MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th January – Sunday 5th February 2017

Sunday 29th January:	9.30am	Huzior Family Intention
Fourth Sunday	11.00am	Aleksejus Rukevicius (Dalia & family)
(p.130)	6.30pm	Maria Furness
Monday 30th January:	9:30am	John Morrissey RIP (Howell Family)
Tuesday 31st January: (St. John Bosco)	9.30am	Louis Schembri and Josephine Edwards (Private Int)
Wednesday 1st February:	9.30am	Rupert Harris (Suzy Harris)
Thursday 2nd February: **The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**	7.00pm	Needs of the Church
Friday 3rd February: (St. Blaise)	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Canon Charles Walker RIP Eucharistic Adoration Latin Mass (Private Int: Fr Richards)
Saturday 4th February: (Our Lady)	9.30am	Well-being of Mark Deacon (T. Deacon)
Sunday 5th February:	9.30am	Pro Populo
Fifth Sunday	11.00am	Michael Calvey RIP (A. Law)
(p.133)	6.30pm	Kathleen Murray RIP (Howell family)

Parishioners and Friends who are sick:
Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Teresa May Donnellan, Veronica McCaffery, Sarah Wilkins, Kevin Best, Jamie Gilmour, Bridget Carr, Pauline Carr, Maureen Carr, Catherine Martin, Richard Bannon, Liliana Rodrigues de Reid, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Teri Frank, Sabina Marshall, Manuel Campello, Pauline Goggins, Mabel and Terry Cooney, Bridget Mole, John Harwood-Stevenson, William McGregor, Rachel Cunningham, Margaret Rayner, Peter Brigdale and Pam Raggett.

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Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Confessions (Reconciliation):
Saturdays 10am-10.30am
& 5pm-5:30pm

Candlemas and St Blaise's Day

This week sees the Feast of Candlemas, which falls on 2nd February. Candlemas is the fortieth day after Christmas, and traditionally marked the end of the Christmas season – it commemorates the day when the infant Christ was taken to the Temple by Our Lady and St Joseph, there to be 'presented' to the Lord. While they were in the Temple, the Holy Family met the old man Simeon, who prophesied that this little child would one day become 'a light to enlighten the gentiles'. These words led to the custom of blessing candles on this feast day, and to the name 'Candlemas'. The following day, 3rd February, is the Feast of St Blaise, an Armenian bishop who is said once to have saved a boy who was choking on a fish bone, by blessing him with the Sign of the Cross. For this reason, throats are blessed on St Blaise's Day, using two candles fastened together in the form of a cross. We have 2 Masses on St Blaise's day – the 9.30 am morning Mass and 7.00 pm Latin Mass. The blessing of throats will be offered at both.

Parish & Local News

Parish Finances: 22nd January 2017
Offertory: £807.55

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 29th January:	**Group 2**	"Zacchaeus climbs a tree"
Sunday 5th February:	**Group 3**	"Fishers of Men"

Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 29th January:	9.30 & 11am masses: ***Team 1***
	6.30pm Mass: ***Team 2***
Sunday 5th February:	9.30 & 11am masses: ***Team 2***
	6.30pm Mass: ***Team 3***

Cleaners rota:

Monday 30th Jan:	Team 2	Saturday 11th Feb:	Team 3

A note for all Altar Servers

Would our altar servers please note a small change to our usual routine: from now on the server who rings the SILVER BELL will also be responsible for bringing the chalices to the altar at the Offertory, and replacing them on the Credence Table after Holy Communion (once they have been purified). Ask Fr Richard if you are unsure! We will introduce this change over the next few weeks, starting this Sunday.

Flower arrangers
We are now drawing up a new flower arrangers' rota for 2017. We would like some new volunteers - please contact the parish office (or speak to Fr Richard) if you could help. Gemma Curtin (who draws up the rota) will be contacting those who have previously volunteered - please let her know if you can no longer help.

APF – Missio Red Boxes
Empty, counted boxes are at the back of church to collect today – they will remain for 3 weeks. There is also some literature on the work of Missio. If you would like a red box, to support the missions, please contact Andrew Law on 07769 119487

The parish of St Mary Magdalen – 165 years old
In 2017, our parish will celebrate its 165th anniversary. At this time, we are trying to gather some historical material, to complement the excellent parish history Margaret Rayner wrote for our 150th anniversary. Perhaps you can help. Do you have any memories of former parish priests – Canon Gibney (or even Canon Burt?) – Fr Nolan – Fr Leahy – Fr McCormack? Do you have any memories of the Parish Band (did it survive World War II?), or the Youth Club? We would also be interested in seeing any old photos, either of the church or school – especially pre-war, 1950s and '60s (all would be returned). If you think you could help, contact the Parish Office or just speak to Fr Richard.

Music class for pre-schoolers
I have been part of the parish at St Mary Magdalene's for over ten years and actively involved in planning the Children's Liturgy classes. I now run a music class for pre-schoolers (details below). Come along and join in.
Colourstrings music class for 3-4 year olds (based on Kodaly principles). Singing, dance, movement, instruments, teddy bears, lots of fun! Mondays at 2pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall. First class free then £10 for drop in or £90 a term. Find out more at http://music-maestros.co.uk/course-dates-2017 or Email Tesia Harrison at: info@music-maestros.co.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March
'Praying for the Philippines' - 11.30 at St Osmund's Church, Castelnau, Barnes - All are welcome.

FiSH Sunday
Come and join us at St Mary's Church Barnes on Sunday February 5th at 3pm to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of FiSH Neighbourhood Care.
There will be contributions from FiSH members, the FiSH Choir, staff, trustees and the Revd. Richard Sewell followed, of course, by tea and cake! If you need further information or help with transport, please call Linda on 8876 3336.

London Evenings of Faith- February & March 2017
All are welcome to a series of talks on 'Reasons for believing' which will take place at 7:30pm on alternate Tuesdays from 7th February 2017 (subsequent talks are on Tuesday 21st February, 7th March & 21st March). Talks are held in the basement of 24 Golden Square, London W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly Circus). Full dates and details are available at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith.

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