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6th May 2018 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
week beginning Sat 5th May 2018

5 th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm People of the Parish
6 th Sun	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 8.30am Victor Manuel Loja 1 st RIP Anniv 10.00am Sinnathamby Joseph Victor RIP Anniv 11.30am Annapackiam Albert RIP Anniv
7 th Mon	Easter feria 9.30am Sheila Casey RIP
8 th Tue	Easter feria 9.30am Patrick Monaghan RIP Anniv
9 th Wed	Easter feria - no mass
10 th Thu	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 9.30am Irene Mariner RIP 7.00pm Patrick Joseph Moloney 3 rd RIP Anniv
11 th Fri	Easter feria 9.30am Mrs. Denise Zoiele RIP
12 th Sat	ST PANCRAS, Martyr 10.00am Peg Martin (Sick)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19

CONCLUDING EASTER TIME



Do you remember Easter? It may seem like a long time ago but as you will see we are still celebrating Eastertime in the church – it is that great a feast! But it is coming to an end with two other great feasts. This **Thursday, 10th May**, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**. In a change to recent practice this is now celebrated again on its traditional day, 40 days after Easter, and remains a **holy day of obligation** when we are all obliged to attend mass. Parish masses will be at 9.30am (when we will be joined by the upper years of St John Fisher Primary School) and at 7pm. This day marks Jesus's ascension to be with his Father in the heavenly kingdom. Jesus promised that God the Father would send us an advocate in his name, the Holy Spirit (John 14:26); we celebrate this on **Pentecost Sunday**, 10 days later.

Between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday are nine days during which we will pray together a Novena to the Holy Spirit. This ancient and powerful prayer can be offered for any intention that you may have and can help promote constancy and perseverance in our life of prayer. We will pray it as a community after the weekday morning mass but leaflets are available for you to take home and pray it yourselves. We'll also send it out with the e-mailed version of the parish newsletter.

Alternatively, you can join online the international ecumenical Pentecost novena, Thy Kingdom Come, at www.thykingdomcome.global.

Every blessing as we call upon the Holy Spirit

“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses...to the end of the earth”

Acts 1:8

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,

Pray also For Victor Manuel Loja, Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Annapackiam Albert, Patrick Monaghan, Patrick Joseph Moloney, Sr Veronica Carr, Patrick Hedderman, Tom Ryan, Sheila Watts, Austin Ormson, Elizabeth Tumulty, Mary & Eddy Moriarty, Gerard Taylor, Mary Anne Thambiratnam, Nelly Ougan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sacrament of Confirmation We pray for, and congratulate, our 47 young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday by Bishop John Sherrington.

First Holy Communion We pray for and congratulate the children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

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 19th May from 5.30-5.45pm; Sunday 20th May from 9.15-9.45am and 12.30pm and Monday 21st 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.

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. This will begin after the morning mass and conclude with mass at 7pm. More details will follow including a sign-up sheet for you to sign up to being present with our Lord for half-hour slots.

Altar Servers Albs Help is required from parents in washing and ironing the albs. Please contact the parish office. *Thank you.*

SJF Ladies Club – Film Night “Queen of Hearts” on Tuesday, 15th May (please note new date) at 7pm in the Fisher Room. £4 including pasta. Please contact Teresa 020 8427 3063 to book.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 11th and 25th 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, 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.

International Day – 23rd June 2018 - Calling all gardeners Once again we will have a Plant Stall at the International Day. It would be great if you are planting seeds you could sow a few extra, or maybe you could take some cuttings from garden plants/herbs to put in pots and **remember to label**, or plant up a hanging basket/patio pot. More info about where to bring them nearer the day.

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 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.**

115th Annual May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Sunday 13th May 2018. Beginning at the Shrine, 1 Nicoll Rd, NW10 9AX, at 3.30pm. The Homilist is Fr Mark Walker, Diocesan Youth Chaplain. **Bakerloo and Overground to Willesden Junction. Buses 18,187,206,220,226,228,260,266 & 487.**

“Adoremus Congress” – 7th to 9th 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 8th 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 or call 07738 183829.

Churches Together in North Harrow (CTNH) AGM will be held at North Harrow Methodist Church on Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at 8.00pm. 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 & Easter roadshows and ‘Its your Move’ (for year 6 pupils going to High School). CTNH are also organising a Pentecost Picnic

Knights of Saint Columba Annual Sponsored Walk The Knights will be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of the Ealing Centre for Independent Living, which supports people with disabilities. The walk will take place on Sunday, 3rd June along the canal bank between Hanwell and Southall. With the permission of Father Graham, the Knights will be collecting offers of sponsorship after all the Masses on **12th and 13th May**. Please be generous!

Collection on behalf of Harrow Mencap Tamsin D'Silva would very much like to thank all who donated towards the generous £484 she collected last weekend. This will go some way towards achieving the activities/equipment for the benefit of the adults with special needs who attend Harrow Mencap at Cedars. For further info, please check www.harrowmencap.org.uk. God bless you.

Priest Training Fund Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection. You can still make a donation if you wish - envelopes are available in the Church porch. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.