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25th November 2018 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 24th November 2018

24th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Harry McKinney RIP Anniv
25th Sun	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe
8.30am	Mary Regina McBride RIP Anniv
10.00am	The Holy Souls
11.30am	Katherine Hayes RIP Anniv
26th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Tom Lawlor RIP
12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Mary Coady RIP
27th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Sudarshine Rasathurai Therasema RIP Anniv
28th Wed	Feria - no mass
29th Thu	Feria
9.30am	Eileen Lacey
30th Fri	ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
9.30am	Terry Rough RIP Anniv

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

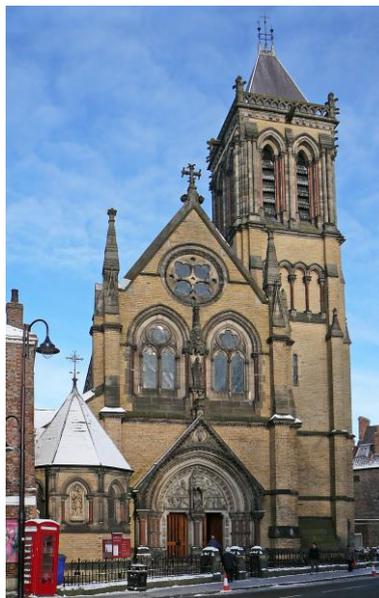
Monday 8.15am - 9.15am
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2,
Luke 21:25-28; 34-36



AWAITING IN BLESSED HOPE

This quote from the letter of Paul to Titus is the motto of the Bishop of Middlesbrough, whose diocese I visited this week when I made an overnight trip to York. I picked up a copy of the diocesan newspaper in St Wilfrid's Church pictured left which I often used to visit when I lived in York for a year.

On the front of the newspaper the bishop presents the startling fact that, between 2010 and now, mass attendance in the whole Diocese of Middlesbrough (covering East Yorkshire and most of North Yorkshire) has fallen from 16,500 to just over 12,000. What is the bishop's response? To focus on ways of ensuring both spiritual growth and access to the Sacraments whilst emphasising that 'we remain in the loving and providential hands of the Father and so I can never feel hopeless or fearful.' We do indeed wait in blessed hope!

Our situation is different yet we should not be complacent to what is happening around us nor the challenges that the future may bring. So we thank God for our community here in North Harrow and pray that it may continue to flourish as we too grow spiritually through our access to the Sacraments.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH

Thank you to all who offered to help in some way in organising our 80th anniversary events. I'll be in touch next week to get things moving!

'...awaiting in blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ'

Titus 2:13

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.

Pray also for Harry McKinney, Mary Regina McBride, Katherine Hayes, Sudarshini Rasathurai Therasema, Terry Rough, Eileen Papworth, Joseph O'Regan, Theresa Pereira, Aaron McDyre, Catherine Sullivan, Catherine Mariasoosai, Michael Chenley, Dymphna O'Shea, Mary Ryan, Jack Drury, Frank Carr, Christopher White, Ian Welham, Nell O'Leary, Joaquim Simões whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 **this weekend** it would be much appreciated as would be volunteers to take the donations to the Foodbank in Greenhill.

Changes to Thursday mass time and Saturday morning mass During Advent Fr Graham will be trialling changes to 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. Please sign up on the chart in the porch to cover a half hour prayer slot.

Annual Parish Meeting On **Monday, 26th November 2018** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

School Admission Fr. Graham will sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for PRIMARY & 6TH FORM COLLEGE applications on **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>

Churches Together in North Harrow Advent Carol Service at **6pm on Sunday, 2nd December** at North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Road followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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 are on sale in the porch after each mass this weekend. Please borrow a catalogue of Fairtrade gifts to take away then email your order to

siftraidcraft@gmail.com or hand an order in to the stall next weekend.

Knitting Team Sale There will be a stall in the Church porch after all masses **next weekend**, 1st and 2nd December, selling beautiful knitted garments in aid of Bakhita House.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On **Monday, 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm**. There will also be an additional time for confessions every Saturday in Advent from 10am – 11am. Confessions will be heard by visiting priests at St Luke's in Pinner from 3pm on Sunday, 16th December.

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.

Action by Christians Against Torture (Acad) 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 (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.

A Day with Mary – a day of instruction, devotion & intercession at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick High Road, London W4 on Saturday, 8th December 2018 10am-5.30pm. For more info please see poster on the porch noticeboard.

A Christmas Celebration – Music and readings for Christmas at Westminster Cathedral on Wed 19th & Thurs 20th December 2018 at 7.30pm by the Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra. For more info please see porch noticeboard.

Annual Diocesan Youth Mass On Saturday, 8th December 2018 (starting 3pm) at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, Belsize Park, London NW5 4LB), Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson, young people from all parishes are welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more information about the Youth Mass, as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship, visit www.dowym.com.

Harrow Deanery Young Adult Trip To Taizé 2019 Our Deanery is planning a trip to Taizé (France) for those aged 18 to 29 from 10th to 19th August 2019. The estimated cost is £250. To register your interest please contact Mr. Peter Kingsley at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 8904 2552 (option 5).

Christmas Flower Collection There will be a retiring collection after all Masses **next weekend** towards the cost of the Christmas flowers in our Church.

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.