**SUNDAY JANUARY 19th 2020 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*(Parish Mass Book P55)*

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 18th *[Feria]*

 18.00 **Fr** **Geoffrey Eneh (Anniv)**

SUNDAY 19th **[Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)]**

09.00 **Peggy Lovett RIP**11.15 **Tony Marono RIP**
18.00 **Mary Banemle Dikong RIP**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:40*

MONDAY 20th *[Feria]*

 10:00 **Peter Kamaray (Anniv)**TUESDAY 21st *[St Agnes]*

 10.00 **Bernadette Minoli RIP**

WEDS 22nd  *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Special Intention**

THURS 23rd *[Feria]*

 **10.00** **Tom Stevenson RIP**FRIDAY 24th *[St Francis de Sales]*

 10.00 **Esther Nakpil RIP** SATURDAY 25th *[The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle]*
 10.00 **Joan Rigby RIP**

18:00 (Vigil) **Helen Climie RIP**

SUNDAY 26th **[Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)]**

09.00 **Linda & Alvaro Brito RIP**
 11.15 **Maria Lebo Bianca RIP**

 18.00 **Lawrence & Patricia Lee**

 **(Thanksgiving)**

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**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £847.01
Monthly Hall Loan collection: £579.42

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Rosemary Roberts, Don Williamson, Margaret Wedgworth, Victor Kumaratharsan, Jean Vaughan, John Cash, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly.

**MINISTERS & READERS**

There is a new rota available in the Sacristy for those who haven’t received one via email.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES – Numbers 100 & 19**

Would the parishioners who contribute regularly through the planned giving scheme with envelope numbers 100 & 19, please make contact with Fr Brian when it is convenient to provide a minor clarification for our records.

 **2020 – A YEAR OF THE WORD**

The Word of God is at the heart of all we believe. During 2020, we we will be focussing on the place of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture in our lives as Catholics. It is hoped that this initiative will deepen our knowledge of, and love for the Word of God in the Bible. In this parish, during Lent we hope to arrange a series of talks on different aspects of the Word of God. We are exploring other ideas also, including forming small groups for shared discussion and prayer. More information will be available shortly.

**PARISH DIARIES**

A few copies of this year’s diary are still available from the repository shop for 50p.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a PPC meeting on **Tuesday 28th** of January, **at 7:30pm** . The PCC is a consultative group that meets periodically and assists and supports the Parish Priest in the planning and direction of the parish. Anyone who has a contribution to make to the agenda is welcome to do so. Suggestions can be left in an envelope at the office, or dropped into the Presbytery letterbox.

**MINOR CHANGES TO TIMES AND SCHEDULES IN 2020**

**Thursdays:**

Due to Fr Brian’s changing lecturing commitments at Allen Hall in Semester II, **From 30th January,** Mass on Thursdays until at least the end of the Academic Year will be at **7:30pm**

**Sunday School:**

The start and finish times of Sunday School have now been be moved back by 10 mins, to allow for a less panicked rush from the 9am Mass for catechists and families alike. Sunday School now commences at 10:10am, and runs until 10:55. We apologise if it causes any inconvenience as we settle into this altered routine. We are always keen to hear feedback about changes.

**FUNDRAISING FOR PARISH HALL**

**Social events :**

The first social event being planned in 2020 is for a St Patrick’s Day party. More details will be available soon.

**Do you have other great ideas?**

Several ideas about ongoing fundraising to pay the loan we incurred in renovating the Parish Hall and Centre are being considered. Other creative ideas will happily be considered by the PCC. Particularly welcome are any suggestions that increase or contribute to the community life of the parish

**LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT – LENTEN ALMS 2020**

Suggestions are being sought for the charitable cause(s) that we might support as a parish during Lent this year. One idea is that we split our efforts between one local initiatve and one international or missionary inititiave. Please contact Fr Brian or the PPC with your ideas.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

**Christian Unity Service - Sunday Jan 26th**

This year the local service to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will be hosted by St Edmund’s Anglican Church on Pinner Road, HA6 1QS. The Service will begin at 4pm. Christian Unity is an important cause, and everyone is warmly invited to join in us in prayer for unity with our other Christian brothers and sisters.

**Ladies Of Faith Together (LIFT)**

The next breakfast meeting of this group, - a local eucemenical initative, will take place on February 8th at the London School of Theology on Green Lane from 9am – 11am. More details are avaible on the flyers in the Church porch.

**David Simmonds MP Surgery**

Our new MP will hold a local surgery on Friday January 24th January. Please see the notice in the church porch for more details.