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31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C), 'Laetare Sunday'

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
week beginning Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Catherine Sullivan RIP Anniv <b>(Vigil of Sunday)</b>
6.00pm	People of the Parish
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sun</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)</b>
8.30am	Aubrey Fernandes RIP
10.00am	Kathleen O'Keefe RIP
11.30am	Mike Deely RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mon</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Des Carlin
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Patricia McCarthy RIP</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tue</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Liam Coyne RIP
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St John Fisher School end of term mass</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wed</b>	<b>Lent feria - no mass</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Thu</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	Raymond Stokes RIP Anniv
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Mrs. Magdalene & Mr. Gerard Nicholas RIP Anniv <b>followed by Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
7.00pm	Ania Bayross (Op) <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>Lent feria</b>
9.30am	Shaun Chandler

### 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:

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11



## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, BOLSENA & ORVIETO

We are organising a parish pilgrimage from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October until Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Rome, Bolsena and Orvieto; we will travel with St Patrick's parish in Wapping. The itinerary will include some of the major spiritual and historical sights of Rome. We will celebrate Mass in St Peter's Basilica and have a guided tour of St Peter's as well as a general audience with the Holy Father (if he is in Rome). We will enjoy a walking tour through the centre of ancient Rome and visit the historic area of Trastevere and it's stunning Basilica of Santa Maria. We will also join the seminarians at the Venerable English College for their 'pilgrim mass.' The second part of our pilgrimage will take us out of the city to visit the lakeside town of Bolsena, site of a 13<sup>th</sup> century Eucharistic miracle. We will spend a day in the nearby medieval hilltop city of Orvieto where there is a basilica adorned with Fra Angelico frescoes.

The cost is £969pp, half-board, based on two people sharing. This includes: return flights; accommodation; meals (breakfast and lunch/dinner); coach transfers; guided tours; entrance fees; cable car in Orvieto and a tour manager to accompany the group. To reserve your place, please send a booking form and £200 deposit to Pax Travel. The full brochure and booking forms are available in the porch.

Happy Mothering Sunday to all mothers and grandmothers and every blessing for the week ahead,

*Fr Graham*

**"Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them there is no humility or holiness."**

## 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. If you would like to be visited by a priest and/or regularly with Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

**Recently deceased** Mary Gerrity.

**Pray also for** Catherine Sullivan, Ray Stokes, Mrs Magdalene & Mr Gerard Nicholas, Marian Blazek, Michael Stiffle, Quentin Gill, May McDonagh, Rose Cunningham, Charles Merritt, Clifford Perera, Phebe Martins, Avito Saldanha, Madeline Boro, Saverimuthu Leon Anton, Keith Bowker, Cecil Cobb, Marian O'Dea, Darren Jones, Mary O'Sullivan, Maureen Orogun, Victor Manuel Loja, Aldo Trombetti, Roman Sidorowicz, Mary Reidy, Joe Walsh, Maria Teixeira, Celine O'Brien, Kathleen Prendeville whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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: This Thursday Mass will be at 7pm**, not 12.30pm as Fr Graham will be attending a seminar on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Easter Flowers Collection** will take place after Mass *this weekend* towards the cost of the flowers in our Church.

**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 Easter cards and 'Real Easter Eggs' will be on sale. A wide range of Fairtrade eggs can be ordered (pick up a leaflet or see [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)). Order at the stall or email [siftraidcraft@gmail.com](mailto:siftraidcraft@gmail.com) by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**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.

**Knitting Group** will meet on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

**Parish pilgrimage - Rome, Bolsena and Orvieto.** More details and booking information available in the porch.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham** On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** we will be joining the Cardinal on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Lady. We will let you have the details soon so that you can sign up and pay a deposit for the coach but for now **keep the date free!**

**Parish Women's Group** On **Thursday 11th April at 8pm** in the small hall of St John Fisher Parish Centre. You are invited to come along with suggestions of Recommended Days out or Interesting places to visit. Voluntary contributions of small amounts of finger food or drinks to share would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at this informal group.

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

**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 5 this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

**Lenten Lunches** – next lunch is from 12noon at St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway on Saturday 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. You are also welcome to support the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** for which offering envelopes are available in the porch.

**Churches Together in North Harrow – 'Four Portraits of Jesus'**. Next session: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April on the Gospel of Matthew at 8pm in St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway.

## 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

Masses at usual Sunday times

### Easter Monday

Mass at 12.30pm

**Knights of St. Columba** Next meeting on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8pm in the Social Club.

**Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** In February 2016, Pope Francis asked each Bishops' Conference to establish a Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. In response, the Bishops of England and Wales designated the Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent to be observed as this Day of Prayer. This year, therefore, the Day of Prayer is **Friday 12 April**. More details to follow

## DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

**Knife Crime Rally** On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 an ecumenical Rally under the heading 'Standing Together' will be taking place in Trafalgar Square from 2.00-4.00pm. Cardinal Vincent will be attending. More details on porch noticeboard.

**March for Life UK** – Life from Conception – No Exception! On **Saturday, 11th May 2019** at 2pm, starting point outside Westminster Church House, no booking required. Please see poster on porch noticeboard.