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29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
week beginning Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018

<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b> 6.00pm Don Baker RIP
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8.30am Matilda Stanislaus RIP Anniv 10.00am Mary McBride RIP 11.30am People of the Parish
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>St Pius V, Pope</b> 9.30am Sr. Eileen Brosnan RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tue</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b> 9.30am Betty Eager RIP
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed</b>	<b>St Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> —no mass
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES, Apostles</b> 9.30am Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe RIP Anniv
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b> 9.30am Christopher & Annachi Ponnukone RIP Anniv 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm  
and by appointment

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May then as usual Monday 8.15am – 9.15am  
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

### Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10,  
John 15:9-17

**“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you”**

*John 15:4*

## MONTH OF MARY



Today Great Britain is taking its lead from recent similar events in Poland and Ireland and praying the rosary on the coast. It is a day of pilgrimage and prayer for the re-flourishing of our faith, for the grace to build the Culture of Life and for true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations. It is not so easy for us to take part here in London but do keep this initiative in your prayers or you can go to St Patrick's in Soho Square to take part ([www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk)). It is also a good prelude to the month of May.

Honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May is a tradition going back hundreds of years. The practice of assigning a special devotion to each month dates from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century the May devotion to Mary arose in Rome. By the early years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it had spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

Saturday is the day of the week we associate with honouring Mary in the liturgy. As we have not recently had a Saturday morning mass we will have two Marian masses during May at **10am on Saturdays, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May**. I hope that we will be able to sing a Marian hymn and to sing the appropriate Marian Anthem 'Regina Coeli' or 'Salve Regina' after mass.

I invite you all to consider how you will honour Mary in a special way during the month of May....

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**, Raveendran Alfred, Josie Torsney.

**Pray also For** Matilda Stanislaus, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Christopher & Annachi Ponnukone, Ellen Downes, Pauline French, Mary Standon, Maureen Nolan, Mollie Baldock, Mary Price, Tony Watts, Lawrence Philpott, Herbert Hoffmann, Brigid 'Bidsy' O'Gorman, Mary Fernandes, Salvatrice Amico, Joan Hainsby, Elizabeth Simmonds, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Ida Trombetti whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Mr. Savarimuthu Leo Anton RIP** Thank you so much to all who attended Mr. Anton's funeral. It meant a lot to our family to see many of you at the service. *Anton family*

**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.

**Applications for First Holy Communion 2019** will be available in the Fisher Room on any of the following: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30-5.45pm; Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 9.15-9.45am and 12.30pm and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30-8.00pm, for any child who will be in school year 3 or above from September 2018. The cost of the programme is £20 which covers the cost of the workbooks. If your child was baptised outside of the parish you will need a photocopy of a baptism certificate when you register.

**Monday Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** There will be no adoration on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April but we will instead have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** from 8.15am – 9.15am.

**Day of Eucharistic Adoration** Advance notice that on **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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...

**Harrow Citizens Founding Assembly** Thank you to everyone who came to the Assembly on Tuesday, especially the great Irish dancers from St John Fisher school and those who spoke. Members of local synagogues, mosques, Christian churches, a charity and a secondary school have worked together to identify practical ways to improve life in Harrow. On Tuesday representatives of the 2 main local political parties gave a commitment to working towards achieving many of these goals. There will be more information in the coming months on how to be part of an action group working on improving housing, mental health, low pay and welcoming refugees in Harrow.

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm in the Social Club.

**SJF Ladies Club – Film Night "Queen of Hearts"** on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Fisher Room. £4 including pasta. Please contact Teresa 020 8427 3063.

**Knitting Group** will meet on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All donations of wool will be very welcome which can be dropped off in the presbytery.

**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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 etc (Word limit approx. 1,200.) Either email [barbaratowell@sky.com](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**"Adoremus Congress" – 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2018** The bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on the above dates. The Echo Arena in Liverpool, which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims, will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the 8<sup>th</sup> September and will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers **Bishop Robert Barron** and **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with **Adoration**. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact [adoremus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcdow.org.uk) or call 07738 183829.

**March for Life UK/LifeFest18** will take place on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) or see poster in the porch.

**A Day with Mary – A day of instruction, devotion & intercession** at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018; at Our Lady of Fatima, Commonwealth Avenue, W12 on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, National Shrine of England on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018. For more info & timetable, please see posters in the porch.

**Churches Together in North Harrow (CTNH) AGM** The meeting this year is at North Harrow Methodist Church on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8.00pm. There will be refreshments at 8.30pm followed by a talk at approximately 8.45pm from Re:Gen who take the Christian message into schools in Harrow teaching Christianity in RE lessons, prayer (reflection)spaces, Christmas and Easter roadshows and 'Its your Move' (for year 6 pupils going to High School).

**St John Fisher Social Club** Please note the bar is **closed** on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Collection for Harrow Mencap** Tamsin D'Silva who attends Harrow Mencap at Cedars is taking part in a swimathon to raise money for this charity. The funds will be used for activities for members and to buy equipment e.g. tools to start a gardening group etc. Six young people will swim a total of 1.5km between them. This is a huge achievement for them. Tamsin will be making a collection after masses this weekend. Please support her. Thank you very much on behalf of Harrow Mencap.

**Priest Training Fund** Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the Church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).