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Keeping Up with the Jones's

Just to prove that I do check the suggestion box from time to time, I'd like to thank the people who put in the "We need You" leaflet from St George's in Sudbury and the parish guide from our namesake in Perivale.

Of course, we have *Endeavour* and parishioners contribute to that regularly. However, it might be nice to have a colour magazine that is a rough guide to our parish which we could give to people when they first arrive here. The back page of our current periodical lists all the different parish organisations membership of which allows parishioners to leave out their Baptismal vocation in a variety of ways. Perhaps this could form the basis for a little article on what, where and when these groups do.

Such an editorial feat is way beyond me, but perhaps there is someone out there who would be willing to make this their vocation? There would be no deadline or anything like that so whoever steps up to the plate could do it at their leisure.

And while I've got my begging bowl out, is there anyone who would be willing to teach a priest conversational Italian? He would also like to be able to say Mass in Italian so if anyone has an Italian Missal that would be very useful. *Grazie tante...* I think. Perhaps I need lessons too!
Fr Kevin

Priest's Reference Forms Fr. Kevin is setting aside various dates in January to sign reference forms for both primary school and college. Please phone Mary in the Parish Office (8429 5681) 9am - 1pm, Monday - Friday to make an appointment. If the school to which you are applying takes up its own reference, you will still need to make an appointment to see Fr. Kevin.

Sick - Siva Dilba, Chris Fernando, Peter Flaherty, Mary Riordan, Heather Kneipp, Sam Ryan, Robin West, Michael Kunicki, Grace O'Shea, John Hodgson, Pauline Thornton, Con O'Donoghue, Elmo Joseph, Linda Sherwin, Christy Dalton, Joseph Pragasam, Christopher & Katherine Browne, Mary Brampton, Jennifer & Tony Roch, Frank Moran, Rifit Chukta, Michael Kelly, Clive Johnson, Brendon Lynch, Noel Johns, Canon Pat Davies, Irene Blackburn, Jonathan Foster, Thelma Camberbatch, Aarti Taylor, Janet Kaiser, Neville Higgins, Betty George, Carl Jurgenson, Doris Peskett, Anne O'Connor, Patricia Brosnan, (baby) Isabel Murphy, Ren Colantoni, Maureen Nolan, Bo Claeson, Michael Byrne, Aurora Fernandes, Michael Savage, Frank Benad, Julie Phelan, Maureen Pillar, Richard Cobb,

Christine Kilker, Margaret Caden, Nancy Rowland
Recently Deceased - Greta Walker, Denis O'Shea, Theresa Fallon

Anniversaries - Daniel O'Sullivan, Bill Kennedy, John & Mary Grogan, Frances Rowlands, James Fogarty, Gladys Bennett, Anna Chenley, James Murray, Marie Bayross, Elsie Yim, Nora Duffy, Myra Mahendra, Susan Gibbs, John Murphy, John Slavin, George Rolt, Marguerite Dalgiesh, Ian Scott, Graham Cooke, Freda Glynn, John McGovern, Ron Press, Ellen Deely, Nora Mackie.

Mass Times
Sunday 6pm (Saturday) 8.30, 10.00, 11.30am
Monday 10am - Feria
Tuesday 10am - Feria
Wednesday 10am - Feria
Thursday 7.30pm - Feria
Friday 10am - Feria
Saturday 9.30am - St. Anthony, Abbot
Exposition & Benediction - Saturday 10 - 10.30am
Confessions Saturday 10 - 10.30am 5.15 - 5.45pm

Icon of St. Paul From 31st January - 6th February our parish will be hosting the diocesan Icon of St. Paul during the current leg of its year-long journey around the diocese. In order to celebrate the Year of St. Paul and the presence of the Icon in our parish we will be having prayer after weekday Mass before the Icon. All are welcome to attend.

White Flower Appeal - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are holding its annual White Flower appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of concerns. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion, embryo research and unethical fertility techniques, and in recent years it has helped fight euthanasia too. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers a number of pro-life support services, including those for teachers, parents and medical professionals. SPUC needs your support more than ever to help those struggling as a result of anti-life laws and policies in their daily lives. Please give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in North Harrow extend an invitation to all members of all the CTinNH Churches to meet friends from local churches for prayer and friendship in this centenary year of Prayer for Christian Unity. A half-hour of prayer, readings and reflection is followed by a light sandwich lunch or, in the evening, tea/coffee and biscuits:

Monday, 19th January 12 noon - St. John Fisher Church.

Tuesday, 20th January 12 noon - North Harrow Methodist Church.

Wednesday, 21st January 12 noon - Rayners Lane Baptist Church.

Thursday, 22nd January 12 noon - St. George's Church.

Friday, 23rd January 12 noon - Elmfield Church.

Saturday, 24th January 12 noon - St. Alban's Church.

Welcome to our Parish If you are new to the parish, or have been away for some time, welcome to our community! Please introduce yourselves to Fr Kevin or Kay after Mass and they will give you a parish registration form.

Mass Intentions It would be helpful if parishioners could give at least one month's notice if they would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention.

Are you going into hospital? If you are admitted to hospital, or know someone in hospital, it would be appreciated if you could inform one of the Parish Team. If you, or a relative/friend, are admitted to Northwick Park Hospital, please ask for the RC Chaplain and phone the Hospital Chaplaincy giving the name and ward of the patient 8869 2112.

Daily Reflection Leaflets of today's Gospel are in the Church porch.

Westminster Year Book is available at the back of the church, price £4 - please put money in Papers box.

Children's Liturgy New rotas are available in the Church porch. Please collect your relevant rota this weekend.

School Admissions - St. John Fisher First & Middle School To parents of children born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005 due to start school in September 2009. Application forms can be collected from the School office.

Me...a priest? Have you ever considered becoming a priest? Serious about applying or simply toying with the idea? Have questions to ask and want to find out more? If so, you're welcome to come to St. Paul the Apostle Church, Bradley Road, Wood Green, N22 for a cup of tea, a tour of the Church and some prayer. There will be a chance to meet others considering the possibility of priesthood, as well as two or three priests, who will talk a little about their own experience of priesthood, and about what is involved in becoming a priest, on Tuesday, 3rd February 7.30 - 9pm. If this is your first time coming to one of these evenings, please

contact one of the following priests so we have an idea of numbers:

Fr. John or Canon Michael (St. Paul's) 8888 2390

Fr. Philip (St. Monica's, Palmers Green) 8886 9568

Fr. Chris (Vocations Director) 7798 9083 www.rcdow.org.uk/vocations

Bethany Support Group - Our next meeting will be on Monday, 12th January at 8pm in the Sacristy Room. This will be our 'belated' Christmas party - please bring a small plate of food to share - drinks will be provided.

Mother & Toddler Group - resumes meeting on Tuesday, 13th January at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

Parish Women's Group - Thursday, 15th January 8pm - Sports and Social Evening. Whether you are good at sports or simply enjoy a game of table tennis, badminton, or perhaps simply want to chat and socialise, you are welcome to come along. Come in trainers if you want to be participate. Bring something to drink and a small light refreshment to share.

The Parish Women's Group, which meets usually on the third Thursday of the month, is open to women of **all** ages. All are welcome to come and enjoy the friendly, informal atmosphere and if you are new to the parish, it is a very good opportunity to meet and make new friends.

Our meeting on the 19th February will be a book club, discussing '*People of the Book*' by Geraldine Brooks, published in paperback by Harper Perennial in October 2008.

For more information please phone Barbara (8866 6665) or Elspeth (8863 1865)

Parish Coffee Morning Next weekend the parish coffee morning will be held after both the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Please come along and enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea or chocolate (Traidcraft products), cakes and biscuits. There is also a small selection of cold drinks and crisps. Meet up with friends for a chat, relax and enjoy some free time on a Sunday morning. We hope to attract more families at the new earlier session. We also hold a raffle - you could win a bottle of wine, chocolates or other prizes. All profits go to charity.

St. John Fisher Social Club Membership can be renewed after all Masses on weekend 24th/25th January. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, 1st February at 8pm in the Small Hall.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Ban-neux Thursday, 15th January at 7.15pm in St. Joseph's, Harrow Weald. Refreshments will be served after Mass - all welcome.

Quiet Mornings at the Grail Centre Thursdays 26th February, 26th March, 30th April, 28th May, 25th June 10am - 12 noon, cost £5. For more information phone 8866 2195 or email bookings@grailsociety.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 8th-13th

May staying at the Alba Hotel. Cost £460 full inclusive. More details from John O'Sullivan 8459 0279

CAFOD is looking for volunteers to inspire children and young people to explore global justice issues, their faith and how they can act to make the world a fairer place. We urgently need volunteers to give presentations and lead workshops either in schools or in parish Confirmation groups in the Westminster Diocese. If you are passionate about social justice and enjoy public speaking and working with young people, please contact CAFOD Westminster for an application form and to book a place on our 31st January Understanding CAFOD induction day by calling 8449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk. Full training given.

Westminster Cathedral Organ Scholarship Applications are invited for this post-graduate scholarship which will become vacant on 1st September 2009. Full details from Aoife Daly, Music Administrator, Clergy House. 7798 9057

email aoifedaly@rcdow.org.uk. Closing date Friday, 23rd January (auditions on Tuesday, 3rd February)

Pilgrims Progress January edition of Pilgrims Progress is available in the Church porch and gives details of forthcoming events, including Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Lent talks.

Forthcoming Social Events

St. John Fisher Family Bingo Evening Friday, 30th January in the Parish Hall 7.30pm for 8pm sharp. Admission £2 per person or £4 per family to include first card. All welcome. Contact Steve 8863 1737 or Eric 8861 6458.