



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church

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23rd & 30th December 2018 ~ 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT and THE HOLY FAMILY (Year C)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

weeks beginning Sat 22nd & 29th December 2018

22nd Sat	Advent feria
9.30am	Pascal James RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
23rd Sun	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)
8.30am	Virginia & John Dellamura RIP Anniv
10.00am	Ray Griffin RIP
11.30am	Private Intention of Adrian Ratnayake
24th Mon	Advent Feria
9.30am	Vocations to the priesthood & religious life THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
5.00pm	Family Vigil Mass: Nora Hurley RIP Anniv
10.30pm	Lessons & Carols then Mass During the Night: People of the Parish
25th Tue	
8.30am	Mass at Dawn: Private Intention
10.00am	Mass During the Day: Gabriel Faria RIP
11.30am	Mass During the Day: Claire Anne Nolan RIP
26th Wed	ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr
12.30pm	Annalise RIP
27th Thu	ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist
12.30pm	Mrs. Pearlie Navaratnam
28th Fri	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
9.30am	Pauline Angold RIP
29th Sat	ST THOMAS BECKET
9.30am	Molly Leighton RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Doris Pettitt RIP
30th Sun	THE HOLY FAMILY
8.30am	Kathleen Middleton RIP
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Ladislaus Albert RIP Anniv
31st Mon	7th DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
9.30am	Family & Friends (In Thanksgiving – Sheila, John Rogers & Family)
1st Tue	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
12.30pm	Daniel Bowles & Daniel Brendan Bowles RIP Ann
2nd Wed	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors – No Mass
3rd Thu	Christmas Feria
12.30pm	Monica O'Sullivan RIP
4th Fri	Christmas Feria
9.30am	Helen Forest RIP
10.00am	Adoration & Benediction
5th Sat	Christmas Feria
9.30am	Kathleen Reilly – get well

JOY TO THE WORLD

One of the happiest Christmas sights in Chelsea was the magnificent crib in St Mary's Church.



By contrast, one of the saddest sights came when walking along the streets on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, and seeing Christmas trees left out on the pavement for Kensington & Chelsea Council to collect. We have spent the weeks of Advent preparing for the great feast so let's celebrate it to the full and not just finish the next day and head to Westfield for the sales! The Church will continue to celebrate Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday 13th January – why not do the same?!

The Christmas Collection, together with that at Easter, customarily supports the Parish Priest in his ministry. If you will be away or have missed the Christmas Day collection, there are Christmas offering envelopes at the back of church and these can be handed in with the collection or left at the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone in advance for your generosity.

Every blessing for the two weeks 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 Bob Barry, Liam Coyne, Seamas Cahill.

Pray also for Virginia & John Dellamura, Nora Hurley, Ladislaus Albert, Daniel Bowles, Daniel Brendan Bowles, Mary "Maisie" Patricia Browne, Christopher "Christy" McDyre, Patricia Ross, Isabelle Collins, Diana Morris, Bridget Devlin, Agnes McCourt, Jim Walsh, Mary Walsh, Annie Mahon, (baby) Charles "Charlie" Pollock, Wyn Bowker, Pat Bolwell, Frances Greenfield, Patrick Quinn, Matthew Jackson, Anton Ratnarajah, Tom Forde, Thomas Buckley, Mary Mills, Joan O'Keeffe, John Clayton Morris, Clare Hynes, Danny Duffy, Tony Jordan, Rane Emmanuel, Susan Margaret Hill, Bridie Murphy, Frank Morawski, Maiered Trigg, Denis O'Shea, Sr Mary Innocentia, Kevin Cronin, James Tully, Anna Quigley, John Halvey, Michael Arulanantham, Dorothy Tucker, George Gray whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Thursday and Saturday masses Mass will continue to be celebrated each Thursday at 12.30pm as during Advent; Saturday morning mass will continue through Christmas time until the Epiphany of the Lord.

CAFOD Christmas cards Thank you to everyone who has supported the stall this year. It has made a healthy profit and more than £250 will be donated to CAFOD in the New Year. The last few packs of cards will be on sale this weekend (reduced by 10%) & some Fairtrade sweets and nuts will also be on the stall.

Westminster Year Book 2019 If you would like a copy at £4.50 each please collect one from the foyer of the sacristy before or after Mass.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – October 2018 - 1st prize £100 Peter Snell, 2nd prize £50 George Standon, 3rd prize £25 Mary Else; **November 2018** – 1st prize £100 Noreen Halvey, 2nd prize £50 Maura Dillon, 3rd prize £25 Jocelyne Phiniefs; **December 2018** – 1st prize £100 Margaret Townsend, 2nd prize £50 Riely & Toor, 3rd prize £25 Jean Annis. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk or 8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Parish 100 Club We are in a four-year plan to pay back the loan that the diocese gave our parish to make the work on the church possible. One fund raising initiative is for parishioners to join the Parish 100 Club. We would ask parishioners to either buy a monthly ticket which costs £5 or to pay £60 for the full year in advance. Unfortunately numbers appear to have decreased over the years so we would ask if you would consider joining! Monthly prizes are £100 for first prize, £50 for second prize and £25 for third. So, if you have been a member in the past and would like to re-join or are a new member, please collect the forms from the porch or our website and return to the presbytery.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 11th and 25th January 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. This is a very social event, everyone welcome.

St John Fisher Social Club – Christmas/New Year The Club bar will be open as usual with the exception of **Christmas Day and New Year's Day**.

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Stamps! Stamps! Stamps! Please save your used stamps for **St Luke's Hospice**. You can give them to Barbara Towell or place them in pigeonhole 'T' in the Church porch. Thank you.

Deputy Head Vacancy at St John Fisher Primary School - Closing date: 12.00 noon Wednesday, 9th January 2019. Further information and Application Form on school website <http://www.stjohnfisher.harrow.sch.uk>.

Retreat in Daily Life 12 January – 9 February 2019 An invitation to take some time out, deepen your relationship with God, explore new ways of praying and share your experience with a prayer guide. A Retreat in Daily Life is taking place at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow on the Hill facilitated by the Mount Street Jesuit Centre. The Retreat consists of sessions each Saturday in the Page Centre from 4-5.30pm on different ways of praying, together with the option to sign up for weekly one to one spiritual accompaniment. There is no need to sign up for the Saturday sessions – all are welcome – but you need to sign up if you would like spiritual accompaniment as places are limited. More details on leaflet in porch.

Harrow Deanery Young Adult Trip To Taizé 2019 Our Deanery is planning a trip to Taizé (France) for those aged 18 to 29 from 27th July to 5th 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).

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Crib Appeal 2018 With your support CCS is helping more children & families than ever before to break free from the poverty trap. Please place your donation in the crib basket (or complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes with your donation and leave in the basket). See poster for more info. Many thanks for your support.

Fr Agustin Paunon, Chaplain at Northwick Park Hospital is sick. Please bear this mind if you are going into hospital.

Senior Parishioners Christmas Lunch Please sign up if you would like to come. It is a great chance to get together over a good meal and to meet some of our young people who will be delighted to help out on that day. On **Sunday, 27th January 2019 at 12.30pm** in the Parish Hall. RSVP to the presbytery by Sunday, 13th January.

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ADDRESS.....

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Please state clearly if you require transport or have special dietary requirements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday **10.00am – 11.00am** (22nd December only)

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 Two Sunday's Readings:

I Sam 1:20-22, 24-28, I John 3:1-2, 21-24, Colossians 3:12-21

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6, Matthew 2:1-12