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22nd April 2018 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
week beginning Sat 21st April 2018

21st Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Wojciech Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP
22nd Sun	4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
8.30am	Mary Walsh RIP
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Jim McDonagh RIP Anniv
23rd Mon	ST GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England
9.30am	Elizabeth "Betty" George RIP
24th Tues	Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus, Bishops
9.30am	Kathleen Middleton RIP Anniv
25th Wed	ST MARK, Evangelist – no mass
26th Thu	Easter feria
9.30am	Eric Savundranayagam RIP Anniv
27th Fri	Easter feria
9.30am	Bridie Curtin RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am – 9.15am (**not** on 23rd & 30th April but Tuesday 1st May)

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

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

PRIEST TRAINING FUND



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Today's second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can be provided with training and enrichment to help us in serving you, God's holy people.

Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. Don't forget to tick off and complete the claim for Gift Aid – that adds 25 pence onto every pound you give at no cost to you. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

“Sow integrity for yourselves, reap a harvest of kindness”

Hosea 10:12

Every blessing

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.

SVP If you or your sick relative could benefit from a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Society, please ring Katherine on 020 8868 8512 or Tony on 020 8868 3205. If you would like to be visited by a priest and/or regularly with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Recently Deceased, Lilian Dalton.

Pray also For Jim McDonagh, Kathleen Middleton, Eric Savundranayagam, Charles Contaminard, Molly Hurley, Brendon Lyons, Christopher Dent, Joseph Thiruchelvam, John Maher, Richard Murray, Christina Cousins, Bill Williams, Janet Pyne, Francisco D’Cruz, Ina Valerie, Joe Dias, Noel Ryan, Violet Harris, John O’Brien, Lilien Whitfield, Tom Hayes, Eileen Lee, Kathleen Lucas, Kathleen Allen whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Confirmation 2019 If you are in school year 8 or above you are invited to register your interest. See Kay before Mass on Saturday or after Masses on Sundays.

Harrow Citizens As you will have read and heard at last Sunday’s masses, Harrow Citizens are holding their **launch assembly on Tuesday, 24th April** at St Johns Church, Greenhill, 276 Station Road, Harrow HA1 2EA (opposite Debenhams) at 6.30pm. We are asking our parishioners to support Harrow Citizens as it follows up on our recent Love in Action project when we identified four key areas where we wanted to bring about change. Low wages, refugees, housing and Mental Health. It is important that we demonstrate our faith through love for our neighbours, and Harrow Citizens is a brilliant vehicle for us to do that in a very practical way. There is no huge commitment, just any time and energy you can spare. The more of us behind it, the less work there is for any one individual. Please sign the list at the back of the Church and attend the meeting on 24th April. There is more joy in giving than receiving.

Monday Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament There will be no adoration on Monday 23rd or 30th April but we will instead have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, 1st May** from 8:15am – 9:15am.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration Advance notice that on **Monday, 28th May** we will be hosting a Day of Adoration as part of our Harrow deanery preparations for the feast of Corpus Christi. More details to follow...

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas Please **collect** your new rotas for 28th April to 17th June 2018 from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion To enable a swifter and more orderly distribution of Holy Communion we are now scheduling on Sunday masses three extraordinary ministers to assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist together with the four extraordinary ministers who distribute the Precious Blood. Any comments welcome to Fr Graham.

Book of Remembrance To help us remember and pray for our departed parishioners we have begun a Book of Remembrance. This will contain a memorial page for each funeral celebrated here at St John Fisher in 2018. Please have a look through it and pray for those included and their families. The book is in the baptistery on the table in front of the large wooden cross.

Fairtrade Stall is open in the porch after all masses **this** weekend with a great range of food & drink. Every purchase gives farmers and small producers a fair price and contributes to development through trade. Thank you for your support.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 27th April at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All donations of wool will be very welcome which can be dropped off in the presbytery.

Friday Coffee Morning On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month, there is a chance for parishioners to meet after Mass over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

St. John Fisher Social Club present a Charity Concert for the Cardiomyopathy Association by the Grimsdyke Brass Band and the Harrow Apollo Male Choir on **Saturday, 12th May 2018**. Doors open 7pm, concert starts 7.30pm in the St. John Fisher Parish Centre. Tickets £8 (£6 concession). Tea/coffee and bar will be open. Please contact Ashley on 020 8723 5307.

The Pylon - Summer edition 2018 Please send us your articles, accounts & photos of parish events, reports from parish groups, original short stories, holiday or book recommendations, about your pets, recipes, advice - in fact, anything you think would be of interest to our readers. (Word limit approx. 1,200.) Either email barbaratowell@sky.com or place in appropriate pigeonhole in the Church porch. Once again The Pylon is holding a Creative Writing Competition for younger readers: 1st Prize of £10 and a prize for runners up in each of the age groups a) Ages 16 – 12; b) Below 11 years. All winning pieces will be published in our Christmas edition. We are asking for either short stories, flash fiction or poetry on *any topic*. This must be your own original work. Please ask parent/guardian/teacher to verify. Make sure you include this; plus your full name, age and contact details on the work or email. **Deadline for all submissions is Sunday, May 13th.**

March for Life UK/LifeFest18 will take place on Saturday, 5th May 2018 in Central London. 9.30am-1pm LifeFest in Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden. 1.30pm procession/march. 2.30-4pm Rally in Parliament Square with speeches. Please make every effort to attend this event. A full itinerary is available at marchforlife.co.uk or see the 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 / neilcocking@outlook.com.

Belmont needs men! In October 2018 Belmont Theatre will commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1 by presenting Journey's End by R C Sherriff. This evocative, moving play is based on his experiences on the Western Front and is set over four days in the claustrophobic atmosphere of the trenches. We need 11 men aged from 18 – 50. If you are interested or require further information please contact Michael Collins on 07917 324179 or info@belmonttheatre.co.uk.

Mass Intentions Thank you for your mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. We have Mass cards in the Church porch: for the living and for the dead. The cards are 50p each (please put money in ‘papers’ box at the back of the Church) and the offering suggested by the Diocese for a Mass is £10. If, however, you cannot afford this, £5 will suffice. If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Claudia on 020 8429 5681 or claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk.

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.