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17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	Pauline Angold RIP
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
8.30am	Doris & Augustine Benedict (50 <sup>th</sup> Wedd Anniv)
10.00am	Chan Hua Chye RIP ( <i>Architect of 1970s Church renovations</i> )
11.30am	People of the Parish
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Mrs. Helen Seemampillai RIP
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30am	Bridget Relf RIP Anniv
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Feria - no mass</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Thu</b>	<b>St Peter Damian, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>
12.30pm	Manuel Abreu
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Fri</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE</b>
9.30am	Soosaipillai Seemampillai 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:

1 Samuel 26:2-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49,  
Luke 6:27-38

**'Relieve the troubles of my heart and bring me out of my distresses'**

Psalm 25:17

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



This Sunday the Church invites us to reflect on racial justice. The theme this year is "Dignity for all workers", recognising the problems faced by many people due to racism and discrimination in the workplace. The Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person and the necessity of building peace, prosperity and justice for all. In 'Gaudium et Spes', St Paul VI teaches that "all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level". We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred.

Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation such as those employed in fruit-picking. We will pray for racial justice in our bidding prayers and there is a prayer card available at the back of the Church.

## CARNEVALE & LENTEN STUDY COURSE

Four **sign-up sheets** are available at the back of the church, one for each of the different tasks involved in the preparations for our 'Carnevale' event on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March after the 11.30am mass**. Please be generous with your time. Flyers are also available which you can return to sign up for our Lenten/Easter study course.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Graham*

**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** Martin O'Brien, Peggy Ward, Elizabeth Stocker, Scaria Joseph, Alzira Lavinia Almeida.

**Pray also for** Bridget Relf, Oswald McCarthy, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Theresa Orakwue, Agnes D'Souza, Patricia Rebbitt, Bridget Mary Hoft, Terence "Terry" Malone, Winifred Roach, John Foley, Pat Ryan, Gabriel Dias, Lil Cawley, Joan Chan, Delia Burke, Francis Roberts, Thomas Martin, Margaret Caden, James "Seamus" Browne, Daniel "Donal" Ryan, Joe Reilly, Aristides Cordoba, Kitty Tully, John Noble, Patrick Kilcoyne, Eileen Steinitz whose anniversaries occur at this time.

#### PARISH NOTICES

**Visit to Allen Hall – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** We will meet at **Rayners Lane Station at 1.45pm (please note earlier time)** and travel by Piccadilly Line to South Kensington, 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 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.*

**Parish Carnevale – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March after 11.30am mass in Parish Centre.** Please sign-up on one of the four coloured sheets from this weekend to help with:

- putting out tables and glasses for food and drink from 10am,
- taking and setting out the food from 11am,
- serving the drinks from 12.30pm and
- managing the food tables and clearing up from 12.30pm.

Many hands make light work! On the day remember **children are invited to dress up and wear a home made mask!** Please also bring some **food for a 'bring and share'** lunch and we'll provide the drinks. **Rev Johnpromise Umeozuru** will be coming 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.

**Coffee morning - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** St John Fisher Harrow Citizens group will be running a coffee morning after 10 & 11.30am mass **next** Sunday. Come in out of the cold and meet old & new friends over a hot drink & biscuits. The profit will go to church funds. A member of the Harrow Citizens mental health action group will be there if you would like to talk to them about their campaign & there will be copies of their directory of local mental health services to take away.

**Harrow Street Pastors** will be here **next** Sunday to tell us about their ministry in Harrow town centre and to see if anyone wants to join them. For more details watch this short film:

<http://harrow.streetpastors.org.uk>

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

**Bethany Group** The next meeting for members will be on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

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

**Crib Offerings** Thank you for your generous donations. £667.36 was raised which will go towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster).

#### **LENT 2019 – 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'**

**Ash Wednesday – Masses at 9.30am and 7pm;** also this year at **2pm Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes;** St John Fisher School will be split across the 9.30am and 2pm services to ensure there is space for everyone at the services.

**Palms from last Palm Sunday** – please leave these in the basket at the back of the church for burning to make the ash for Ash Wednesday

**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 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and continue through Lent and then after Easter on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Please take a flyer for more details.

**Churches Together in North Harrow – Lent Lectures Four Portraits of Jesus** presented by Brian Purfield from the Jesuit Study Centre. Studies in each of the Gospel Narratives starting here then at St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway, North Harrow. For dates, times, location and more info please see poster on porch noticeboard.

**Devotions and Mass** As last year we will have Stations of the Cross led by parishioners after the 9.30am mass on Friday as well as 7pm Friday evening mass and Stations of the Cross. On Saturday morning we will have mass at 9.30am during Lent followed By Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 10am until 11am.

#### DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

**Formation for Parish Ministry by Sr Karen Marguerite OP** On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm-8.30pm at Vaughan House, London; Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10am-3.30pm at Niland Conference Centre, Bushey and Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 10am -3.30pm at Vaughan House, London. Registration required at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk). Please see poster on noticeboard.

**Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with Sr Anne Walsh OP 'Taster'** I: The call of the Laity to Minister to the Body of Christ on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 7pm-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Registration is required at [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk)/020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £5.

**Embraced: Showcasing the gifts of all people** An event highlighting the work and opportunities for volunteering and befriending people with learning disabilities on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm-4.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes church hall, 373 Bowes Road, London N11 1AA. Please see porch noticeboard.