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2nd September 2018 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 1st September 2018

1st Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm John Prendeville RIP Anniv
2nd Sun	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am Patricia Roach RIP 10.00am People of the Parish 11.30am Michael Daley 10 th RIP Anniv
3rd Mon	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor 9.30am Mahes & Stan Sebastian RIP
4th Tue	St Cuthbert, Bishop <u>9.00am</u> Special Intention for Michael Thomson
5th Wed	Feria - no mass
6th Thu	Feria 9.30am Mahes & Stan Sebastian RIP
7th Fri	Feria 9.30am In Thanksgiving – To do final medicine exam well 10.00am Adoration & Benediction

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:

Isaiah 35:4-7, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37



CHALLENGES AHEAD

As September begins so does the new school year and 'business as usual' for many of us, at least compared to the relaxed atmosphere of August. No more weekday afternoon bus rides exploring the area! Perhaps it is a time when we expect to see change and different things happening in the parish? Yet I have to remind myself that I have only been here for eight months and have yet to live through the 'annual cycle' of St John Fisher Parish. That I feel that I've been here longer is surely a testimony to the warmth of your welcome and acceptance of a new parish priest, who is new to being a parish priest!

The year begins with at least two challenges presented to the Church in this country. There is the continued shock and dismay at reports on the past abuse of children in the church in Pennsylvania and at Ampleforth and Downside Schools. If you have not read the letter from the Holy Father on this subject then I encourage you to do so; we distributed it last weekend and copies are available today at the back of the church as well as on-line, together with Cardinal Vincent's response, (www.rcdow.org.uk under 'cardinal.')

It is also a time when we are challenged to live out our devotion to the Eucharist with the First National Eucharistic Congress since 1908 in Liverpool next weekend. A couple of representatives are going from the parish and I will be going on Saturday; the Congress seeks to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

Every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Graham

"We know that you are the Holy One of God"

John 6:69

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, Claire Nolan, Devarajah Antonipillai, Tom Lawlor, Doris Pettitt.

Pray also For John Prendeville, Michael Daley, Lawrence Graham-Leigh, Michael Roache, Mary Glavin, Bernard Fielder, John Bennett, Marie Lisicki, David Freear, Romanus Nwokoro, David Miller, Declan Hurley, Celine Marie Arulanantham whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Baptisms We welcome into our community Catherine McCormick who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Welcome Back We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. Normal service resumes from next week when our music groups will once again be animating our liturgies.

Mass on Tuesday, 4th September Please note this will take place at **9.00am** as Fr Graham is attending the funeral of Fr Michael Durand RIP at Westminster Cathedral.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 6th September at 8pm in the Social Club.

Coffee Morning Now that the holidays are over and we are all back in the parish, the next coffee morning has been arranged for **Sunday 16th September**, after both 10am and 11.30am masses. Come along and get to know more of your fellow parishioners and learn about the activities of the parish. Even if you don't know many people, a warm welcome awaits you, so pop in, even if you can only stay a short while. Coffee, tea, juice and snacks will be available. Raffle prizes will be on display in the porch after all masses so please buy a ticket for £1 sold in the porch, and make sure you give us your name & telephone number. The draw will take place around 1.30pm. All proceeds to the parish fund.

Harrow Citizens – St John Fisher Group Next meeting on Thursday, 20th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the small hall. All welcome.

Tai Chi at St. John Fisher starts again on Thursday, 13th September at 1.30pm - 3pm in the small hall of our St. John Fisher Parish Centre. This is open to both men and women of all ages. New members will always be made most welcome. For more details contact: Barbara Towell 020 8866 6665.

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.

Parish Women's Group On Saturday, 10th November at 2.30pm - 4pm. Chance to make/paint Christmas decorations/gifts in pottery at delightful cafe/workshop Picazzo Arts, Wealdstone, www.picazzoarts.co.uk. Fun and fulfilling. All women in the parish are invited. £5 deposit. Further details from Deirdre at dshanahan1@hotmail.com / 07702817449.

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.

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/>.

A Day with Mary – A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 On Saturday, 8th September 2018 at Our Lady, Lodge Road, St John's Wood; Saturday, 22nd September 2018 at The Five Precious Wounds, Brentfield Road, NW10 and Saturday, 29th September 2018 at St James Church, Spanish Place, George Street, London W1. For more info, please see posters on noticeboard in the porch.

Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco at St Bernard's Church, Mandeville Road, Northolt, UB5 5HE on Saturday, 15th September, 9.30am to 5pm. For more info, please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tuesday, 2nd October 2018 at 7pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London, W8 6SA. Bishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Readers Workshop – Two Training Sessions at St George's, Sudbury. Theory on Saturday, 29th September, Practice on Saturday, 13th October, both 10.30am-12.00pm. For more info please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Mary's Meals Day, Sunday 16th September Join us to celebrate the work of Mary's Meals as we bring together those who share our vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. We'll hear from our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow as well as speakers from the countries where we work. There will be uplifting entertainment and inspiring stories. To book your FREE place visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/marysmealsday or call 020 7221 5745. When: 16th September 2-4.45pm (doors open 12.45 for tea/coffee and gift stalls) Where: Irish Cultural Centre, 5 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, LONDON W6 9DT (please note this is a different address from last year's event).

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.