**SUNDAY JANUARY 26th 2020 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

*(Parish Mass Book P55)*

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 25th 18.00 **Helen Climie RIP**

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

09.00 **Linda & Alvaro Brito RIP**11.15 **Maria Lebo Bianca RIP**
18.00 **Lawrence & Patricia Lee**

 **(Thanksgiving)**

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

MONDAY 27th *[Feria]*

 10:00 **Ophelia & Albino Coelho RIP**TUESDAY 28st

 10.00 **Ratnaraj Family (Sp Intns)**

WEDS 29th  *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Miep Van Den Berg (Anniv)**

THURS 30th *[Feria]*

 **19.30** **Private Intention** FRIDAY 31st

 10.00 **James Byers (Anniv)**

 **11:30 REQUIEM: ROCCO LEGGIERI**

SATURDAY 1st 10.00 **Jim Murphy RIP**

18:00 (Vigil) **Private Intention**

SUNDAY 2nd **[Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)]**

09.00 **Mieczycaw Hubisz (Anniv)**
 11.15 **Susan Metcalf (Anniv)**

 18.00 **Private Intention**

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**2020 – A YEAR OF THE WORD**

**The First ‘Sunday of The Word of God’**

Today marks the first time that the whole Church celebrates ‘The Sunday of the Word of God’ which was inaugurated by Pope Francis. This weekend we especially reflect on the Bible and its importance in our lives.

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.

**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £
Monthly Hall Loan collection: £

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**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.

**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.

**ROCCO LEGGIERI RIP**

The Funeral of Rocco Leggieri will take place on Friday 31st January at 11:30. We welcome back his daughter Mina from Australia, who is in Northwood to make the arrangements for her Father’s requiem, and extend our sympathy to her.

**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.

**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 and the Parish Finance Committee, which both meet this week.. 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.It may turn out that we are mandated to contribute to one particular cause along with all the other parishes, however please contact Fr Brian or the PPC with your ideas about other possible

‘**Day By Day’** small booklets tog guide us through the Lenten Season with the daily Mass readings and reflections have been ordered and will be available for a small charge. There are also infant and junior versions that may aid different age-groups of Chidlren to participate in Lent.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

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

This year the local service to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will be hosted today 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.