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10th March 2019 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS week beginning Sat 9th March 2019

9th Sat	Lent feria
9.30am	Patricia Waterford (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Marie & Ernie Crompton RIP Anniv
10th Sun	1st SUNDAY OF LENT
8.30am	Breda Linnane RIP Anniv
10.00am	People of the Parish
11.30am	Patrick Sloane RIP Anniv
11th Mon	Lent feria
9.30am	Margarete Bartocha RIP
12th Tue	Lent feria
9.30am	Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Tavener RIP
13th Wed	Lent feria - no mass
14th Thu	Lent feria
12.30pm	Jim Keating RIP (Past Provincial Grand Knight)
15th Fri	Lent feria – Family Fast Day
9.30am	The McCann Family <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>7.00pm</u>	Joan Etherden (Recovery from Op) <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
16th Sat	Lent feria
<u>9.30am</u>	Alzira Lavinia Almeida RIP

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:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4.1, Luke 9:28-36



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CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

CAFOD have a new logo. At the centre of it is a cross. This reminds us how this coming Friday, CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day, is not only a fundraising exercise to support some of the poorest people in the world but also a spiritual practice. By giving up a meal we endure a degree of unpleasantness, even a small amount of suffering. Our faith teaches us that despite the challenges that suffering brings in each and every one of our lives it has the ability to spiritually unite us with Christ; He suffered for our salvation as we will recall during the upcoming Holy Week.

I often think that this is one of the most challenging practices of our faith but if we are open to accepting that to be a disciple of Christ means taking up our cross then there is great beauty to be had. St Francis de Sales, the 16th century Bishop of Geneva wrote:

The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God.

Please take a Fast Day envelope and we will collect your offerings after all our Masses next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation by ticking the Gift Aid box on the envelope so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you.

Every blessing on your Lenten journey,

Fr Graham

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them”

Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium (para 3)

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 Elizabeth Tavener, Mary Walsh, Antonypillai Thambirasa, Colin Martin.

Pray also for Marie & Ernie Crompt, Breda Linnane, Patrick Sloane, Edward Goulding, Bob Le Forestier, Jack Conway, Charlie O'Brien, Kathleen Hayes, Derrick Mitchell, Delores Atkins, George O'Neill, Patricia Roach, Catherine Cattigan, Joan Howard, Brenda O'Hanlon, John Forde, Guiseppe Marcellini, Milly Yarwood, Frederick Sutherland, John Cahill, Norma Mesquita, Veronica Marzollini, (baby) Melissa Ferreira, Ann Devine, Eric McCarthy, Margaret McKenna, Sophie Swidzinska, Margaret Enright, Michael Wlodarczyk whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Please Remember in your prayers Elizabeth Tavener who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be at St John Fisher on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 at 9.30am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Please Remember in your prayers Charlie Dunleavy who has died. His Requiem Mass will be at St John Fisher on Monday, 18th March at 11am followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Parents Confirmation Meeting – Monday, 11th March Please note this meeting is **cancelled**. The candidates meeting at 5.30pm will go ahead as usual. Apologies for the short notice.

Message from Johnpromise "My profound thanks to you and the wonderful people of the parish for the love, generosity and warmth reception accorded me last Sunday. I am honoured and elated at the great reception and the opportunity to deacon and preach at the Masses."

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas New rotas starting from 23rd & 24th March to 12th May 2019 are now available on the website www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk. See Kay if you would like a paper copy. **Eucharistic Ministers** - please see the change to 6pm and 8.30am Mass as now there will only be 5 ministers.

St Vincent de Paul Society Raffle This weekend we are holding 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. *Thank you for your support.*

Fairtrade Easter Eggs The Fairtrade food stall will be open after all masses **this** 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.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 22nd March 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All 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.

The Pylon – Parish Magazine We are planning to reintroduce a paper edition of The Pylon to commemorate St. John Fisher's 80th

LENT 2019 – 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday morning and evening during Lent after Mass. Fr. Graham will lead them after the 7pm Mass and parishioners are invited to lead them in the morning; we have lots of different versions of the Stations which are available from the Sacristy. Please let Claudia in the Parish Office know if you are able to help on 15th, 22nd, 29th March, 12th April.

Lenten Reconciliation Service with confessions and visiting priests will take place on **Monday, 8th April at 7.30pm**.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – session 2 this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

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, on 27th March, 2nd, 9th, 15th April. For more info 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.

Year Anniversary. This should be available towards the end of the year. We would like short reports and photos from the events organised for our anniversary. So, whoever is running an event, please would you arrange for these to be sent to barbaratowell@sky.com (note: if you are taking photos, ask those in the shots for their permission to appear in The Pylon.) If you have any memories, articles, poems or stories you think would interest readers in this special edition, please send to the email address above or place in the pigeonhole for Barbara Towell. We look forward to receiving and reading these.

Prayer and letter-writing meeting The Harrow group of ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture) invite you to join them in the Fisher Room on **Wednesday, 20th March at 8pm** to pray and write letters on behalf of individual prisoners of conscience and victims of persecution. If you would like to receive a monthly emailed prayer case & occasional newsletter from the group please send your details to sifraidcraft@gmail.com.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – January 2019 - 1st prize £100 John Steinitz, 2nd prize £50 J Ogbulie, 3rd prize £25 Peter Alexander. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk/8429 5683 to arrange payment.

St John Fisher Quiz Night As part of its 80th anniversary celebrations we are holding a QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday, 23rd March at 8pm** in the parish hall. Tickets are £5 per head and will include a ploughman's supper. Do come and support us, our quiz nights are always popular. Contact durcanjohn@aol.com to reserve tickets or further information.

St John Fisher Social Club AGM is on Sunday, 24th March at 7.30pm in the small hall.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Young Adult Trip to Taizé – 27th July to 5th August 2019 An **Information Evening** will be taking place at **St. George's Sudbury on Thursday, 14th March at 7.30pm**. For more info please see porch noticeboard.