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28th October 2018 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 27th October 2018

27th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm People of the Parish
28th Sun	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am Helen Gallagher RIP 10.00am Victor Crick & Bridget Ryan RIP Anniv 11.30am In Thanksgiving – Russell & Edna Arulanantham (Wedding Anniv)
29th Mon	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College 9.30am Elizabeth & Harry Gallagher
30th Tue	Feria 9.30am Jacqui Kobus RIP
31st Wed	Feria - no mass
1st Thu	ALL SAINTS <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i> 9.30am Jacqui Kobus RIP <i>(with school years 4-6)</i> 7.00pm Thanksgiving for Recovery – John Billiet
2nd Fri	ALL SOULS' DAY 9.30am Goldwin Viegas RIP 10.00am Adoration & Benediction 7.00pm Deceased of the Parish

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:

Book of Deuteronomy, Hebrews 7:23-28,
Mark 12:28-34

Month of the Rosary

A benefactor has donated a large number of prayer cards to help us pray the rosary throughout the year, not just in October.

Please take one home after mass this weekend



1939 – SIGNIFICANT YEARS - 2019

Last Wednesday I spent a fascinating afternoon at Bentley Priory near Stanmore, the home of Royal Air Force Fighter Command during the Second World War. I found out that 1939 was a key year in the development of how intelligence on aeroplane movements was collated, as well as of course the start of that war.

Only a few miles from away another significant event was taking place in 1939 - the completion of the building of our church! That is something for us to celebrate as a community in the year ahead. Fr Shaun developed a 'long list' of things we might do. It covers the social, spiritual and sacramental aspects of our parish and together with the legacy of 'Love in Action' will be an ongoing contribution to the renewal of our parish. These events might include:

- 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 Summer garden party,
- a Corpus Christi procession and parish celebration on our patronal feast.

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

I hope 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 in the presbytery. Without your help this can't come together.** I give thanks to God for your generosity and enthusiasm in this.

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, Pauline Bennett, Mary Connolly

Pray also For Victor Crick & Bridget Ryan, Kathleen Foran, Esmé Phaure, Michael Rooney, Maura Sheehan, Timothy Kelleher, Arthur Moore, Norah May Hurley, Joan, Elaine & Rachel Gilsenan, Joe Quinn, Grace Tay, Daniel Sweeney whose anniversaries occur at this time.

All Saints – Thursday 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and a **Holy Day of Obligation** when we should all attend Mass to rejoice in those who have obtained the glory of heaven. Parish masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

All Souls Mass – Friday, 2nd November at 7pm There will be tea/coffee in the small hall after Mass to which all are welcome.

‘Month of the Holy Souls’ Book of Remembrance During the Month of November Masses are offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be especially remembered and prayed for at Mass please write their names on the sheets provided in the porch and return these to the presbytery in one of the envelopes provided, together with any mass offering that you may wish to make. A book containing these names will be placed near the altar during November. One Sunday mass each week will be offered for the repose of the soul of all those in this Book of Remembrance.

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

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 this Sunday, 28th October, in the Fisher Room.** It will last no more than an hour.

Collection for Caritas Bakhita House. Next weekend, **3rd and 4th November**, there will be a **collection of NEW toiletries and pants, socks and nightwear** for Bakhita House. 90 vulnerable and traumatised female survivors of trafficking and modern slavery, have been helped in this safe house. 18 new guests have just arrived with nothing at all so our help with these items is sorely needed and much appreciated. Please do not leave items in the Church porch – if you cannot come that weekend then please drop them off into the presbytery. Thank you.

Car Park & Hall Backstage Tidy-up On **Saturday, 24th November** at 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 McHugh claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk/8429 5681. *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>

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 at 12.30pm** rather than 9.30am (from Thursday 6th December). There will be mass at **9.30am on Saturday mornings followed by Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11am** (from Saturday 8th December).

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!

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 1st November at 8pm in the Social Club.

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 House, by 16th November at the latest. You should be prepared to introduce the agenda item you have submitted.

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 Picazzo 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.

CAFOD Christmas cards Stall Open after all masses this 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 sjfraidcraft@gmail.com.

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.

St John Fisher Growing in Faith ‘Dashboard’ and Parish Financial Accounts Summary for 2017 On the porch noticeboard you’ll find the latest updated Growing in Faith appeal ‘dashboard’ as well as a summary of the parish’s income and expenditure in 2017. There is also a copy of both the Westminster Diocesan Annual Report and Accounts for you to look through on the table. Please contact Fr Graham if you would like more details.

Divine Mercy Retreat led by Marian Fathers On Saturday, 10th November 2018 11.00am-4.30pm at St George’s Catholic Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, HAO 2QE. All welcome. For the full programme please see porch noticeboard.

Caritas Westminster - Slaves in our City An event on how to recognise the signs of human trafficking and modern slavery in your community on **Thursday, 22nd November** 6.30pm-8.30pm at Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. The evening will be introduced by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Please RSVP by calling 020 7798 9030 or email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 5th October Thank you for your generous response - £1,719.06 was donated.