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3rd March 2019 ~ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 2nd March 2019

2nd Sat	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
9.30am	Rose O'Shea – 80 th birthday <i>(arranged at short notice)</i>
	(Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	People of the Parish
3rd Sun	8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.30am	Joana De Souza RIP Anniv
10.00am	Thomas Royce
11.30am	Private Intention
4th Mon	St Casimir
9.30am	Mr. Chan RIP
5th Tue	Feria
9.30am	Margaret Ginty RIP
11.00	Requiem Mass for Scaria Joseph RIP
6th Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am	Pascal James RIP
2.00pm	<i>Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes</i>
7.00pm	Theresa Glynn RIP
7th Thu	Lent feria
12.30pm	Pauline Trainer RIP
8th Fri	Lent feria
9.30am	Milly Henry RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>7.00pm</u>	Mike Deely RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
9th Sat	Lent feria
<u>9.30am</u>	Patricia Waterford

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday in Lent 10:00am – 11:00am

5.15pm - 5.45pm *and by appointment*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

Saturday in Lent 10:00am – 11:00am

Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY



This Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. But why are we ashed in church on Ash Wednesday?

- ashes make us appreciate our **mortality**. Since the Fall we are reminded that 'you are dust and to dust you shall return' (Gen 3:19)
- ashes are associated with **repentance** as Job 'repents in dust and ashes' (Job 42:6)
- when the people of God were entering into an **intense time of prayer** in the Book of Maccabees 'they fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their clothes' (1 Maccabees 3:47)

The Biblical custom of ashing as a symbol of entering a time of prayer and fasting recognises that we are human beings with physical bodies. Ash Wednesday with its ashing, prayer and fasting physically unites us to what we strive to do spiritually throughout Lent. On **Ash Wednesday** there will be **Masses at 9.30am** (with part of St John Fisher School) and **7pm** as well as a **Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes** (with part of St John Fisher School) at **2pm**.

A reminder that registration is still open for the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Parish Lenten Faith course** which I'm really looking forward to having had a look at the materials - forms are available at the back of the church. Also at the back of the church are more details of the **Churches Together in North Harrow Lent Lectures** on the Gospels presented by Brian Purfield from the Jesuit Study Centre. There are still copies of the **Walk with Me Lenten booklets** of prayers and reflections available for just £1.

Enjoy Sunday's Carnevale!

Fr Graham

**'God created us for happiness: he offers us true life,
the happiness for which we were created'**

Gaudete ex Exultate I

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 Charlie Dunleavy.

Pray also for Joana De Souza, Helen Cronin, Delia Murphy, Noel Johns, John Dignam, Veronica Furie, Doris McNulty, Helen Leahy, Honora Norgate-Bennett, John Rogers, Brian Morahan, Gilbert Lee, Ghandy Mangani, Celeste Robinson, Anthony Heffernan, Irene Smith, Margaret Turner, Maria McCullough, Donal Ryan, John Orogun, Mary Cross, Richard Cobb, Andrzej Drapa, Michael Carolan, Mel Stiffle, Anna Castignetti, Rowland Kenworthy, Bruno Castignetti, Breda Linnane, Doreen Williams whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Baptisms We welcome into our community Kieran Riley who is being baptised in our church this weekend.

Carnevale – This Sunday A reminder that this Sunday's school mass for parishioners of St John Fisher Church will be at **11.30am (not 10am)**. This will be followed by a Carnevale-themed bring and share lunch in the parish centre. Children are invited to **come in a costume of their choice** and parents to bring some **food to 'bring and share'** as we celebrate together with **Rev Johnpromise Umeozuru** who was recently ordained a deacon.

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 Vincent de Paul Society Raffle Next weekend we will hold the annual **raffle** which is a very important source of funding for the Society's work (prizes start at **£3,000**). Tickets £1 and £5 per book of five, available after Mass. Don't forget to bring the **readies!** *Thank you for your support.*

Fairtrade Easter Eggs The Fairtrade food stall will be open in the porch after all masses **next** weekend. As well as the usual food items some Easter cards and 'Real Easter Eggs' (including Fairtrade milk chocolate & an activity book) will be on sale.

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

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

Palm Crosses Please come and help make crosses from the palm leaves on **Friday, 12th April at 2pm** in the Fisher Room. **Please bring scissors.** Tea/coffee provided.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – January 2019 - 1st prize £100 John Steinitz, 2nd prize £50 J Ogbulie, 3rd prize £25 Peter Alexander.

St John Fisher Quiz Night As part of its 80th anniversary celebrations the parish are holding a QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday, 23rd March at 8pm** in the parish hall. Tickets are £10 per head and will include a fish and chip supper. Do come along and

LENT 2019 – 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

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 We will begin this study course this week on **Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm and continue through the Thursday's of 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.

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 on **Monday 18th March at 7pm** and then at 8pm in St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway, North Harrow on 27th March, 2nd, 9th, 15th April. For 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! At North Harrow Methodist Church on 9th March; St George's, Headstone/Pinner View on 23rd March; Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive on 30th March; No lunch on 6th April; St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway on 13th April.

support us, our quiz nights are always very popular and we are expecting this to be the same. Contact durcanjohn@aol.com to reserve tickets or further information.

"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

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).

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 just **£250**. Those interested are welcome to pick-up an **Information Leaflet & Booking Form** from the porch. An **Information Evening** will be taking place at **St. George's Sudbury on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm**.