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17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Alzira Lavinia Almeida RIP <b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	Hugh Breslin RIP
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
8.30am	Dodo Quigley RIP
10.00am	In Thanksgiving
11.30am	People of the Parish
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Maureen Coady RIP
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Charlie Dunleavy RIP</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese</b>
9.30am	Mike Deely RIP
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Lent feria - no mass</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
12.30pm	Seamus Monaghan RIP Anniv
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Patricia Pace RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>7.00pm</u>	Nora May Hayes RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
<u>9.30am</u>	Miguel Fernandes 1 <sup>st</sup> RIP Anniv

### 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

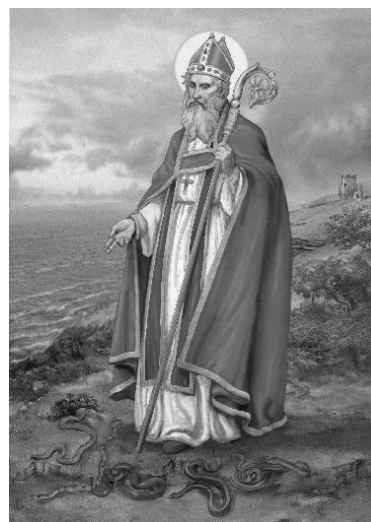
### Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

## LENT - ALMSGIVING AND A 'MISSING SAINT'

The **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the areas of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and the Church's Service in Society. This year the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular; he has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden with many using foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. At St John Fisher we already support those in food poverty through our local Harrow Foodbank as part of 'Love in Action.' Should you wish to support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflets will be available in church from next weekend.

Our Lenten Alms collection will be taken at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday; this year it will be helping the **Society of St Peter the Apostle**, part of the Church's overseas mission charity, Missio. The society supports future priests in mission dioceses across the world including in Malawi, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Kenya. More details to follow...



.....and I haven't forgotten to wish you all a **Happy St Patrick's Day**. Because it falls on a Sunday this year St Patrick's feast does not appear in the liturgical calendar but that doesn't stop me wishing you 'sásta Lá Fhéile Pádraig'....and even having a Guinness to celebrate!

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Graham*

**"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy"**

*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

**Pray also for** Seamus Monaghan, Miguel Fernandes, Sophie Swidzinska, Margaret Enright, Michael Wlodarczyk, Ernesto Placencia, Wijdan Marji, Jason Moore-Martin, Ted Finn, Maria Magdolna Braun, Anthony Caden, Lisa Alex, James O'Shea, Margaret Locascio, James Finn, Elizabeth Cahill, Nora Forde, Leon Casartelli, Beryl Barltrop, Sergio Carvalho, Stephen Forde, Catherine Maguire, Ellen Kiernan, Wojciech Mlek, Bertie Pillai, Paul Esler, Alfred Hill, Stephen D'Cruz, Noel O'Neill whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**First Holy Communion Meeting – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10am is CANCELLED** This will be re-arranged for another day. Apologies for the short notice.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas** New rotas starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 are now available on the website [www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk](http://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.

**Bethany Group** The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**Palm Crosses** Please come and help make crosses from the palm leaves on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sifraidcraft@gmail.com).

**Harrow Citizens** A group of volunteers from the synagogues, mosques and churches that make up Harrow Citizens will be doing some decorating work on the first of the two homes that will house the Syrian refugee families arriving in Harrow hopefully by the end of May. This will take place **this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (depending on how much work is still left to do). Would anyone like to wield a paintbrush for a couple of hours? Enthusiasm rather than expertise

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

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

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

**Palm Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> April; 10am mass will start outside St Alban's Church in the Ridgeway** (or in St Alban's Parish Hall if weather is bad). After the proclamation of the opening Gospel and the blessing of palms we will process to St John Fisher to continue mass. **Consequently on Palm Sunday the '11.30am' Mass, will start at 12noon** to avoid a crush!

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** – session 3 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 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** and then at 8pm in St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway, on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 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; St George's, Pinner View on 23<sup>rd</sup> March; Elmfield Church, Imperial Drive on 30<sup>th</sup> March; No lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> April; St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Lenten Alms** – Our Lenten Alms collection will be taken at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday; this year we will be supporting the **Society of St Peter the Apostle**, part of the church's overseas mission charity, Missio, helping future priests in mission dioceses in Malawi, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Kenya and beyond. You are also welcome to support the Cardinals Lenten Appeal for which offering envelopes will be available from next weekend.

required! If you are able to help, please contact Kate ([kate.a.tuckett@gmail.com](mailto:kate.a.tuckett@gmail.com)) for location and more details.

**Knights of St Columba** The Knights of Saint Columba are desperately looking for new members. We are a fraternal Catholic men's service organisation currently reduced to five members in our Parish, and Father Graham has kindly agreed to let us appeal for new members at all the Masses on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Do please consider joining us!

**St John Fisher Quiz Night** As part of its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations we are holding a QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:durcanjohn@aol.com) to reserve tickets or further information.

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

## DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

**CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day 15<sup>th</sup> March** Please return your envelopes this weekend. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to 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.