Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Next weekend there will be a collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which benefits us all by providing us with new priests.

The Priest Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall, and in Rome. There are currently 27 men in formation for our Diocese. In 2018 we celebrated the ordination of eight men to the priesthood, to serve as future priests. It costs £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church. The Fund also supports the ongoing training of our priests post-ordination. Priests are the heart of the Church so I ask you to please be generous in your support of this appeal and in your prayers for vocations and for our seminarians.

Donation leaflets are available today – please take one, read the information and bring it back next week at Mass with your donation.

Thank you.

Fr Graham

MARIAN ANTHEM FOR MAY

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.
**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 Veronica Agard, James O’Connor.

Pray also for Eric Savundranayagam, Monica Fitzmaurice, Rita Rough, Nelly Ougan, Angela Cawley, Brian Tunnacliffe, Germain Tse Kwong Pin, Angela Castagna, Jim (Zdzislaw) Morawski, Mary Moore, Thomas Durkin, Cathleen Smith, Hilda Rogers, William Irving, Carl Johns, James Moreland, Eugene Murray, Anne Griffin, Peter Digby, Arulamma Matthias, Aubrey Schokman whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PARISH NOTICES**

Please remember in your prayers James O’Connor who has died. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 21st May 2019 at 11.00am at St John Fisher followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Confirmation Meeting for Parents This is the meeting that was to be rescheduled and will now be on Monday evening, 13th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas for 18th May to 14th July 2019 are now available at www.stjohnfisheronline.org.uk. Please contact Kay if you require a paper copy.

SIF Parish Council meets next Tuesday, 14th May at 7.30 pm.

Car Park Tidy-up On Saturday, 8th June 10.30am – 12 Noont in preparation for the 80th Anniversary celebrations and Bishop John’s visit on 23rd June. Many hands make light work to fill a skip. Please book the date in your diary.

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 is open after all masses this weekend. If you are still well-stocked with chocolate come and browse the range of dried fruit, nuts etc on sale.

Bethany Group The next meeting for members will be on Thursday, 16th May at 7.30pm.

Knitting Group will meet on Friday, 24th May, 14th & 28th June 2019 at 2pm in the Fisher Room. All welcome.

New Cleaners! Additional help is needed for one of the Thursday morning cleaning teams. If you can spare an hour, once every 4 weeks, to keep our Church clean please contact Claudia at the Presbytery or Alison Jackson (020 8427 2910 / alisonjackson2000@hotmail.com).

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!

‘Rediscovering the Holy Spirit through Scripture’ presented by Brian Purfield from the Jesuit Study Centre. A series of 4 talks, to delve deeper into the Scriptures and rediscover the identity of the Holy Spirit, 4th – 25th June, 7.30pm at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill, £4. Please register by emailing hollycook@rcdow.org.uk. See poster on porch noticeboard.

St John Fisher Social Club – FAMILY POOL COMPETITION Mums, Dads, Daughters, Sons, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins..... - Are you interested in entering an evening Pool Competition at St John Fisher Social Club? The committee would like to gauge the level interest from Parishioners, or friends and family of Parishioners, for a Pool Competition to be held in the Church Hall and Social Club. The suggested format would be:

- The competition would be held on a Friday or Saturday night.
- A family doubles competition played out during one night.
- Team to consist of one adult partnered by a youngster (7 – 16 years old) or a pairing of a Teenager and younger sibling/relative.
- An adult singles competition should demand be sufficient. May be played on another date if demand is too high.
- The format of the knock-out competition and the number of games per match will be determined once we know the number of participants. The format will ensure all Teams/Players get more than one game.
- Possible dates would be early July ’19, before school holidays.

To get a rough idea of numbers and what people would like, please indicate:

- Your preferred night Friday or Saturday and start time?
- Entry to the Family Doubles competition & how many doubles pairing would your family group enter?
- Adult Singles competition & how many Adults would you be entering from your family group?

If your family or friends and extended family would be interested in taking part in this fun evening please email your feedback to stephen.pall121@virginmedia.com. Other suggestions are welcome. Thank you for supporting your Parish.

**DIOCESAN AND DEANERY NOTICES**

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.

St Dominic’s Sixth Form College – Principal’s Charity Concert On Tuesday, 25th June 2019 at 6.30pm followed by BBQ in aid of MIND and Jog for Georgie. For more info please see porch noticeboard.