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24th February 2019 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 23rd February 2019

23rd Sat	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Margarita Rajaratnam RIP
24th Sun	7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Mike Deely RIP
11.30am	Jose Teixeira
25th Mon	Feria
9.30am	Connie Teixeira
26th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Mr N. Dustan RIP
27th Wed	Feria - no mass
28th Thu	Feria
12.30pm	Manuel Freitas
1st Fri	ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales
9.30am	Leo & Paulpillai Family
10.00am	Adoration & Benediction

(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

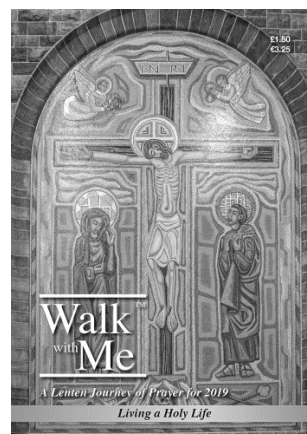
Next Sunday's Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, I Corinthians 15:45-58,
Luke 6:39-45

LENT IS DRAWING NEAR

It is only 10 days or so until **Ash Wednesday, 6th March**. I have highlighted over the last few weeks what is happening in the parish to prepare us for Lent:

- **Carnevale next Sunday** after 11.30am mass – thanks for the offers of help; don't forget to bring some food to share and for the children to remember to dress up! Also Rev Johnpromise will be deaconing at mass and celebrating with us afterwards.
- on **Shrove Tuesday** we are invited to **St Alban's for pancakes**.
- on **Ash Wednesday** there will be **Masses** at 9.30am and 7pm as usual; this year to accommodate our expanding primary school there will also be a **Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes** at 2pm.
- **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Parish Lenten Faith course** on Thursdays in Lent and Easter at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room – registration forms available at the back of church!
- **Churches Together in North Harrow Lent Lectures** on Four Portraits of Jesus presented by Brian Purfield from the Jesuit Study Centre.



If you can't make time for any of these things then this weekend we have the **Lenten Walk with Me** booklets available for you to buy at the back of the church for just £1! Each pocket-sized booklet contains a brief reflection on the scripture reading of the day and the Pope's recent exhortation on holiness, 'Gaudete et Exultate.'

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

'His mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear Him'

Luke 1:50

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 Leon St Hill, Michael Anderson, Nanette Burke, Joanna Roberts, Catherine Lissemore, Dina Frate, Trevor Dunkley, Patrick Savage, Eugenia Chelotti, George Niznik, Maidie Wilson, James Small, Thomas Lee, Francis Roberts, Joan Barry, Jack O’Gorman, Istvan Papp, Katherine Obi, Margaret Caden, Patrick Sloane, Sylvester Rebbitt, Joana De Souza, Archie O’Brien, Monica Fitzmaurice, François Joseph whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Please Remember in your prayers Scaria Joseph who has died. His Requiem Mass will be at St John Fisher on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 at 11.00am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Coffee morning - Sunday 24th February St John Fisher Harrow Citizens group are running a coffee morning **after 10am and 11.30am mass this Sunday**. Come in out of the cold and meet old and 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.

Parish Carnevale next Sunday, 3rd March, after 11.30am mass in Parish Centre. Please **sign-up** on one of the coloured sheets if you are able to offer help with setting up the hall, setting out the food serving drinks or clearing up. Many hands make light work! On the day **children are invited to come in fancy dress and wear a home-made mask!** Please **bring some food for a ‘bring and share’** lunch and we’ll provide the drinks. **Rev Johnpromise Umeozuru** from this parish will be coming to deacon at the mass and the joining us afterwards in the hall.

Harrow Street Pastors are here **this** 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> or come to the coffee morning after the 10am and 11.30am masses.

Pancakes at St Alban’s on Shrove Tuesday St Alban’s Church on the Ridgeway will be serving pancakes in the church hall on Shrove Tuesday, 5th March, from 4.30-5.30pm; the 2nd Headstone Brownies will be hosting pancakes in St Alban’s Church Hall that evening from 6.45-7.30pm. Come and celebrate the end of Ordinary Time with our Anglican neighbours!

St John Fisher Social Club will be open again from Sunday, 24th February.

“More Tea Vicar” – An hilarious audience with Dad’s Army Vicar Frank Williams On Saturday, 6th April 2019 at 3.30pm, North Harrow Methodist Church, Pinner Road. For more info please see poster on porch noticeboard.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

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, 25th February 7pm-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Registration is

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 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. Please take a flyer for more details and to register.

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**. We will have **mass at 9.30am on Saturday** morning during Lent followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 10am until 11am**.

Walk with Me Journey through Lent with these booklets of bible readings and short reflections for each day. Available at the back of the Church for **just £1**. Please put money in ‘Papers’ box at the back of the Church.

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.

Lenten Lunches – simple lunch to raise money for St Luke’s Hospice and to promote fellowship amongst Christians; 12noon each Saturday in Lent; here at St John Fisher on Saturday 16th March; help will be needed!

required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk/020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £5.

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (II) – The Celebration of the Eucharist through the Ages with Sr Anne Walsh OP on Saturday, 30th March 10am-3pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Registration required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £15.

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (III) – The Celebration of the Eucharist through the Ages with Sr Anne Walsh OP on Saturday, 6th April 10am-3pm at Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey WD23 4EE. Registration is required – please see above for details. Suggested donation £15.

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