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14th October 2018 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 13th October 2018

13th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Tomas Riordain
14th Sun	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Tony Crick RIP Anniv
11.30am	Charles Merritt RIP
5.30pm	Reception Service for Elizabeth O'Shea RIP
15th Mon	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
9.30am	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth O'Shea RIP
16th Tue	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
9.30am	Darren Gallagher RIP
17th Wed	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
	- no mass
18th Thu	ST LUKE, Evangelist
9.30am	In Thanksgiving - Dr. Emlyn Amutharasan
19th Fri	SS John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
9.30am	Mary Matilda, Guy Marshal, Robin Anthonisz

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 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45



Month of the Rosary

PRISONERS' SUNDAY



This Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. This may not be the easiest cause to support; we often hear and may even share in calls to 'lock 'em up and throw away the key' in response to certain crimes! Perhaps you have been a victim of crime and still carry the physical and emotional scars? But we do well to remember that visiting the imprisoned is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy (cf Matt 25:35); we might reflect too how Jesus himself experienced imprisonment and judgement at the end of his life on earth. Prisoners also have families and dependants needing support; 6 out of 10 boys with a father in prison will go on to serve a sentence themselves.

So this Sunday we recall in our prayers that all people, whoever they are and whatever they may have done, are loved by God and called to be sharers in his Kingdom. You are invited to look at the display at the back of the church on the work of PACT, the national Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions, and their families through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community-based services. Should you wish to support their work some leaflets and prayer cards are available and envelopes too for any financial contribution you might wish to make (please return in offertory or to presbytery). More information is available at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

Every blessing for the week ahead

Fr Graham

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the noticeboard 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, Elizabeth O'Shea, Bridget O'Malley, Michael Davitt, Patrick Grogan, Martin Griffin, Jean Naughton, JP Regan, Fr George Dangerfield.

Pray also For Tony Crick, Brigitte Ryan, Pauline Roa, Mary Smith, Marguerite Atkinson, Ana Francisca Texeira, Bernard Pereira, Ivor Pereira, Eric Barker, Connie O'Donoghue, Katrina Phillips, Benny Hoft, Vincent Bourke, Bo Claeson, Angela Doctrove, Maureen Cusack, Monica O'Sullivan, Michael McWilliams, Winifred Maher, Margaret Sullivan, Katie Quinn, Patrick Quinn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Elizabeth O'Shea who has died. Reception Service at St John Fisher on Sunday, 14th October 2018 at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday, 15th October 2018 at 9.30am followed by committal at Northwood Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Please Remember Patrick Grogan who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Thursday, 25th October 2018 at 11.30am followed by committal at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Changes to Thursday mass time and Saturday morning mass
During Advent Fr Graham will be trialling some changes to our weekday mass times. On **Thursday mass will be later at 12.30pm** rather than 9.30am (from Thursday 6th December). There will also be a mass at **9.30am on Saturday mornings followed by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am** (from Saturday 8th December). To mark the beginning of Advent and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary we will have a **Day of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, 8th December** from after the 9.30am mass and concluding with Benediction at 5.30pm. More details to follow!

What do we do well as a parish? What could we do better?
Come and let Fr Graham hear your answers to these questions. He continues to invite parishioners to meet with him in small group or as a family, in your homes or the Fisher Room, to get to know you and to hear your thoughts on these questions. If you would like to host an event for a small group or for your family, please contact him. Additionally there will be a gathering, to which all are welcome, **after the 11.30am mass on Sunday 28th October in the Fisher Room.**

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 18th October at 7.30pm.

CAFOD Christmas cards Come and view the 2018 Christmas cards in the porch after all masses **this weekend**. No cards will be sold (so that the full range can be seen after 11.30am mass) but orders will be taken. From 20th October the stall will be open after mass every weekend to buy cards & collect orders. If you can spare a little time to help staff the stall, please leave your contact details at the stall or email siftraidcraft@gmail.com.

Traidcraft monthly food stall will be open after all masses **this weekend**. The Parish has supported Traidcraft for the last 11 years and, sadly, they expect to cease operating at the end of this year. They trade in US dollars & have been unable to absorb

the fall in the value of the pound while maintaining fair prices for suppliers & keeping prices affordable. Traidcraft pioneered Fairtrade 40 years ago & have direct relationships with many small producers who will be affected by the closure so please pray for a good outcome for suppliers and for staff in the UK. Traidcraft aims to finish with a successful final few months trading so do come and buy something from the stall.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas The new rotas for 13th October to 2nd December 2018 are ready for collection from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch.

Counting Rota The new rota for 14th October 2018 to 10th November 2019 has been sent out by email. There are hard copies in the relevant pigeonholes for counters who do not have an email address. If you would like to offer your help in counting the collection please contact the Parish Office. Your commitment is to around an hour on Sunday mornings once a month.

Welcome Ministry Rota Please see the new rota on the noticeboard in the porch for 14th October to 30th December 2018, hard copies will be available for collection from the pigeonholes from next weekend.

Harrow Citizens All parishioners interested &/or involved in Harrow Citizens are invited to a meeting on Monday, 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room. This is an opportunity to find out how the action groups (Low pay/housing, welcoming refugees & mental health) are progressing and plan next steps.

Collection for Caritas Bakhita House The SJF Knitting Team knits items for the guests of Bakhita House. 90 females, vulnerable and traumatised survivors of trafficking and modern slavery, have been helped in this safe house. 18 new guests have just arrived with nothing at all. Therefore we are organizing a collection of **NEW** toiletries and by request, pants, socks and nightwear as these are items not sold in Charity Shops. Collection of goods will be on the weekend of **3rd/4th November** - please be generous. Please do not leave items in the Church porch - if you cannot come that weekend then please drop them off into the presbytery. This is part of our Love in Action initiative.

Charity 'Vintage Tea Party' in aid of Harrow Bereavement & Mind in Harrow on Friday, 19th October, 2-5pm at The North Harrow Home Guard Club, Car Park North Harrow. Tea, cakes, tombola, raffle, & book stall. Entrance £3.50.

Service to mark Inter Faith Week at Kol Chai - The Hatch End Reform Jewish Community on **Saturday, 17th November 2018**, 10.30am-12.30pm, led by Rabbi Naomi Goldman. For more info please see poster on porch noticeboard.

'Month of the Holy Souls' envelopes From this weekend you can pick up an envelope from the Church porch in which you can enclose a list of your deceased loved ones together with any offering that you may wish to make. Special sheets of paper on which to write these names are available; these will be placed in a Book of Remembrance that will be kept on the sanctuary throughout November. Please return the envelope to the presbytery. One Sunday mass each week in November will be offered for the repose of the soul of all those in this Book of Remembrance. Any money collected, over and above the stipends for these masses, will be distributed to priests working in poorer areas as mass stipends so that they can offer masses for the dead, and will be used to support our parish's charitable works.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 5th October You can still return your envelopes. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.