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22nd July 2018 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 21st July 2018

21st Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Phebe Martins RIP
22nd Sun	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	Mary Regina McBride RIP
23rd Mon	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe
9.30am	Lilian Dalton RIP
24th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Seamus Monaghan RIP
25th Wed	ST JAMES, Apostle - no mass
26th Thu	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Catherine & Edward Barker RIP Anniv
11.00am	Requiem Mass for Lisa Tanner RIP
27th Fri	Feria
9.30am	Sally Sloane RIP Anniv

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:

2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH



This is an opportune time for us to reflect on the role of women in the Church from its earliest days in Jerusalem until now in North Harrow.

This Sunday is the feast of St Mary Magdalene who has one of the greatest conversion stories of all time! We are told in John's Gospel that Mary was the first person to come to the tomb and encounter the risen Lord; *'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.'* (John 20:1) Monday is also the feast day of one of the Patrons of Europe, St Bridget of Sweden and the Monday before we celebrated Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

This week marks the retirement of our head teacher, Anne Lyons, from St John Fisher RC Primary School. Anne has served in this role for the last 24 years and is succeeded by the proven capabilities of Maria Conlon.

It is no wonder that, in his Apostolic Letter on the dignity and vocation of women, St John Paul II wrote, *'The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine "genius" which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope and charity: she gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness'* (Mullieris Dignitatem 31)

Every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Graham

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Psalm 22(23)

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, Sean Garvey.

Pray also For Catherine & Edward Barker, Sally Sloane, Bridget Byrne, Ida Bastiampillai, Mary Cleary, John Bennet, Caroline Reddyhoff, Jim Leeson, Christopher Mortimer, Mauro Chelotti, John Malone, Alice Thoumine, Jean Cross, James Ashe, Jack & Ita Ryan, Janet King whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Jacqui Kobus who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Monday, 30th July 2018 at 11.00am followed by committal at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Patricia Roach RIP Ann wishes to thank everyone for their kind prayers, cards and support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Altar Servers Please ensure that you hang up your albs after mass. *Thank you.*

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 2nd August at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parishioner Gatherings – the opportunity to host a small gathering of local parishioners with Fr Graham will return after the summer break

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – April 2018 (not yet claimed) – 2nd prize £50 Marie Gregory, 3rd prize £25 Dorothy Mariampillai. **May 2018** – 1st prize £100 Carol Carty, 2nd prize £50 Claire Tarling, 3rd prize £25 Amelia Thomas. **June 2018** – 1st prize £100 Joan & Collette Scully, 2nd prize £50 Jonathan Barker, 3rd prize £25 Toni & Jim Reilly. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Parish 100 Club The 100 club is a wonderful way to support the parish and fundraise so that we can pay for the new sanctuary. It is a lottery and the idea is that each person who joins the club contributes £5 a month. You can pay this either in Cash, Cheque or by Standing Order. If you choose to pay by Standing Order you will need to contact your bank. As a reference for this method of payment please use your Surname and Initial followed by the phrase “100 Club”. It would be really helpful if you can make your contribution annually (£60). Forms are available from the wall rack by the right hand side notice board in the porch. If you are one of those people who have allowed their subscription to lapse, you can rejoin to pay £5 monthly by standing order or pay £30 for the remainder of this year. *You've got to be in it to win it!*

Harrow Citizens Refugee group are looking for a self-contained property available for rent for 2 years to house a Syrian refugee family under the government re-settlement programme. Local Housing Allowance rent will be paid and the family will receive intensive support from Harrow Council and members of Harrow Citizens. Harrow is the only borough in the area that has not welcomed a single family funded by the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. If you can help, or know someone who might be able to, please contact rabbi.naomi@kolchai.org or peter.lewy@gmail.com or ring 07947 41514.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 14th September and 28th September at 2pm in the Fisher Room. Donations of wool can be dropped off at the presbytery.

A Day with Mary On Saturday, 28th July 2018 at 10am-5.30pm at St Mary of the Angels, Moorehouse Road, London W2. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For more info, please see poster on the noticeboard in the porch.

Adoremus: National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage takes place from Friday, 7th to Sunday, 9th September 2018 in Liverpool, reflecting on centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Tickets still available for Saturday and Sunday with keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron, also with Exposition & Benediction, and a reflection from Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Deadline for bookings is 31st July, book online at <http://unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/>. For further info, contact Ausra Cane mailto@adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or call 07738 183829. Resources available at <https://goo.gl/y7Payr>.

Adoremus: London For those unable to travel to Liverpool, various parishes are organising Adoration and promoting Eucharistic devotions in other ways over the weekend of the Congress. The new diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi in Covent Garden has a day of Exposition and other devotions on Saturday, 8th September, visit <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/>.

World Meeting of Families The Diocesan Marriage and Family Life team are looking to take a large group of participants from across parishes and communities in the diocese to the World Meeting of Families to be held in Dublin, Ireland from 21st to 26th August, 2018. For details, contact Charlotte McNerlin at family@rcdow.org.uk /020 7931 6064, visit <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Join the 8th annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Bishop John Wilson, on 21st to 29th November, 2018. Come and visit the holy sites, support local Christians and deepen your faith. Galilee-Bethlehem-Jerusalem covered. Full board, flying BA, price £1549 per person sharing. Single room and travel insurance extra. For booking forms or more info please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka 020 7798 9173 or Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666.

Apostleship of the Sea £377.65 was raised. Thank you very much for your support to this important work supporting those who make our global economy ‘tick.’

International Day You will be pleased to hear that the final result for the day was £8,376. Thank you to St John Fisher School for their organisation and all the volunteers from the Parish who helped to make this a hugely successful day both socially and financially. Here's looking forward to 2019!

Music at Mass As usual there will be no music at Mass over the summer months. Many thanks to all our parish musicians for all they have done this year in supporting the liturgy. We hope that they will enjoy a well-earned rest. We hope to start music at Mass again on Sunday, 9th September.

Newsletter This will be the last regular edition of the newsletter before the summer break. We will produce the next newsletter for 1st/2nd September. Next week's newsletter will contain details of Masses to be said during August.