



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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9th September 2018 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 8th September 2018

8th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
9th Sun	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Shammy Canagasuriam
10.00am	Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	Celine Marie Arulanantham RIP Anniv
10th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Eileen Carey 5 th RIP Anniv
11th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Gerald Clancy RIP Anniv
12th Wed	Most Holy Name of Mary - no mass
13th Thu	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
9.30am	Sue Condon
14th Fri	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
9.30am	Dipesh Shah 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:

Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35



The keynote speaker at this weekend's Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool is Bishop Robert Barron, an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron is perhaps better known as the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and the presenter of the 'Catholicism' study series of documentaries on the Catholic Church. Word on Fire reaches millions of people across the world by utilizing the tools of modern media to draw people into or back to the Catholic Faith.

We all have many competing priorities on our time yet there is surely a thirst to know more about our faith in an authentic and accessible way and to be able to share that with others? Word on Fire provides just that resource. As I write this the latest additions include: a written article on 'Why Remain Catholic (with so much scandal)?'; a podcast on 'Why People Become Nones'; a video Q&A about the sexual abuse crisis and a homily for this Sunday.

The material from Word on Fire has its strengths and weaknesses. There are many benefits to exploring our faith as part of a community rather than alone. Nevertheless, it is a great place to develop and satisfy a thirst, to know more. For a number of years I have been following Bishop Barron's videos as well as having read a couple of his books and watched his 'Catholicism' and 'Priest, Prophet, King' study series so, believe me, you won't be wasting your time! Just click on www.wordonfire.org to find out more.

***"Commit your life to the Lord,
trust in Him and He will act"***

Psalm 36:5

Every blessing for the week ahead,

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, Arthur Judson

Pray also For Celine Marie Arulanantham, Eileen Carey, Gerald Clancy, Clara Mars-Harris, Mary Glenc, Josephine & Reginald Benjamin, Desmond McHale, Joan Salisbury, Bridie Lagrue, Pearl Bryant, Patrick Cunningham, Dennis McHugh, John Furlong, Betty Trundle, Monty Moriarty, Alma Houghton, Gerry Furnell, Kitty Young, Philomena Dias, Georgina Wilson whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Parishioner Gatherings Fr Graham plans to continue offering parishioners the opportunity to meet with him in small groups, in your homes or in the St John Fisher Room, to get to know you and reflect and discuss the life of our parish. He will be suggesting a few more dates in next week's newsletter; in the meantime if you would like to host an event do contact him.

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** at 7.30pm in the small hall. All welcome to come and support our prime means of social action.

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.

Catholic Secondary School Open Days We have received posters advertising open days at local Catholic Secondary Schools including Sacred Heart Language College, Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and St Gregory's Catholic Science College; these are on display on the 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. A day of prayers and devotions from 9.30am to 5pm. For more info, please see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

A Day with Mary – A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917 On 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.

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 - Join Mary's Meals on **Sunday 16th September** to celebrate their work as they bring together those who share their vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. You'll hear from their founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow as well as from speakers from countries where Mary's Meals 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. From 2pm -4.45pm (doors open 12.45pm for tea/coffee and gift stalls) at Irish Cultural Centre, 5 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, LONDON W6 9DT (different address from last year's event).

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their 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** 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.

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.

The Grace of the Present Moment--a morning reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver at Niland Centre. Give your spirit time as another month unravels and allow God's grace to sooth you. **Thursday, 27 September** (10.00 am - 12.30 pm). Suggested donation £6; registrations welcome. Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Information: nilandcentre@gmail.com

The Guild of Our Lady & St Joseph invite you to hear internationally recognised author, spiritual theologian and retreat master, **Fr Jacques Philippe** speak on 'How to Grow Closer to God through the trials and suffering of life' at Church of Our Lady, Lisson Grove, NW8 8LA on **Sunday 16 September**. Doors will open at 6:45 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:15 pm. Admission: £5 at the door. If interested please register at guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com. For more info, please see poster on noticeboard in the porch

.....and finally, next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales; there will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.