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3rd June 2018 ~ CORPUS CHRISTI

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
week beginning Sat 2nd June 2018

2nd Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Mary Heffernan RIP Anniv
3rd Sun	CORPUS CHRISTI 8.30am Joana De Souza RIP 10.00am People of the Parish 11.30am Katherine Hayes RIP
4th Mon	Feria <i>(no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week)</i> 9.30am Bridget Cremin
5th Tue	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 9.30am June Collins RIP
6th Wed	St Norbert, Bishop - no mass
7th Thu	Feria 9.30am Andrzej Drapa RIP
8th Fri	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>(No Friday abstinence)</i> 9.30am Bridie Moriarty RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am – 9.15am (not Mon 4th)
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 3:9-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

A BIG WEEKEND LATER THIS MONTH



As I have begun to meet with groups of parishioners in their homes – and later in the month in the Fisher Room too – a number of themes have emerged. One of these is how much people like to meet and get to know each other. There are two great opportunities for this towards the end of this month.

First we have the **International Day on Saturday, 23rd June**; this is hosted jointly with St John Fisher School in Melrose Avenue/Cambridge Road. It is a day of entertainment, enjoyment and fundraising for both the school and the parish, working together as we should. The parish has again taken responsibility for a number of areas including the International kitchen, tea/coffee and cake stall, Irish coffee stall, bottle tombola, the plant stall, the craft stall for Bakhita House and the entrance; in addition donations of bottles, books, Jolly Jars, “posh” bags, toys, bikes, scooters, teddies, uniforms and good quality sport and dance wear, are all needed. **Your parish needs you to be part of this so how will you help?**

Secondly, Friday 22nd June is the **Feast Day of St John Fisher** (and St Thomas More). This year we will move this to the Sunday so that we can all celebrate together our patronal feast. We'll all be exhausted from the International Day but will no doubt want to celebrate this occasion. Therefore **after the 11.30am mass on Sunday, 24th June** we will have a ‘bring and share’ picnic on the lawn around the presbytery. We'll provide you with something to drink to toast St John Fisher if you can bring a picnic dish to share!

Have a blessed week; I'll be praying for you all during my retreat in Kent!

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”

Ps 26 (27):1

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 Mary Heffernan, Magda Gordon, Nora McManamon, Grace Schifano, Aoife Conroy, Jim O’Gorman, Marian Tallon, Anne Tyhurst, Bridie Aherne, Rajesh Rajakarier, Christopher Duncan, Ronald Batchelor, Thomas Quinn, Dymphna Lynch, Bernard Payne, Rosa Faleiro whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Diogo Rodrigues and Anna-Kristina Faria who were married in our church this weekend.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, 4th June, as Fr Graham is on retreat.

Getting to know 800 people! The gatherings with small groups of parishioners continue. We’ve been talking about the parish, what works well and what we could do better. Here are some dates for this month for parishioners to host a gathering 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)

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.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 7th June at 8pm in the Social Club.

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.

The Summit Harrow On Friday, 8th June 7-9pm at St Luke’s Church, Pinner for 14-18 year olds. A chance for young people to socialise, share a meal together, learn more about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration, with contemporary worship music. See poster in the porch.

In case you are admitted to hospital In light of data protection, please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also, state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you.

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.

Leaving the Parish or Change of Address? Please advise Claudia McHugh on claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk or 020 8429 5681 so we may amend our records. Thank you.

International Day Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the porch next weekend after the 10am Mass. There are some great prizes. Tickets are £1 each and £5 per book. Thank you for your support.

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.