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11th November 2018 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Remembrance Sunday

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 10th November 2018

10th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	The Holy Souls
11th Sun	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Dr Nihal Ranasinghe RIP
10.00am	Paul Cleland RIP Anniv
11.30am	For the Fallen
12th Mon	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am	Mary Standon RIP
13th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Mrs. Simone Leong RIP
14th Wed	Feria - no mass
15th Thu	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
9.30am	Jill Adams RIP
16th Fri	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
9.30am	David Rimmer RIP Anniv

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:

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14.1 8, Mark 13:24-32

*'Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments'*

Psalm 112(111): v1

LEST WE FORGET



As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War we join in remembering those who gave their lives in war. When I was in Chelsea I had the privilege of attending the Royal Hospital's Remembrance Day service; it struck me how far removed I was from the reality of war and the armed forces. That would not have been the case 100 years ago; by 1918 one in four of the UK male population had joined up and over 880,000 were killed out of nearly 10 million troops killed in total. No wonder every village in the country seems to have its war memorial to the young men who died in the First World War. May they rest in peace.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Today's retiring collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. This ensures our elderly and sick priests are financially supported in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Our priests baptised us, counselled us in times of sorrow, and celebrated with us in times of joy. Since we have received so much from their generosity, it is now our turn to assist them in their old age. The fund ensures that their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs are met. Most priests retire with modest means. In later years their ability to live independently can be adversely impacted by their declining health, mobility or frailty. Thank you for your generosity.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH

Starting this week I'll be putting together the list of people willing to help in some way in organising our 80th anniversary events. Thanks in advance for your support! This isn't just about a big social event but nurturing our spiritual life and understanding of the faith too!

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 Eileen Spelman, Rose Jeyarajan, Keith Carrigan, Bryan Mitchell, Bernard Loughlin, Hui Chi Chan, Mr. N. Dustan.

Pray also for Paul Cleland, David Rimmer, Mrs. Ofulue, Charles Harris, Bill Smith, Patrick Webber, John White, Jean Wise, Patrick Lawrence Webber, Daniel Jesuthasan, Josef Schuster, Mary Leeson, Anthony Bayross, James Scully, Tom Kavanagh, Suleiman Raie, Peter Sen, Grace Rossington, Wanda Owczarczak, Timothy Dineen, Anne Doherty, Rose Walsh whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection Fund Please return your envelopes this weekend. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Monday, 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm. This will consist of a short welcome and introduction, a Gospel reading and brief homily followed by individual confession with one of a number of visiting priests.

Changes to Thursday mass time and Saturday morning mass During Advent Fr Graham will be trialing 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 one Sunday mass each week will be offered for the repose of the souls of those listed in our parish Book of Remembrance. 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 baptistery

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

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 all 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 sign up in the church porch this 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. 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 a 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 in the porch after each mass. Please borrow a catalogue of Fairtrade gifts to take away then email your order to siftraidcraft@gmail.com or hand it in next week. Next weekend Fairtrade food will also be on sale.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 15th November at 7.30pm. No meeting in December.

Action by Christians Against Torture (Acat) Harrow group are holding their annual service at **3pm on Sunday, 25th November 2018** at St Alban's Church, North Harrow. This will be a quiet service of reflection with music, readings, case histories and prayer on the theme of journalists fighting for truth. All welcome.

Our Lady of Sorrows' Bereavement Group The annual Mass in memory of those babies and children whose names appear on the plaques in **Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 28th November at 7.00pm** in that church and be followed by a reception in the Page Centre. All families who have also lost babies and children are welcome at this Mass. Please bring along photos and contact Our Lady & St Thomas' parish before the Mass with the name of your loved one if you want their name to be included in the service.

Collection for Caritas Bakhita House Thank you to everyone for the magnificent response to our appeal.

World Day of the Poor Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community to mark World Day of the Poor on **Sunday, 18th November**. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him'. This year Caritas Westminster is asking us to reach out in practical ways so we will be announcing our annual Foodbank collection then.

Two seater white settee in good condition looking for a new home in return for a donation to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. If interested please contact Parish Office.