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YEAR B

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am,
6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays: One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

Leaves on the Line

It took just 24 hours to plan the retaking of the Falkland Islands and that was a rapid success. This parish has two lines on one telephone number and since Fr Prasad uses his mobile and there is rarely more than one person available in the house to answer calls, and because it costs £10.90 per month for that second line, I decided to cancel it. Numerous emails and conversations (on both lines at once), the involvement of three agencies—*Churchtelecom*, the Diocesan IT Department and *BT*—a visit by an *Openreach* engineer (in the single 30 minute period we asked them not to come in during a 12 hour slot), **and** six months later, we now have no telephone lines at all. Leaves on the line?

Never mind—you can still email us or send a message via *Facebook*. And Marie will be here on Monday, Kathleen will be back from her well-earned break on Tuesday and the usual suspects will be around after Masses at the weekend.

Communication is important and one mode of it was highlighted for me this week. A parishioner's important paperwork went astray in the post on its way to me: yet despite the family being at Mass every week they had no idea of where to find the parish telephone number or my email address. They are not alone. If I had a pound for every time people look at me as if I've grown a second head when I tell them to take the newsletter home for contact details, I could have retired to the countryside long ago and happily be doing supply work in the surrounding parishes without all the administration.

The newsletter is there to provide information for the coming week and if none of it is of interest to you, fair enough. But it may hold things of interest to your family who don't come here and seeing it "lying around", someone might be tempted by a meeting or a pilgrimage on offer. Indeed, some of these are far in the future, like *World Youth Day* next July, and when your grandchildren visit you in the next month or so that could be a moment of evangelisation for them. In addition, this little editorial usually tries to convey a spiritual message and you never know who might be moved, challenged or annoyed enough by it to pick up the 'phone or send an email to one of us listed on the left. So you might leave this in a coffee shop, on the train or at work. Above all, it is there to give you our contact details, especially our regularly updated *Facebook* page.

But since there is little happening this month, I can't resist: "Your next newsletter will arrive on 6 September 2015. We apologise to all customers for the late running of this service." Leaves again, possibly? Have a lovely summer and God bless you all. *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Fr Jim McNulty CSSp, Margaret Lyons-Daley, Robert Clare

Those who have died recently: Maureen Sheehan, Michael Connell

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tess O'Donovan, Tess and Joe Griffin, Stephen Finnerty, Johnny Shaughnessy, Margaret Costello

Those Baptised: Ronan Michael David Redmond, Nadia Tinuola Gowel Ogunkoya, Kaspian Kwiatkowski

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1769.32 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

For all catechists, the Diocese is running a session on *The Spiritual Life of the Catechist* at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Wrentham Avenue, Kensal Rise, NW10 3HT on Saturday 5th September 2014, from 11:00am to 3:00pm (lunch provided). This course aims to explore the catechist's life of prayer – in relation to the Eucharist and Scripture. Please book asap either through Eventbrite (via <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/training/>), by 'phone on 020 7798 9150, or email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 5—9 October 2015. Cost £500, which includes airport transfer and full board at the Agena Hotel, insurance, trips to San Pierre and Bartes. Call John O'Sullivan on 020 8459 0279 or email: osullivan7@virginmedia.com.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, 22 November until 28 November 2015, including all excursions, cost £629. For further information please call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027 301.

Catholics in Hospital. Would the family or next-of-kin kindly update/check with the ward staff the religious status of their loved ones. There have been several patients with no known religion admitted, especially when they came into A&E and no-one was there to provide that information. For Northwick Park/Central Middlesex Hospitals please call the Chaplaincy Office voicemail on 020 8869 2112 and for the contact details of chaplaincies at other hospitals please contact the presbytery.

Parish Newsletter. This will be the last newsletter until the weekend of 4/5 September 2015. Any funeral or other urgent notices will be displayed on three noticeboards: on the corner of Peter Avenue and Harlesden Road (noticed it, yet?), in the Annexe window and in the side porch of the church.

Funeral Notices

The Reception of the late Michael Patrick Connell of Beaconsfield Road and Knightleas Court will take place on Sunday 2 August 2015 at 7:30pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Monday 3 August 2015 at 10:30am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 11:45am.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Maureen Agnes Sheehan of Gowan Road will take place on Tuesday 4 August 2015 at 7:00pm followed by repatriation to Ireland. Family flowers only, please.

May they rest in peace

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord: no-one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Diocesan News

Summer Accommodation in London. Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). For details please visit website at www.allenhall.org.uk, or email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk, or telephone 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

Sing Well and Pray Twice: a summer day of music, prayer and fun with international composer Christopher Walker on Saturday 29 August 2015, 10:00am until 4:00pm. Workshop, celebration of Mass and lunch. Individual and group bookings welcome. No charge but donations welcomed to the Parish Regeneration Project, St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 55 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8AU. Advance booking is required. Please call 020 8748 3788 or visit staugustineshammersmith.eventbrite.co.uk.

'Deepening Our Awareness of God Within Us' (9 month course) takes place at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. This is a very successful course, which has been running for the past eleven years. It offers experiences of different ways of praying, reflecting and listening, so as to foster the connection between life and prayer. It is an opportunity to discover and develop our understanding of the spirituality taught by St Ignatius of Loyola, that of 'Finding God in all Things' and it is experiential – you can only experience Ignatian Spirituality, you cannot be taught it. The 2015—16 course runs Wednesday daytime, 23 September 2015 until 6th July 2016 from 11:00am to 1:00pm or Thursday evening, 24 September 2015 until 7 July 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You can download an application form from <http://www.msjc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ApplicationForm2015-16v4.doc> or telephone 020 7495 1673 and we shall post you one.

Westminster Youth Ministry. Want to know more about performing arts and have some fun along the way? Then why not join Westminster Youth Ministry and *Gen Verde* at their Performing Arts Weekend 16 to 18 October 2015. A full programme is planned for those aged 14 to 25, cost is £80 for over 18s (waged) and £60 for students and includes all food and accommodation. For details email: dowym.com or call 020 7387 1971.

Fifth Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Booking forms are available for the fifth Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 3—11 November 2015. Price £1,495.00 per person sharing; £275.00 single supplement. Full board. For further details please contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173 or email: geraldaly@rcdow.org.uk.

Westminster Youth Ministry are leading a pilgrimage for youths 16 years and over to *World Youth Day* in 2016, visiting both Lodz for *Days in the Diocese*, and Krakow for *World Youth Day*. The pilgrimage runs from 18 July until 31 July 2016 and is priced at £750, inclusive of all accommodation, travel, *World Youth Day* fees and food. There is an option for those over 18 to join the pilgrimage for the *World Youth Day* week only. For more information email: youth@rcdow.org.uk, or visit the website at dowym.com or telephone 020 7387 1971. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.