Mass. Please make every effort to be on time and to collect your palm so that we can leave together for this special occasion.

Harrow Citizens The next **Homeless Action Team** meeting will be in the Small Hall on **Wednesday, 7th March at 7pm**. All who are concerned about the local housing situation and homeless problems are welcome to attend. The more people who come along the better, to make our efforts more effective. Please also put in your diaries the **founding assembly** to launch the initiative on local leaders including our MP and mayor; this will be on **Tuesday 24th April**.

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

Action by Christians against Torture (Harrow Group) invite parishioners to a meeting on Monday March 12th from 10-11.30am at St Peter's Church in Sumner Road, Harrow, to pray and write letters on behalf of victims on persecution. If you are unable to come and would like to receive a monthly prayer case and quarterly newsletter by email from Acat please contact elspeth.everitt@gmail.com.

Harrow Support Group for Divorced and Separated Catholics Next meeting is on Monday, 5th March at 8pm in the hall at St Bernard's Church, Northolt. For more info, call Jill 020 8204 3714.

St Vincent de Paul Society Raffle Next weekend we will hold the annual raffle which is a very important source of funding for the Society's work (prizes start at **£3,000**). Tickets £1 and £5 per book of five, available after Mass. Don't forget to bring the readings!

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May at 3pm

The Cardinal invites 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).

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