**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd 2020 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 1st 18.00 **Private Intention**

SUNDAY 2nd **[The Presentation of the Lord (A)]**

09.00 **Mieczycaw Hubisz (Anniv)**11.15 **Susan Metcalf (Anniv)**
18.00 **Private Intention**

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

MONDAY 3rd *[Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore]*

 10:00 **Holy Souls**TUESDAY 4th *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Esther Nakpil RIP**

WEDS 5th  *[St Agatha*

 10.00 **Sabrina Lo (Thanksgiving)**

THURS 6th *[St Paul Miki & Companions]*

 **19.30** **Callum Jamal (Sick)** FRIDAY 7th *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Saverio Sanzone (Anniv)**

SATURDAY 8th *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Sr Melissa Dwyer**

18:00 (Vigil) **Eric Selley (Anniv)**

SUNDAY 9th **[Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)]**

09.00 **Fr Geoffrey Eneh RIP**
 11.15 **Mary & Joe Rush RIP**

 18.00 **People of the Parish**

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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 a series of talks on different aspects of the Word of God is being planned. 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: £
Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Stephen Byrne, Betty Conti, 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council for 2020 was held last Monday, with a wide ranging agenda, and fruitful discussions were had about a number of matters. There was an extended discussion about the parish hall, its use, and ongoing financial matters relating to it. New curtains will soon be installed, the cost of which has been generously contributed to by the charitable collection made at the funeral of The Late Peggy Lovett, who was an active member of this parish. We are grateful for this gift.

**FUNDRAISING FOR PARISH HALL**

**200 Club:**

It has been suggested that we initiate a 200 club in the parish as a fundraiser for the hall. This time-honoured and fun scheme is a form of monthly prize-draw, with the proceeds of the subscription split between the prize-pool on offer and the fundraising project. We are looking for a volunteer (or team) who might co-ordinate this. Details about contributions and draws etc. will be available soon.

**Social events :**

The first social event being planned in 2020 is for a St Patrick’s Day party. This will be on the Saturday before St Patrick’s day, March 14th. This will be a ticketed event, and information about tickets and prices will be available shortly.

**Do you have other great ideas?**

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

**LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT**

**Lenten alms 2020**

Several suggestions have been recived and are being considered as the charitable cause(s) that we might support as a parish during Lent this year. We will publicise the cause(s) in the weeks before Lent begins

‘**Day By Day’**

S mall booklets to 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.

**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.

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

**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.

**Healing Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes**:

At Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Uxbridge at 12 noon on Saturday 8th February. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass to those who are sick or infirm. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. A special invitation is extended to the sick/housebound, doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, carers and visitors.

**Landings program ‘Taster Day’**

Information about this initative to assist people who may have drifted from the practice of the Faith is available in the Church porch. An introduction day with take place on 15th February, 10am-2pm at St Mark’s School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ. The organisers are particularly keen that several representatives from Hillingdon Deanery attend – is anyone interested? To book a free place contact: Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk  or  0207 798 9152. Please bring a packed lunch.