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5th May 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

week beginning Sat 4th May 2019

4 th Sat	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
12noon	First Holy Communion mass (Vigil of Sunday)
6.00pm	Anton Thanabalan RIP
5 th Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Sinnathamby Joseph Victor 7 th RIP Anniv
11.30am	Annapackiam Albert RIP Anniv
3.00pm	First Holy Communion mass
6 th Mon	Easter feria
11.15am	HOLY HOUR FOR SRI LANKA
12.30pm	Francis Phillips RIP
7 th Tue	Easter feria
9.30am	Freda Vanniasingham RIP
8 th Wed	Easter feria - <i>No Mass</i>
9 th Thu	Easter feria
12.30pm	Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe RIP Anniv
10 th Fri	Easter feria
9.30am	Brendan Murphy RIP

(Saturday morning mass as announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.15pm - 5.45pm *and by appointment*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 8.15am - 9.15am

First Friday 10am - 11am (concluding with Benediction)

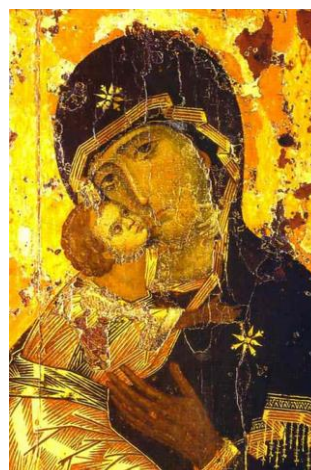
Baptisms

First Saturday at Noon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17, John 10:27-30

QUEEN OF HEAVEN, REJOICE!



May is closely associated with the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mother of God is a key figure within salvation history and someone we hold in high esteem. 'The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith.....It is for this faith that all generations have called Mary blessed.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church para 148*)

There are many ways to live out this devotion in our life. We can say the Holy Rosary; it is recited after each weekday Mass. Perhaps you could pray a decade as a family at some point in the week or place an image of Mary in a prominent place at home? The Liturgy of the Hours, which all religious and priests say at least five times a day, concludes with a Marian hymn. In Eastertime it is the ancient 'Regina Coeli' prayer. So, during May at each parish mass, after the final blessing, we will sing this hymn. The tune is easy enough to pick up!

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

***"I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me"***

Psalm 29

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Graham

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 Corrie Shanahan, Anne Jones, Mr. Baladasan.

Pray also for Sinnathamby Joseph Victor, Annapackiam Albert, Dr. Nihal Ranasinghe, Annachi Ponnukone, Ida Trombetti, Sr Veronica Carr, Patrick Hedderman, Tom Ryan, Sheila Watts, Austin Ormson, Elizabeth Tumulty, Mary & Eddy Moriarty, Gerard Taylor, Mary Anne Thambiratnam whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion We pray for and congratulate the children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

Holy Hour for Sri Lanka at St John Fisher On Monday 6th May 11.15am - 12.15pm followed by mass at 12.30pm.

Saturday morning mass will continue in Eastertime when Fr Graham is here and does not have another mass before the Sunday Vigil such as First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Weddings. Consequently, there will be **mass at 9.30am on Saturday 18th May.**

Training for new Altar servers will take place on Thursday, 16th May at 4pm in the church. Please contact Kay or Fr Graham if you have a child that would like to attend.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – final session on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

Parish 100 Club Draw Winners – February 2019 1st prize £100 Tony Thomas, 2nd prize £50 M Hipwell, 3rd prize £25 Ann Anderson and **March 2019** 1st prize £100 Brian Louch, 2nd prize £50 Sharon Horan, 3rd prize £25 Maria Dhar. Please contact fionamoreira@rcdow.org.uk/8429 5683 to arrange payment.

Fairtrade food stall will be open after all masses *next* weekend. If you are still well-stocked with chocolate come and browse the range of dried fruit, nuts etc on sale.

Knitting Group will meet on **Friday, 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!**

Action by Christians Against Torture, Harrow John Ravi, Westminster Diocesan Secretary for *Aid to the Church in Need* will be speaking at an open meeting of ACAT (Action by

Christians Against Torture) in the parish centre on **Wednesday, 8th May at 8pm.** The subject will be 'Faith Under Threat' and will focus on the persecution faced by many Christians and people of other faiths across the world.

Lenten Alms & Holy Places Collection £534.49 was collected for Lenten Alms and £660.13 for Holy Places. Thank you for your support.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives Parishioners will be aware from the secular and Catholic media and press that Pope Francis has been holding a summit on child protection and clerical abuse and has called on Catholics around the world to work together to erase "this abominable crime from the face of the earth". The Catholic Church in England and Wales has established systems and training for both priests and lay people to try and ensure that children and vulnerable adults are now safe within our communities and that the sort of abuses which have happened in the past cannot happen again. Every parish has at least one PSR (Parish Safeguarding Representative). Ours are Gerald O'Keefe and Delores McLean-Boyd whose contact details are on a poster in the porch. The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) also provides advice for anyone who has suffered abuse; further details are available from our PSRs. The contact details for our PSRs are harrownorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk or harrownorthsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES

Mass for Migrants – in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Monday, 6th May from 9am at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London SW1P 1LT. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell. For more info please see church noticeboard.

March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm, for more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk.

Our Lady of Willesden Procession – Sunday, 12th May 3.30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. All are welcome. For more info please see church noticeboard.

Christus Vivit: Echoes from the Youth Synod - Reflections for Young Adults A further meeting of young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on **Tuesday, 21st May at 6.30pm.** These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Wilson will be leading our reflections focusing on the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis addressed to young people. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know your intention to attend by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to www.dowym.com/events

Caritas Volunteer Fair - The Caritas Volunteer Service will be holding its annual Volunteers' Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Those attending will have the chance to chat with different charities and find out more about their work and the roles available and hear talks and testimonials from different organisations. The event will be on **Saturday 8th June, from 1:00-3:00pm**, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA. To get your free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite.