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27th May 2018 ~ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS week beginning Sat 26th May 2018

26th Sat	St Philip Neri, Priest
10am	Camille Malone (sick)
	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Sadie Horan RIP Anniv
27th Sun	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
8.30am	People of the Parish, Queenie Lee RIP Anniv
10.00am	Joe Fernandes 1 st RIP Anniv
11.30am	Regina Emmanuel RIP Anniv
28th Mon	Feria
	<i>(no Eucharistic Adoration before mass)</i>
9.30am	Mr. Joseph Mary Stanislaus
10am-6.45pm	Day of Eucharistic Adoration
6.45pm	Benediction
7.00pm	Thomas Meegan RIP
29th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Rose Ena King RIP Anniv
30th Wed	Feria - no mass
31st Thu	THE VISITATION OF THE BVM
9.30am	Sheila Casey RIP
1st Fri	St Justin, Martyr
9.30am	Kathy Floyd (sick)
10.00am	Adoration & Benediction
1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Moore RIP

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:

Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE CORPUS CHRISTI



In the week ahead we are preparing to celebrate the great feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. This gives us the opportunity to celebrate four things:

- the transforming power of Christ – in the miracle of Transubstantiation each time mass is celebrated the Holy Spirit transforms our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ;
- our communion with one another - sharing in the Eucharist is an act of communion with each other; we are brought into the life of Christ and the Church and brought out of ourselves to be part of something greater;
- a feast of thanksgiving - Our word 'Eucharist' comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. That's what we do every time we come together for Mass; we offer a prayer of thanks to God the Father for the gift of creation, for salvation, and for our place in the communion of saints;
- the Corpus Christi procession - this is a reminder that we are to share the gift of the Eucharist with the world.

On **Monday** we will be having our **day of Eucharistic Adoration** beginning after the 9.30am mass and concluding with Benediction at 6.45pm and mass at 7pm. Next **Sunday after the 11:30am mass** we will be having a **Corpus Christi procession**. We are inviting all the children who made their First Holy Communion in the parish this year to come wearing their First Communion outfits and lead us in a short procession which will conclude on the lawn in front of the presbytery.

Do come and join us for these great occasions!

Have a blessed week

**“Trust God not to let you be
tried beyond your strength”**

1 Cor 10:13

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.

Pray also For Sadie Horan, Queenie Lee, Joe Fernandes, Regina Emmanuel, Rose Ena King, Sarah Madden, Ronald Martin, Julie Wilson, Julia Reilly, Jean McSweeney, Ciara Carvell, Brendan Connolly, Patrick Morley, Vincent Breen, Bob Howard, Kathy Casey, Kay McGrath, Jack Keane, Walter Hickey, Mick McBreen, Noreen Simpson whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Eunan White and Laura McCauley who were married in our church this weekend.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration On **Monday, 28th May** we are 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 Benediction followed by mass at 7pm. The sign-up sheet is in the porch for you to sign up to being present with our Lord for half an hour! **There are still vacant slots from 2pm – 2.30pm and 4.30pm to 6pm.** There will be no adoration before mass that Monday. Similar opportunities take place in: Harrow-on-the Hill – Sat 26th May; Headstone Lane – Sun 27th May; Northolt – Tues 29th May; Stanmore – Wed 30th May; Wealdstone – Thu 31st May; Pinner – Fri 1st June; Sudbury – ‘40 hours’ from 9.30am Thu 31st May - 9.30am Sat 2nd June.

Altar Servers We are recruiting new altar servers for all masses. Any children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to give their name to Kay after mass. Only registered names of children can attend the training session.

Confirmation candidates for 2019 need to see Kay this weekend for date and time of next meeting.

Getting to know 800 people! Following my notice and homily last weekend there have been a couple of gatherings with small groups of parishioners where we talked about the parish; what works well and what we could do better. As promised here are a few more dates for parishioners to host and a couple which will be hosted in the Fisher Room. The meetings should last no more than an hour and a half and involve simple refreshments. More dates will follow for the second half of July.

New dates for parishioners to host: Tue 12 June – evening; Fri 15 June – afternoon or evening; Mon 18 June - evening
dates hosted in parish (Fisher Room):

3pm Sat 16 June (parishioners in the Rayners Lane area);
3pm Sun 17 June (parishioners in the North Harrow area)

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – April 2018 – 1st prize £100 Claire Finney, 2nd prize £50 Marie Gregory, 3rd prize £25 Dorothy Mariampillai. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Action by Christians against Torture (Harrow Group) invite you to a talk by Maurice Wren, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council, on **Tuesday, 5th June at 8pm at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill, HA2 0JN.** The Refugee Council has been working for over 60 years to help people who have fled from their homelands to settle and re-build their lives in the UK. All are welcome.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 8th June at 2pm in the Fisher Room. Donations of wool can be dropped off at the presbytery.

‘Interested in Volunteering?’ As part of Volunteers’ Week, Caritas Westminster is hosting a Volunteer Fair exploring the impact and

importance of volunteering, featuring stands and volunteer opportunities from a wide variety of organisations. On **Tuesday, 5th June 2018, 6.30pm-8.30pm,** Vaughan House, Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Please RSVP to caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207 529 8635’.

Car Parking Please park with due consideration for others when coming to church including not blocking the entrance to the car park nor parking on the grass verge at the entrance to the church. As well as inconveniencing our neighbours and other parishioners this prevents emergency vehicles being able to access the church. Please use our car park, Imperial Drive and the surrounding streets for parking. This is a very practical way by which we can demonstrate love for our neighbours.

St John Fisher International Day will take place at our school in Melrose Road on **Saturday, June 23rd 2018, 11am-3pm.** As a parish we take responsibility for the following stalls: Books, Cakes & Refreshments, the Bottle Tombola, Irish Coffee, International Kitchen, Plants, Craft & the Gate Entrance.

All these stalls need volunteers to help on the day If you are free for an hour or two or all of the day please contact Claudia at the presbytery (or Alison 020 8427 2910/ alisonjackson2000@hotmail.com). All offers of help will be much appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet for the **International kitchen.** Please drop off dishes directly to the school kitchen on the day from 11am – disposable containers where possible. If you can spare half an hour to help serve in the kitchen, please sign up on the separate sheet in the porch.

Donations of bottles, books, Jolly Jars, “posh” bags, toys, bikes, scooters, teddies, uniforms and good quality sport and dance wear, are all needed. Please bring your donations to the church porch from Monday, 18th June to latest 9.30am on Friday, 22nd June or the school office. NO bric-a-brac this year.

Cakes of all descriptions – sponge cakes, fruitcakes, tray bakes, small cakes, muffins, cupcakes, biscuits, fruit loaves whatever you want to make/donate are all urgently needed for the **Cake stall and Tea/Coffee stall.** Cakes can be left at the School or Church on Friday or at the school on Saturday morning. Please contact Alison Jackson if you need to make arrangements for collection.

Calling all gardeners Following the success of the Plant Stall last year we are once again appealing for donations. 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. They can be left in the church porch until 10am on Friday, 22nd June or bring to the school Sat morning.

Craft Stall There will also be a craft stall for Bakhita House. We would be grateful if parishioners could make handmade items, i.e. soft toys, dolls clothes, jewellery, knitted garments and fancy goods. Please drop these into the presbytery by Friday, 22nd June.

Parish Patronal Feast The feast of St John Fisher (and St Thomas More) falls on Friday, 22nd June. This year we will celebrate it as a parish on Sunday. Everyone will be very busy with the International Day beforehand so we will have an informal celebration after the 11.30am mass in the form of a ‘bring and share’ picnic on the lawn. We’ll provide something to drink if you bring something to eat!