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24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
week beginning Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Miguel Fernandes 1 <sup>st</sup> RIP Anniv <b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	Mike Deely RIP
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Angela Clusker RIP Anniv
11.30am	Wojciech Mlek RIP Anniv, Eugenia & Jozef Sulikowski & Family RIP
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
9.30am	Mike Deely RIP
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Des & Betty Carlin
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Lent feria - no mass</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
12.30pm	Peter Flanagan RIP Anniv
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Betty Carlin <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<u>7.00pm</u>	Rev Sr Bonaventine RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
<u>9.30am</u>	Catherine Sullivan 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:

Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## PILGRIMAGE – WALSINGHAM & ROME



Since the early church, Christians have gone on pilgrimage. It's an opportunity to get away from daily life and to make a prayerful and uplifting journey to places of significance to our faith. Here are two opportunities for such pilgrimages this year.

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** we will be joining the Cardinal as he leads our Diocesan pilgrimage to **Walsingham**, the National Shrine to Our Lady. The shrine was established in 1061 when the Virgin Mary led Richeldis de Faverches in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham. Walsingham became one of the greatest shrines in Medieval Christendom. At the Protestant Reformation the shrine was destroyed and Walsingham ceased to be a place of pilgrimage until 1896 when a wayside chapel was restored for Catholic use. In 1934, the 'Slipper Chapel' was declared the National Shrine of Our Lady. The Shrine now attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season. **We will let you know the details of our travel plans soon but for now keep the date free!**

There will be a joint parish pilgrimage with St Patrick's in Wapping to **Rome, Bolsena and Orvieto** during the October half term week, **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. This will include some of the key spiritual and historical sights of Rome such as a mass and tour of St Peter's, a general audience with the Holy Father (if he is in Rome), a visit to Trastevere and the Basilica of Santa Maria and mass at the Venerable English College. The second part of our pilgrimage will take us out of the city to visit lakeside Bolsena, site of a Eucharistic miracle and to nearby medieval Orvieto with its basilica adorned with Fra Angelico frescoes. More details and booking information, will follow shortly.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Graham*

**“Being poor of heart: that is holiness.”**

*Gaudete et exsultate 70*

## 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** Suzanne Ryan, Alice O'Connor, Patricia McCarthy, Nick McDonagh.

**Pray also for** Miguel Fernandes, Angela Clusker, Wojciech Mlek, Peter Flanagan, Catherine Sullivan, Stephen D'Cruz, Noel O'Neill, Margaret Rogers, Josephine Doyle, Grace Selvarajah, Sabina Walsh, Charles Brown, Walter Jackson, Sean Kelly, Antonio Cacchioli, José Duran Carballo, Michael Lee, Ned O'Neill, An Castell, Kathleen Truscott, Bernard Letchet, Barbara Dyt, Lucy "Lucille" Goulding, Marian Blazek, Michael Stiffle, Quentin Gill, May McDonagh, Rose Cunningham, Charles Merritt whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Please Remember** in your prayers Patricia McCarthy who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be at St John Fisher on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at 11.00am followed by committal at Pinner New Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020** Envelopes are now available for collection. Please come to the Fisher Room either after Sunday 8.30am mass, or before or after any of the other masses this weekend. Due to changes in the law on how we use your personal information, we can no longer leave these out for collection at the back of the church and your details are not printed on the individual boxes. When collecting your box, please ensure you know your envelope number, however your postcode will be on the box. Alternatively, if you would like to set up a standing order for planned giving, please take an envelope containing the relevant details.

**Change to regular mass time:** On **Thu 4<sup>th</sup> April Mass will be at 7pm, not 12.30pm** as all the priests in our area have been asked to attend a seminar hosted by Bishop John Sherrington on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**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.

**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.

**Knights of St 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 **this weekend**. Do please consider joining us!

**St John Fisher Social Club AGM** is this Sunday at 7.30pm in the small hall.

**Easter Flowers Collection** There will be a retiring collection after Mass **next weekend** towards the cost of the flowers in our Church.

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

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

**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 4 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. Next session: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March on the Gospel of Mark at 8pm in St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway.

**Lenten Lunches** – simple lunch to raise money for St Luke's Hospice and to promote fellowship amongst Christians; 12noon each Saturday in Lent; 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 **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** for which offering envelopes are available from this weekend.

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

8.30am,

10.00am

12.00pm

**starting outside St Alban's Church**  
(see note above)

### Holy Thursday

8.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper (*then watching until Night Prayer at 11.50pm*)

### Good Friday

9.30am

1.00pm

3.00pm

8.00pm

Morning Prayer

Children's Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

9.30am

8.00pm

Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

Mass as Normal

### Easter Monday

Mass at 12.30pm

## DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

**CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day 15<sup>th</sup> March** You can still return your envelopes 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. Thank you for your support.