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18th November 2018 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) World Day of the Poor

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 17th November 2018

17th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Jacqui Kobus RIP
18th Sun	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Trofimena Arpino RIP Anniv
10.00am	Sean Garvey RIP, Margaret Garvey RIP Anniv
11.30am	The Holy Souls
19th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Jacqueline Kobus RIP
20th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Helen Gallagher RIP Anniv
21st Wed	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - no mass
22nd Thu	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am	John Wheaton RIP
23rd Fri	St Columban, Abbot
9.30am	Devarajah Antonipillai 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:

Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community to mark World Day of the Poor this Sunday, 18th November. The theme for this year is 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him'. This year Caritas Westminster is asking as well as remembering those in poverty in our prayers we reach out in practical ways.

Firstly we are praying community so we will pray at our masses, at the end of the bidding prayers, the prayer which is on the prayer cards at the back of the church.

Secondly we are launching our annual Harrow Foodbank Collection. This year at the Foodbank's request we are appealing for **jars of coffee, jam and tinned fruit** (please NO cereal, rice or pasta). If you could bring these to the church next weekend it would be much appreciated as would be volunteers to take the donations to the Foodbank in Greenhill.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH

There was an encouraging response last week from people willing to help in some way in organising our 80th anniversary events. I'll have my list with me again this weekend if you are willing to help in some way in coordinating events – more help will be needed later in bringing things to fruition!

*'The ones who have a voice must speak
for those who are voiceless'*

St Oscar Romero

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 Milly Henry, Margaret Ginty, Mary Coady, Rose Goodwin, Patricia "Tisha" Pace.

Pray also for Trofimena Arpino, Margaret Garvey, Helen Gallagher, Mary Bridget "Maura" Kugler, John Sinn, Timothy Dineen, Patrick Kiernan, Patricia Mangan, Anita Simoes whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please Remember Mary Coady who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Monday, 26th November 2018 at 12.00pm followed by committal at Carpenders Park Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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).

Day of Eucharistic 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 will be available from next weekend.

'Month of the Holy Souls' Book of Remembrance During November one Sunday mass each week is 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 today, 18th November. We are 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.** Tea back at St Peter's at 2pm. It would be good to have a big crowd from St John Fisher.

Annual Parish Meeting To be held on **Monday, 26th November 2018 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall.

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!

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 23rd November** at 2pm in the Fisher Room.

SJF Ladies Club - Film Night "La Grande Bagarre De Don Camillo" on Wednesday, 21st November at 7pm in the Fisher Room. £1, all welcome.

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.

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>

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.

Have you had problems finding suitable accommodation in Harrow? Or have you rented property in poor condition? Then Harrow Citizens Housing Action Group would like to hear from you. Pick up a Housing Survey sheet after Mass and return it to our Post Box in the porch or email your response to the given address by Sunday, 25th November.

CAFOD Christmas cards, Advent calendars & Fairtrade food 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.

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.

Advent Day of Reflection On Thursday, 6th December 2018 (9.30 for 10am until 3pm; closing with Holy Mass) Speaker to be announced. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

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.

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection Fund You can still return your envelopes. 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.