

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL: A WORD FROM FR JAMES: Periodically it is prudent for a parish to review our material commitment to supporting the life and mission of our parish. We will be doing this over three Sundays at the end of January and the beginning of February. During 2019 we formally brought to an end our part in the Growing in Faith campaign across the whole of the diocese. This major initiative in financial stewardship very significantly helped the bishops to invest and plan for the future of a number of areas of diocesan life. Before that, of course, we celebrated paying off all of our parish debts. Now it is appropriate to look at how we look after ourselves. Circumstances are always changing, as is the community of the faithful who make up our parish. There will be more in this bulletin and especially over those weekends late in January and in February to help all in the parish to review how we commit to the financial support of our parish and how to make that commitment more efficient and productive.

FROM POPE FRANCIS'S CHRISTMAS HOMILY:

“The grace of God has appeared. Tonight we realize that, when we failed to measure up, God became small for our sake; while we were going about our own business, he came into our midst. Christmas reminds us that God continues to love us all, even the worst of us. To me, to you, to each of us, he says today: “I love you and I will always love you, for you are precious in my eyes.”
God does not love you because you think and act the right way. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you. You may have mistaken ideas, you may have made a complete mess of things, but the Lord continues to love you. How often do we think that God is good if we are good and punishes us if we are bad. Yet that is not how he is. For all our sins, he continues to love us. His love does not change. This is the gift we find at Christmas.”

Please remember to turn your telephone off or put it to silent when in church. Thank you.



January List:

Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Chicken Meals, Small Bottles Cooking Oil, Small Bottles Ketchup, Salt, Jars of Sauce (Not Pasta), Packets Sauce

They have plenty of: Baked beans, Porridge, Pasta, Tea, Biscuits, Large cereals. *PLEASE KEEP TO THE WISH LIST, THANK YOU.*

✠✠✠ Of your charity, pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them: ✠✠✠

Margaret Cutbush, Brenda Proctor, Bridget McEvoy, Robert Foran, Michael Gallagher, John Forbes, Mary Scannell, Margaret Elam, Eileen Smith, Pam Woodward, Hylda Sinnodurai, William Phelan, Millicent Odumodu, Patrick Gallagher, John McNamee, Bridget Gallagher, Resina Harter, Lynette Walker, May D' Cruz, Sixta Montana, Gary Coyle, Gary Strawbridge, Crystal Dawson, Karen Atkinson, Jean Neal, Frank Pendergast, Clive Jones, Raphael Gondo, Allan Hussey, Hilree Hamilton, John Hennessy, Joseph Walsh, William Murphy, Peg Tobin, Anitha Kolati, Subbarao Kolati, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Grace Lindsay, Lilian Gondo, Lawrence Gomes, Rosemary Afua Frimpong, Genaro Gulds, Tom Innes



Parish of South Harrow & Northolt

St Gabriel, Northolt Road

St Bernard, Mandeville Road



The Epiphany of the Lord
05 January 2020

PARISH MASS BOOK:
This Sunday see page:115 : Today's Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

TIMES OF HOLY MASS FOR THE COMING WEEK

St Gabriel's Church

This week the Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is offered for the Intentions of Catherine Castelino

SAT 6.00 pm Ida Snuggs (RIP)
SUN 8.30 am People of the Parish
 10.00 am Kyle & Mya Bowen (RIP)
 12 Noon Ints of Jackie Judge

MON 10.00 am Raphael Gondo (Anniv)

WED 10.00 am Sr. Anna Flynn (RIP)

THUR 10.00 am Jose Morais (RIP)

St Bernard's Church

This week the Sanctuary lamp burning in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is offered for the intentions of Pope Francis

SUN 9.00 am Ints of Theresa & John Keenan
 11.00 am Mark Joseph Ferns (RIP)
 5.00 pm Polish Language Mass

TUES 10.00 am Ints of Leonor Driscoll

FRI 10.00 am Jean Neal (Anniv)

SAT 9.30 am Allan Hussey (Anniv)

Regular times for The Sacrament of Reconciliation:
St Bernard's: Saturday 10.15 - 10.45 am
St Gabriel's: Saturday 5.15 - 5.45 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

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DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Gabriel's: Thursday 10.30am - 11.00am
St Bernard's: Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am
Holy Rosary: Monday - Friday: after Mass; Saturday 5.30pm
Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Friday at 9.40am before Mass
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: St Bernard's: Monday 7pm.

January is the month of prayer to The Holy Name of Jesus

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: £1,250.28

Thank you for your commitment and generosity

CATECHESIS: Information and news

BAPTISM of INFANTS: Expectant parents, or parents of new-born children are asked to contact Fr James or Fr Tom after the Sunday Mass they attend in order to make an appointment to meet to begin the process of preparation for Baptism.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: *Promotion of World Peace: We pray the Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.*

COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

Offertory Collection 22.12.2019: £1,091.47

Christmas Offerings 25.12.2019: £4,274.40 Development Fund 30.12.2019: £1,358.00

FRs JAMES, TOM & STUART once again offer their grateful thanks to everyone for their gifts, cards and offerings at Christmas. The Christmas Offerings of course go a long way to financing the stipend of the parochial clergy for the year ahead and your generosity is deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU! From the Parish Office: Cynthia and Gaynor wish to say a huge 'thank you' for the many cards and gifts received over Christmas. Your kindness and generosity is, as always, much appreciated.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS FOCUSING ON OUTSTANDING EDUCATION IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Cardinal Vaughan School, in collaboration with Westminster Diocese, St Mary's University, Newman Catholic College, St James' Catholic High School and St Ignatius College will be hosting a day of lectures and seminars focusing on Outstanding Education in a Catholic School on Mon 6 January 2020. Candidates who wish to attend are asked to complete the form to be found at <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Teaching-School/CPD-courses/> and return this to the teachingschool@cvms.co.uk

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: As a part of the "Year of the Word" you are encouraged to use the *Wednesday Word* each week to prepare to hear the Gospel Sunday by Sunday.

For a long time a version for family prayers has been available at all Sunday Masses. Now for Sunday Masses with a hymn sheet, take this home and use the *Wednesday Word* on the back of the hymn sheet. As the name suggests, it is for use in the middle of the week to prepare to hear the Gospel on the next Sunday. This may give you ideas for the Intentions you might offer at your Sunday Mass also. You might also like to visit www.wednesdayword.org.



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 11-12 JANUARY 2020: As a parish we support two pro-life charities. First, *The Good Counsel Network*, who provide immediate practical help and support in London for women and men, but of course principally women, tempted to resort to abortion in their situation in life. Every so often you see advertised in church the fruits of this work in the names of LIVES SAVED by your prayers and support. Secondly, we support the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* (SPUC). SPUC are a lobbying and campaigning charity as well as providing care for those immediately affected by abortion.



The *White Flower Appeal* supports this campaigning work and will take place next weekend (11-12 January). In the new political situation in our country this witness by the Church is vitally needed. In October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on Northern Ireland by our government, allowing abortion for any reason up to at least 24 weeks of pregnancy. The abortion lobby, welcome by the present government, wish to introduce the same in England and Wales. Please support this appeal as you can and help SPUC defend innocent lives.

A THANK YOU FOR THE HOLY PLACES COLLECTION 2019: The Commissariat of the Holy Land has written to Cardinal Vincent to thank parishes for the donations from our diocese, the proceeds of the Good Friday Holy Places Collection. The friars and people of the Custody thank parishioners for their continued support of the Holy Land.

SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW: As Cardinal Vincent mentioned in his Pastoral Letter last Sunday, all are invited to Westminster Cathedral from 30th January to 1st February to explore the *Year of the Word* in the 'Tents of Meeting' which will be set up in the side chapels, and view specially commissioned artwork around the theme of '*The God Who Speaks*'. Resources, activities and presentations will suit all ages, groups welcome. For further details see <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>



EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES: The first of three talks by Fr John Hemer MHM on 'Finding Christ in the Old Testament' will take place on 5th February, 7pm at Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort St, Chelsea, London SW3 5AA. Refreshments will be served at 7pm, followed by the lecture in the Chapel at 7.30pm, and Night Prayer at 8.45pm. Donations welcome. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk