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7th April 2019 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 6th April 2019

6 th Sat	Lent feria 9.30am Shaun Chandler (Vigil of Sunday) 6.00pm Kathleen Prendeville RIP Anniv
7 th Sun	5th SUNDAY OF LENT 8.30am Aubrey Fernandes RIP 10.00am Maria Teixeira RIP Anniv 11.30am People of the Parish
8 th Mon	Lent feria 9.30am Fr Robert (Bob) Barry RIP 7.30pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
9 th Tue	Lent feria 9.30am Goldwin Viegas RIP
10 th Wed	Lent feria - no mass
11 th Thu	Lent Feria 12.30pm Seamas Cahill RIP
12 th Fri	Lent feria Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse 9.30am The Prunty Family <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i> 7.00pm In Thanksgiving <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
13 th Sat	Lent feria 9.30am James Calvin 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:

Procession: Luke 19:28-40

Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

THE MERCY OF GOD



Last Thursday I attended a seminar on the Sacrament of Reconciliation hosted by Bishop John Sherrington. Quoting Pope Francis we were encouraged to be 'welcoming to all, witnesses of fatherly tenderness whatever the gravity of the sin involved, attentive in helping penitents to reflect on the wrong they have done, clear in presenting moral principles, willing to walk patiently beside the faithful on their penitential journey, far-sighted in discerning individual cases and generous in dispensing God's forgiveness.' (*Misericordia at Misera* 10)

This is an especially good time to prepare ourselves for Easter by availing of this Sacrament. These additional opportunities are available;

- a Holy Hour with the opportunity for confession at **St Luke's, Pinner** on **Sunday 7th April from 3pm**
- our Parish Reconciliation Service with visiting confessors on **Monday, 8th April, at 7.30pm**
- there will be **additional times for confession during Holy Week** both at St Gabriel's and here as we are delighted to welcome back to the parish Fr Christopher Clohessy who was here last Summer.

The Church herself must also seek God's mercy. Pope Francis has asked each Bishops' Conference to establish a **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**. Our bishops have chosen Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent to be observed as this Day of Prayer. The Cardinal writes, "I ask that this Day of Prayer is observed in all our parishes and chapels. It is important that we do so. Day by day, the pain of those who have suffered abuse, and its lasting corrosive impact, are brought more fully into the light. The pain of that betrayal of trust is all the more profound when the abuse took place within the community of the Catholic Church. We also see so clearly the failures in leadership in the Church that has exacerbated the sufferings of those who have been abused. We have plenty of reasons to pray." He adds, "I will keep the day with extra simplicity and self-denial and will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral with these prayers constantly in my heart." Here in St John Fisher we will pray at both masses the prayers supplied by the Cardinal for this Day of Prayer.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

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

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 Ann Burke, Richard Borio, Paul Harrison, Mary Bridget Farrell, Calistas Soundranayagam.

Pray also for Kathleen Prendeville, Celine O'Brien, Maria Teixeira, Sally Enwright, Nora O'Connor, Maisie Rainsford, Eileen Jordan, Kathleen Bacon, Catherine Fearon, Michael Broderick, Bridget Maher, Florence Keane, June Collins, Dr. Larry Fisch, Barbara Ryan, Maura Haygreen, Brian Walton, Frank Baldock, Joanne Flannery, Margaret Monahan, Phyllis Healy whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

Funeral of Mary Bridget Farrell RIP On Monday, 15th April 2019 at 3.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium.

Funeral of Richard Borio RIP On Wednesday, 26th April 2019 at 1.00pm at Pinner New Cemetery Chapel followed by committal at Carpenters Park Cemetery at 2pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020 are now available for collection from 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. 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.

Fairtrade Easter Eggs The Fairtrade food stall will be open in the porch after all masses *this* weekend. Usual food items incl. Easter cards, 'Real Easter Eggs' on sale. Fairtrade eggs can be ordered by picking up a leaflet or see www.traidcraftshop.co.uk. Order at the stall or email sjfraidcraft@gmail.com by Monday 8th April.

Parish Women's Group On **Thursday 11th April at 8pm** in the small hall. 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.

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.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 26th April, 10th & 24th May 2019** at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

Parish pilgrimage to Rome, Bolsena and Orvieto - Monday 21st October to Saturday 26th October The cost is £969pp, half-board, based on two people sharing which 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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham On **Saturday 21st 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!**

LENT 2019 – 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'

Palm Sunday – 14th 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 6 this Thursday at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

Lenten Lunches – next lunch at 12noon at St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway on Saturday 13th 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. More details are available in the porch. You are also welcome to support the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** for which offering envelopes are also available in the porch.

Churches Together in North Harrow – 'Four Portraits of Jesus'. Next session: Tuesday 9th April on the Gospel of Luke at 8pm in St Alban's Church, The Ridgeway.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8.30am

10.00am

starting outside St Alban's Church

12.00pm

(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

Morning Prayer

1.00pm

Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am

Morning Prayer

8.00pm

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses at usual Sunday times

Easter Monday

Mass at 12.30pm

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

Easter Offering In the porch you will find Easter Offering envelopes for Fr. Graham. These offerings support him in his ministry here in the Parish and they will be collected over the Masses of Easter. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent Nichols from 20th to 26th July 2019. For more info please see porch noticeboard.