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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	James Kavanagh (Int)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sun</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Frances Rea RIP Anniv
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	John Patrick Hayes RIP Anniv
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>
9.30am	Jack Hoddinott RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Bridie Flanagan (Recovery)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs - no mass</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Priest</b>
9.30am	Bridget Morley RIP
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>St Wenceslaus, Martyr</b>
9.30am	Stephen Delmer, Evelyn & Dorita

### 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:

Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## SAINTHOOD, SANCTITY AND WHAT MAKES US HOLY



Bishop Barron gave an excellent talk at the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool on living the Christian life. He came up with three key steps to following the 'Way of Jesus Christ' to recall an expression popular in the early Church:

- **place Christ at the centre of your life;** just as a rose window in our great cathedrals may be complex and intricate with many different designs it is always Christ that is at the centre just as we should strive to make Him the centre of our life;
- **know that you are a sinner** in need of God's love and mercy; this can only happen once we have placed Christ at the centre of our lives and view the darkness in our lives with the light of Christ. Although our hearts are made for God we strive to fill them with power, pleasure, wealth and honour.
- **realise that your life is not all about you!** We are not the beginning and end of our existence – it's not that boring. No, we are part of a community, a family and a Church with Christ at the centre.

There is much other material to be shared from the Eucharistic Congress. Most talks can be viewed or heard at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/SpecialEvents/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/SpecialEvents/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage). Do have a look!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Graham*

**"Be ambitious for the higher gifts"**

*1 Cor 12:31*

**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**, Stephanie Roberts, Pauline Angold, Maria Fennessy, Regis Li-In-On, Constanzo Millico.

**Pray also For** Frances Rea, John Patrick Hayes, Patrick O'Malley, Mary Joseph Anthony Pillai, Jack Fitzgerald, Diana Anton, Christine Roglic, Francis Lewandoski, Maura Moriarty, Natalia D'Silva, Sassi Pellegrini, Raymonde Thillier, Rosemary Faleiro, Sean Caden, Delia Mulvaney, Keith Cullis, Agnes Van Rosse, Eileen Lynch, Bridget & James Horkan, Mary Kane, Peter Lamble, Michael Mascurine, Margeret Doran whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Confirmation** The next Confirmation meeting will be on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm-6.30pm in the large Hall.

**School Admission** Fr. Graham will be available to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for **SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30am-11.30am** and **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm-8.00pm** in the Fisher Room (*forms have to be with the schools by 31<sup>st</sup> October at the latest*) by APPOINTMENT ONLY so please contact Claudia McHugh on [claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk) / 8429 5681 (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm). *When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number.* If applying for the London Oratory please bring copies of any forms you need to submit. **The Certificate of Catholic Practice** must be completed for all applications to schools (one per school) that use 'practising Catholic' as an admission criterion; *It is not reasonable to expect a Certificate of Catholic Practice to be signed if you are not a regular church-going parishioner* <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

**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. If you would like to host an event, please contact him.

**Parish Fairtrade stall** will be open in the porch after all masses **this weekend.**

**Bethany Group** The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**'More than just a Choir'** is looking forward to entertaining you in St John Fisher Parish Hall on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.** Please give your support for a very good cause to those who suffer from learning difficulties. Proceeds shared between the choir and parish funds. Ticket £5.00, light refreshments provided.

**Ladies Group/SJF Ladies** are having a film night on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, £5 with pasta. "The Leisure Seekers" with Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren. [t.arringo@virgin.net](mailto:t.arringo@virgin.net) to book or 8427 3063.

**Parish Women's Group** On **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.picazzoarts.co.uk). Fun and fulfilling. All women in the

parish are invited. £5 deposit. Further details from Deirdre at [dshanahan1@hotmail.com](mailto:dshanahan1@hotmail.com) / 07702817449.

**Catholic Secondary School & Sixth Form College Open Days** We have received posters advertising open days at local Catholic Secondary Schools & Sixth Form Colleges including Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Gumley House School, Gunnersbury Catholic School, St Joan of Arc, Salvatorian College, St Dominic's Sixth Form College; these are on display on the porch noticeboard.

**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 soothe you. **Thursday, 27 September** (10.00am-12.30pm). Suggested donation £6; registrations welcome. Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Information: [nilandcentre@gmail.com](mailto:nilandcentre@gmail.com).

**Anointing Mass** at St Luke's Church Hall, Pinner on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 3.00pm, followed by tea and cake. Please contact St Luke's if you plan to come (020 8866 0098)

**National One-Day Conference on Growing in Connectedness: Healing the History of Child Sex Abuse** On Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 10am-5.30pm at Cloisters Hall, St Benedict's School, Ealing. Cost £60, concessions £35 (limited numbers). Email [info@benedictine-institute.org](mailto:info@benedictine-institute.org), call 020 8862 2156, <https://healinghistorylondon.eventsmart.com/events/growing-into-connectedness/>.

**Watford, Hemel & St. Albans NHS Hospital Chaplaincy** On admission to hospital, please register your religion and ask for a visit from the hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care for you; there is also 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital. Contact the hospital chaplaincy direct on **01923 217994, 07776 598704** or [spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk).

**St John Fisher School Harvest Assembly** We are delighted to invite senior parishioners to our school's Harvest Assembly followed by refreshments on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am in the school hall. We hope many of our friends will be able to join us.

**St John Fisher Preschool** are open 5 days per week. Mon, Tues & Weds 9.15am-3.45pm and Thurs & Fri 9.15am-12.45pm term time only. We are situated in the parish hall and take children from 2 years & 4 months. We currently have a limited amount of sessions available for both funded and non-funded children. All 3 & 4 year olds are funded for 15 hours per week (the term after they are 3) with some funded for up to 30 hours if eligible. We are approved by Harrow to offer a limited amount of funding to 2 year olds (providing you meet the criteria) and can accept childcare vouchers. Please contact 07586 345706 or [sjf.preschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjf.preschool@gmail.com) for further information.

**Coffee Morning** Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the coffee morning happen last Sunday, and to everyone who came and bought raffle tickets. The total for the parish funds came to £352 and we hope you will all come again on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Christmas get-together. The following raffle tickets have won with no name/number given: **pink 487, pink 502, pink 510** - please contact Claudia to claim your prize. We are always looking for more people to join our team so if you can help please contact Deirdre on **07907 798412**. *Thank you.*

**Home Mission Appeal** £262.46 was raised. Thank you for your support.