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3rd February 2019 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 2nd February 2019

2nd Sat	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
9.30am	Molly Leighton RIP (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Pauline Angold RIP
3rd Sun	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Margaret & Anthony Sweeney RIP Anniv
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Rasiah Albert RIP Anniv
4th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Lina Thomas & Catherine Taylor (Int)
5th Tue	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am	Bernard Loughlin RIP
6th Wed	Feria - no mass
7th Thu	Feria
12.30pm	Eileen Spelman RIP
8th Fri	St Josephine Bakhita
9.30am	Rose Jeyarajan RIP

(no regular Saturday morning mass until announced)

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)

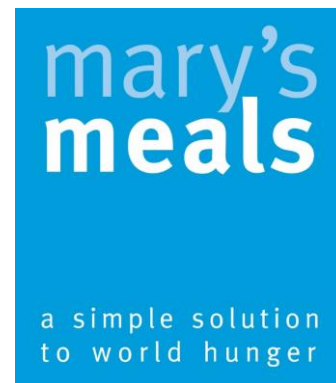
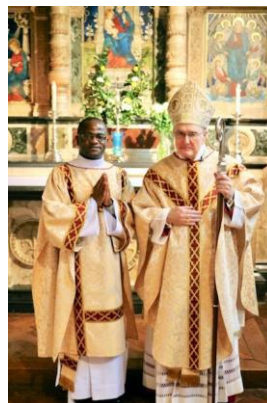
Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

TWO LOTS OF GOOD NEWS



Many of you will remember Johnpromise Umeozuru who lived in our parish for a number of years whilst working and discerning a call to the priesthood. The first piece of good news this weekend is that Johnpromise was recently ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia at St John's Seminary in Wonnersh near Guildford. He writes:

"It was a great day for me on December 15th which was my Diaconate Ordination Day. It still seems like yesterday. The day was perfect and I could not have asked for a better day. The ordination proved to me the glaring fact the Catholic Church is not a man-made institution because something happened in my soul that day that is still indescribable. I thank God and the Church for finding me worthy to be one of her ministers."

Hopefully Johnpromise will be able to come here to deacon at mass one Sunday soon subject to his commitments in the seminary and the parish in Hampshire where he is based.

Meanwhile further good news is that Mary's Meals' Rags to Riches' collection takes place this weekend. Our unwanted clothing and bedding will raise money for Mary's Meals' work of providing a daily meal in a place of learning, to meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school to gain an education that can be their ladder out of poverty. 1,425,013 children in 18 countries are now enjoying Mary's Meals each day at school!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

***'I have come so that they may have life
and have it to the full'***

John 10:10

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

Pray also for Margaret & Anthony Sweeney, Rasiah Albert, Catherine Dias, Marguerite Rogers, Mabel Morgan, Jack Hurst, Stan Phillips, Joseph Navaratnam Henry, Guy Verrier, Emily Jukes, David Lavelle, Martina Mulvaney, Peter Sullivan, Daya Rajakarier, Daisy Rowland, Robert O'Beirne, Neil Browne, Joe Donoghue, Patricia Martin whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Baptisms We welcome into our community Lucas Carnevale, Alice Robertson, Henry Robertson and Eva Winek who are being baptised in our church this weekend.

Saturday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord There will be Mass with the Blessing of Candles at 9.30am.

Feast of St Blaise, Sunday 3rd February As this feast falls on a Sunday the individual Blessing of Throats will take place after the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11.30am Sunday Mass.

Mary's Meals are here *this weekend* for their annual collection of unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**). Put your clothing and bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity will be here until 11.30am on Sunday to pick them up. **Please do not bring clothes after 11.30am this Sunday.** Four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a year!

Drainage Works – Our contractors will be clearing the drains under the Car Park on **Wednesday, 13th February 2019**. This will mean that the **car park will be closed** from Tuesday evening, 12th February until the contractors complete on Wednesday.

Visit to Allen Hall – Sunday 24th February We will meet at **Rayners Lane Station at 1.45pm (please note earlier time)** and travel by Piccadilly Line to South Kensington and then bus to the seminary in Beaufort Street. After we finish at the seminary (around 5pm) you can travel home independently or visit St Mary's Church in Cadogan Street for evening mass at 6.30pm celebrated by Mgr Harry Turner. There is no charge but you will need to pay for your own transport. If you would like to come please contact the parish office with your name and contact details as the seminary need an idea of numbers. *Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and make us aware in advance they are coming.*

80th anniversary events A list of potential events, dates and details has been circulated to those who expressed an interest in helping to make them happen. If you would like to be added to this list please contact Fr Graham by e-mail as soon as possible.

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. Training will also take place for existing servers later this year.

The parish Fairtrade Food Stall will be open in the porch after all masses **next weekend**. After a difficult few months, Traidcraft has managed to keep trading. The range is reduced but most of

the popular items are still available. Please support the monthly stall and help Traidcraft "fight poverty through trade".

Knights of St. Columba Next meeting on Thursday, 7th February 2019 at 8pm in the Social Club.

Parish Women's Group Book Evening On Thursday, 14th February at 8pm in the small hall of St. John Fisher's Parish Centre. You are invited to an evening where we will be discussing 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman. We will also be sharing titles of books we have recently enjoyed. Voluntary contributions of small amounts of finger food or drinks to share will be appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you. Cost £1. For further details ring Barbara 020 8866 6665.

St John Fisher Social Club/Bar will be closed from **Monday, 18th to Sunday 24th February 2019** due to maintenance works. Normal business resumes on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 8th and 22nd February 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. This is a very social event to which everybody is welcome.

St John Fisher Preschool We are looking for someone to join our small friendly pre-school who has had previous experience of working within a pre-school environment with children aged 2 - 4+ years. Our preference is for a L3 in Early Years, however, we would be willing to accept a L2 qualification providing you have at least one year's experience of working in an early years setting and as a key person. You will be a key person who will be responsible for observing, planning and assessing for your key children using our online learning journal system, therefore you will need to have good knowledge of the EYFS and a good command of both written and spoken English. The position is term time only for 20/25 hours per week, with the flexibility to cover extra sessions when required. We are open 9am-4pm 3 days per week & 9am-1pm 2 days per week. Your hours would be spread over these times, with the days negotiable. Salary will be dependant on qualifications and experience.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 9th February 2019 at 2pm The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests.

Concert with Alexander Armstrong – In Aid of Vinnie Packs for the Homeless Alexander Armstrong will be performing at a fundraising concert alongside renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt, actor Alex Macqueen and the Choir With No Name on **Monday, 4th February at 7pm** at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets costing £30 are available by typing Vinnie Packs in the "Looking for" section on the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.co.uk. For more info see poster on church noticeboard.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June 2019 at 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Claudia at claudiamchugh@rcdow.org.uk / 8429 5681 by **Friday, 15th March 2019** with: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address & email (or telephone number, if no email).