



St John Fisher Roman Catholic Church
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20th January 2019 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 19th January 2019

- 19th Sat (Vigil of Sunday)**
6.00pm Elsa Dias RIP Anniv
- 20th Sun 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8.30am People of the Parish
10.00am Bridget "Bea" O'Malley RIP
11.30am Wojciech Mlek RIP, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP
- 21st Mon St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**
9.30am Hugh Breslin
11.00am Requiem Mass for Julia "Sheila" Brown RIP
- 22nd Tue St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**
9.30am Tonny Plachety
- 23rd Wed Feria - no mass**
- 24th Thu St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**
12.30pm Evelyn Kelly RIP
- 25th Fri THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE**
9.30am Anton Regis RIP
12.00pm Unity Week Service at St John Fisher

(no 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:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30,
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism reminds us that 'the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce and protect the unity that Christ wills for her.' (*Unitatis Redintegratio* 1) We do that in a particular way during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** from 18th to 25th January, the octave of the Conversion of St. Paul. The resources for 2019 have been prepared by Christians from Indonesia, the largest country in South East Asia, Only 10 percent of the Indonesian population are Christian. Over recent years corruption has become a huge problem in Indonesia, affecting businesses, politics and everyday life, and has resulted in wide scale poverty, a large proportion of those living in poverty being Christians. Unity services will be held at 12 noon across the week at different churches in North Harrow; we will be hosting the service and here in St John Fisher on **Friday 25th January.**

Also a reminder that there is a gathering this coming **Tuesday, 22nd January, at 7pm** in the Fisher Room to **co-ordinate our plans to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the parish** this year including the 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' course I trailed in last week's newsletter

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

'Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid'

Isaiah 12:2

REGULAR NOTICES

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 Tony Louca, Brendan Murphy, Fr Seamus Noctor, Patrick Moggan.

Pray also for Elsa Dias, Bridget "Delia" Walsh, William Enwright, Kitty O'Connor, Annette Motley, Ariti Papson, Ida Buhagiari, Edris Morris, Herbert Green, James Horkan, Denise Mitchell, Henry Kobus, June Smith, Winifred Barnes, Daisy Rolt, Thomas O'Donoghue, Anton Constantine whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Society There will be an appeal for new members for the Society at all Masses this weekend given by Tony McWilliams and Brendan Timlin (from Our Lady & St Thomas parish). Please be generous in your support of this valuable work within our parish community.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - During this week our local churches coordinate hosting a service at 12 Noon every day (except Wednesday) followed by a light lunch, both of which everyone is warmly invited to. We hope that many will come and pray and stay together for food and a chat. The schedule is :

- Mon 21st Elmfield, Imperial Drive;
- Tues, 22nd North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Rd;
- Thu 24th St George's Church, Pinner View;
- **Fri 25th St John Fisher Church,**
- Sat 26th St Alban's Church. The Ridgeway

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 this year the individual Blessing of Throats will take place after the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11.30am Sunday Masses.

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

Welcome Ministry Rota Please **collect** your new rota from the relevant pigeonhole in the Church porch. We need more volunteers so if you are interested or no longer want to be on the rota, please contact Sue Moriarty at suemoriarty@sky.com.

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.

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, 25th January 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. This is a very social event, everyone welcome.

Mary's Meals Save all your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) because on **2nd/3rd February 2019** representatives from Mary's Meals will be here for their annual collection. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity will be here on 3rd Feb until 11.30am to pick them up. **Please do not bring clothes before this date or after 11.30am on Sun 3rd.** Four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a year! Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 17 countries for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Living the joy of the Gospel: St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis by Fr Paul Rout OFM A series of 4 talks on various themes and dates at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Please book your place at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or by tel 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation of £5. For more info please see church noticeboard.

'Learn from me' Matthew 11:29 – Information Evenings on Parish Mission & Ministry, Catechesis and Catechesis on Marriage & Family led by Maryvale Institute, International Catholic Distance Learning College on 29th January, 30th January and 31st January at various locations. Please register your attendance at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or by tel 020 7931 6078. For more info please see church noticeboard.

A Day with Mary – A day of instruction, devotion & intercession at St Thomas More, Field End Road, Eastcote on Saturday, 2nd February 2019. For itinerary please see porch noticeboard.

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). If you are interested please come to the Information Evening on **Thursday 31st January** at 7.30pm at Our Lady & St. Thomas of Canterbury (22 Roxborough Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill, HA1 3BE) and pick up an Information Leaflet from the back of church.

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.