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4th November 2018 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 3rd November 2018

3rd Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Mick Whelan (Co. Wexford)
4th Sun	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Holy Souls
10.00am	Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	Wojciech Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP
5th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Patricia Jennings RIP
6th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Darren Gallagher RIP
11.00am	Funeral Mass of Mary Connolly RIP
7th Wed	St Willibord, Bishop - no mass
8th Thu	Feria
9.30am	Pauline Angold RIP
9th Fri	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
9.30am	Nora & Tom Forde 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:

Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28,
Mark 12:38-44

Jesus Prayer

*'Lord Jesus Christ Son of God
have mercy on me a sinner'*

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

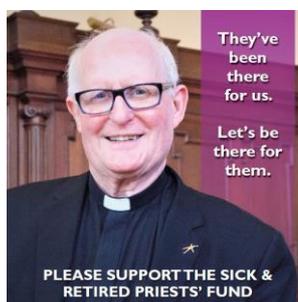
Last weekend's notice about our 80th anniversary was an important one so it is worth repeating this weekend for those who were away. Here's a 'long list' of things we might do including:

- a course taking us on a journey through the Bible or to learn about the Holy Spirit;
- developing small groups to follow from these courses;
- a parish family retreat day;
- a trip to Rochester, seat of Cardinal John Fisher;
- an overseas pilgrimage;
- a quiz night;
- developing our church building with an outside crucifix, a grotto or stained glass windows;
- a nationality themed evening;
- a parish fiesta,
- a Corpus Christi procession and parish celebration on our patronal feast.

What's missing? What's unachievable? What would you like to see happen? Let's work together to develop a programme.

I am keen to draw together a team from across the parish to develop and co-ordinate an anniversary programme. Many hands make light work and you can focus on what enthuses you. **If you would like to be part of this team or to find out more please speak to me after mass or contact me at the presbytery**

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND



The annual collection for sick and retired priests of our diocese will take place next weekend. There are currently more than 80 retired and ill priests being supported by this fund, and this number is set to nearly double by 2025. Most retired priests are dependent in some way upon the Diocese for their care

and support, for example to fund their housing, health care or convalescence needs, as well as paying for unforeseen or extra expenses. Please pick up a collection leaflet today – you will probably recognise the face on the cover as Mgr Canon Harry Turner who has helped us out here in his retirement. Thank you for your support.

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: Fr Charles Reddan SDS

Pray also For William Golden, Pauline Thornton, Mary Johnstone, Alan Forbes, Alasdair Wilson, Margaret & Anthony Sweeney, Mary Gleeson, Katherine Haynes, Michael Mullins, Bernard Rooney, Peter O'Brien, Alexander Buhagiar, Frederick Goddard, Vincent Arrigo, Joan Olive whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please remember in your prayers Mary Connolly who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 6th November at 11am and be followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace. A notice of her funeral is on the noticeboard at the rear of the church.

Sick & Retired Priests' collection: Next weekend is our annual collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donations to this appeal, as well as the 'Growing in Faith' campaign, ensure that these priests, having given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Collection for Caritas Bakhita House. The collection of **NEW toiletries and pants, socks and nightwear** for Bakhita House, the refuge for victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, is taking place **this weekend**. If you cannot bring your items this weekend please bring them next week or drop them into the presbytery; please do not leave items in the Church porch. Thank you for your generosity.

Changes to Thursday mass time and Saturday morning mass During Advent Fr Graham will be trialling changes to our weekday mass times. On **Thursday mass will be at 12.30pm** rather than 9.30am (from Thursday 6th December). On **Saturday mornings** there will be mass at **9.30am followed by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am** (from Saturday 8th December).

'Month of the Holy Souls' Book of Remembrance During November Masses are offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones remembered and prayed for it's not too late to write their names on the sheets provided in the porch and return these to the presbytery together, with any mass offering that you wish to make. The book containing these names is on the sanctuary and during November one Sunday mass each week will be offered for the repose of their souls. Please remember also to pray for those who have had their funeral in our church this year and are in the Book of Remembrance in the baptistry

Mass with Blessing of Graves at Pinner New Cemetery– **Friday 23rd November 11am** with Canon Robert Plourde and Fr Graham

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 Picasso 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.

Harrow Citizens litter pick action: Come and join in with an hour of action to help improve our local environment. On **Sunday 18th November** Harrow Citizens will be meeting at St Peter's Church, Sumner Road, West Harrow, HA1 4BX at **1pm**. Families welcome but children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Bring thick gardening gloves to protect hands. There will be tea back at St Peter's at 2pm. It would be good to have a big crowd from St John Fisher so please check your diaries and sign up in the church porch next weekend.

Car Park & Hall Backstage Tidy-up On **Saturday, 24th November from 11am-2pm**. Many hands make light work to fill a skip! Book the date in your diary. Tea and bacon butties provided for lunch!

School Admission Fr. Graham will sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE applications on **Saturday, 24th November at 9.30am-11.00am** and **Monday, 3rd December at 6.45-8.00pm** in the Fisher Room. An appointment is necessary. For an appointment, please contact Claudia in the Parish Office. *When making your appointment please advise the number of schools you are applying for, your child's name & a contact telephone number.* **Candidates applying for 6th form places should attend with a parent.** A Certificate of Catholic Practice is required for all applications to schools (one per school) that use 'practising Catholic' as an admission criterion; <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

Day of Eucharist Adoration: To pray for our parish in our upcoming anniversary year we will have a **Day of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, 8th December**, the beginning of Advent and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day will begin with 9.30am mass and conclude with Benediction at 5.30pm. More details including a sign-up sheet to follow!

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on **Monday, 26th November 2018** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Items for the Agenda should be notified, in writing, to the Chairman c/o the Parish Office, by 16th November at the latest. You should be prepared to introduce the agenda item you have submitted.

What do we do well as a parish? What could we do better? 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 elsewhere, 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.

CAFOD Christmas cards and Advent calendars are on sale after mass. You are welcome to borrow a catalogue to take away & share with friends and family then email your order to sjfraidcraft@gmail.com or hand in next week.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – September 2018 - 1st prize £100 Anne Hughes, 2nd prize £50 Keith Bayross, 3rd prize £25 Peter Rodrigues. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.