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10th February 2019 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 9th February 2019

9 th Sat	(Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm People of the Parish
10 th Sun	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8.30am Jean Naughton RIP 10.00am Daniel & Agnes O'Sullivan RIP Anniv 11.30am John Monaghan RIP Anniv
11 th Mon	Our Lady of Lourdes 9.30am Keith Carrigan RIP
12 th Tue	Feria 9.30am Bryan Mitchell RIP
13 th Wed	Feria - no mass
14 th Thu	Ss CYRIL, Monk & METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe <u>12.30pm</u> Anne Thambaratnam RIP
15 th Fri	Feria 9.30am Jean Naughton RIP

(no regular Saturday morning mass until Lent)

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 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20,

Luke 6:17, 20-26

'CARNEVALE' CELEBRATION – 3RD MARCH

In Italy there's 'Carnevale' whereas in New Orleans it's 'Mardi-Gras.' Wherever you are in the Christian world there is a celebration just before the beginning of Lent.

So this year we are going to have our own celebration in North Harrow on **Sunday, 3rd March after the 11.30am mass**. That week the 11.30am mass, not the 10am mass, will be the mass where St John Fisher School help with the readings, music, collection and welcoming. Mass will be followed by a **parish celebration in the parish centre**; children are invited to come in **fancy dress and to wear a home-made mask for the celebration**. Please also bring some **food for a 'bring and share'** lunch and we'll provide the drinks. **Rev Johnpromise Umeozuru will be coming back to deacon at the mass and joining us afterwards**; Johnpromise lived in the parish before going to seminary and was very involved in parish life; he was ordained a deacon in December.

We will need volunteers on Sunday 3rd to:

- put out tables for food and drinks beforehand
- set out the food with plates, glasses etc.
- setting up and serving the drinks
- clear up afterwards

If you can help, please sign up next week

...AND THEN DURING LENT...

...we will be running the **'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'** course. If you think the Bible is a collection of assorted books or that the Old Testament doesn't make much sense then this is the course for you! With its colour coded 'timeline' the eight session course will help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of God's saving plan for each of us and how that has been communicated to us through time. Pick up a leaflet and sign up from next weekend and in the meantime why not watch the short promotional film:

<https://youtu.be/F0tAAOiCznc>

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

**'Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the lands'**

Psalms 100(99):1

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 Kathleen Kelly, Shaun Chandler, Theresa Glynn, Reuben Delfin, Rev Sr Bonaventine, James Calnan.

Pray also for Daniel & Agnes O'Sullivan, John Monaghan, Florence Else, Donald Bayross, Martha Dyball, Tessa Corrigan, Bernard Hickin, Patrick Hannigan, Teresa Fernandes, Angela Clusker, Albert Smith, Joan Hickey, Denny Bowles, George Ransley, Winnie McDonagh, Nora Broderick, Fr Jeremy D'Cruz, Kathleen Beesley, Cecilia Woodhall, Aurora Fernandes, Bella D'Souza, David Notley, Bridget Davis, (baby) Terisa Stokes, John Duffy, Eileen Reilly, Ann Kelleher, Matilda Stanislaus whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

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 that they are coming.*

Parish Carnevale – Sunday 3rd March after 11.30am mass in Parish Centre. Please sign-up on sheet from next weekend to help with putting out tables for food and drinks beforehand, setting out the food with plates, glasses etc, setting up and serving the drinks and clearing up afterwards. Many hands make light work.....and with no hands nothing will happen!

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – a parish faith course for Lent and Easter If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.' We will begin this study course on **Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm and continue through Lent and then after Easter on 2nd and 16th May.** Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Faith is rooted in Scripture. We'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for our life, and discover helpful ways to put our faith into practice. The study consists of eight half-hour video presentations followed by group discussion. You can sign up for the study from next weekend; there will be a small charge to cover the course literature.

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 **this 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".

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 essential works. Normal business resumes on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 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. Do you have a Level 2/3 qualification in Early Years or would be prepared to undertake one? We would be willing to accept an application from the right person if you are prepared to undertake an Early Years Level 3 qualification and have some knowledge of the Early Years Framework. As you will be a key person with responsibility for observing, planning and assessing for your key children using our online learning journal system, you will require 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 - 4 pm 3 days per week & 9am-1pm on 2 days per week, your hours would be spread over these times, with the days negotiable. Salary dependant on qualifications and experience. For job description and application pack Contact sjf.preschool@gmail.com. Closing date is **15th Feb**.

Mary's Meals I am delighted to say that the parish managed to give 1,560kg of unwanted clothes; there were also donations of £808.73 making a total contribution of £1,617.46 which is a fantastic result. The amount raised will feed 116 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too. Well done.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

A Day with Mary – A day of instruction, devotion & intercession at Church of Mary, Mother of God, Nags Head Road, Ponders End on Saturday, 2nd March 2019. For itinerary please see porch 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).