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6th January 2019 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 5th January 2019

5th Sat	Christmas feria
9.30am	Kathleen Reilly – Get Well
2.00pm	Requiem Mass for Salvatrice Guagliardo RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
6th Sun	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8.30am	Regis Li-In-On RIP
10.00am	Mrs. Alexandra Emmanuel RIP Anniv, Sr. Judy Emmanuel RIP, Mrs. Catherine Mariasoosai
11.30am	Michael Arulanantham RIP Anniv
7th Mon	St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest <i>(no Eucharistic Adoration this Mon or next Mon, 14th)</i>
9.30am	Martin Griffin RIP
8th Tue	Christmas feria
9.30am	Michael Davitt RIP
9th Wed	Christmas feria - no mass
10th Thu	Christmas feria
12.30pm	Anita Locassio (Sick)
11th Fri	Christmas feria
9.30am	Susan Gibbs RIP Anniv
<i>(no Saturday morning mass until announced)</i>	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm
and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am (not Mon 7th and 14th Jan)
First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16.21-22

AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



I first noticed chalked letters above people's front doors when on holiday in Germany a number of years ago. Of course you can get your house blessed at any time during the year; it's a good thing to do and provides an opportunity to bring God's blessing and grace into your home as well as to have a gathering of friends and family.

At this time of the year we remember another way to mark Epiphany and also to ask for God's blessing upon our homes. It is done by marking, in chalk, above the doorway into your home:

20 + C + M + B + 19

This stands for the year, obviously, 2019, whilst the letters are the initials of the Latin phrase 'Christus Mansionem Benedicat' which means 'May God bless this house.' The connection with the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is that the initials also stand for the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Next year I'll make sure that we have some blessed chalk that you can use but in the meantime this is a good way to invite God's blessings into your home as we come towards the end of the Christmas season

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

**'The Lord is kind and full of
compassion'**

Psalm 144:8

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 Julia Brown, Lorna Doellken, Kathleen O'Keefe

Pray also for Mrs. Alexandra Emmanuel, Sr. Judy Emmanuel, Michael Arulanantham, Susan Gibbs, Michael Gahan, Charles Baldwin, Lilian Blackie, Paul Harot, Veronica Joiner, Elsie Ball, Jeanne Le Forestier, William English, Joan Thrower, Hannah O'Leary, Timothy O'Sullivan, John & Mary Grogan, Frances Rowlands, June Haskell, James Fogarty, Gladys Bennett, Maria Porrello, Anna Chenley, James Murray, Marie Bayross, Elsie Yim, Nora Duffy, Myra Mahendra, John Murphy, Bill Kennedy, Millicent Mabin, Ratnadurai Thayaparan, Allen Morgan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Salvatrice Guagliardo RIP The Requiem Mass before repatriation to Sicily is at St John Fisher Church on Saturday, 5th January 2019 at 2.00pm.

Please Remember Julia Brown (known as Sheila) who has died. Requiem Mass at St John Fisher on Monday, 21st January 2019 at 11.00am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Baptisms We welcome into our community Sophie Fox who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Thursday and Saturday masses Mass will continue to be celebrated each Thursday at 12.30pm as during Advent; Saturday morning mass will continue until the Epiphany of the Lord and then resume as announced in the newsletter.

Confirmation Candidates are reminded that their next meeting is on Monday, 21st January at 5.30pm.

Altar Servers We are keen to recruit and train new altar servers for all masses. Any children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to give their name and parental contact details to Kay after mass. Only names of registered children can attend the training session. Dates to be advised.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas The new rotas for 26th January to 17th March 2019 are available on the St John Fisher website www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk.

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 Phinieffs; **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.

St John Fisher Social Club Membership subscriptions for 2019 are now due and can be renewed during club opening hours. Our AGM is on Sunday, 3rd February at 7.30pm in the small hall.

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.

Parish Women's Group - Book Evening on Thursday, 14th February 2019 *Advance notice.* We will be discussing 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman. We will also be sharing titles of books we have enjoyed over light refreshments. So get reading!! Further details of the evening nearer the time.

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, with the option to sign up for weekly spiritual accompaniment. There is no need to sign up for the Saturday sessions but you need to sign up if you would like spiritual accompaniment as places are limited. More details 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.

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

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