

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Reading: The words, 'Did God really say...?' have been called the 'theology of the serpent.' The voice of temptation instils doubt about the reality, the goodness and the care of God. When we heed that voice, it is almost inevitable that we will wonder in search of a replacement for the God in whom we have surrendered confidence.

The Second Reading: St Paul presents Christ as the New Adam, the one who, by obeying God's word perfectly, brings life rather than death.

The Gospel: Satan is at it again, instilling doubt about what God has really said. Just before this reading, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, God has said of him: 'This is my beloved Son.' Now, the tempter says if: 'if you are the Son of God...'

BAPTISM: The **March** classes will be on Tuesday 3rd & 10th in the Parish Office, No5 Berrymead Gardens, at 7pm. The welcoming Ceremony on Sunday 15th, and the Baptisms on Sunday 29th at 1.15pm.

There will be no Baptism preparation classes in **April** due to Holy Week. If you would like an April Baptism you will need to attend the March preparation classes.

Please register your attendance with the office.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by CAFOD's founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

The second collection will be on Sunday 8th March, envelopes are available at that back of the Church.

CAFOD SOUP KITCHEN ST. AIDAN'S EAST ACTON: The pop up soup kitchen in aid of COFAD will be open in St. Aidan's church East Acton on Saturday 7th of March from 10:30 am until the soup runs out usually around 1.30pm. The kitchen services a simple lunch of homemade and hearty soup and all donations go to CAFOD.

ST JAMES'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Twickenham. An inspiring and energetic Headteacher is needed from Sept 2020 to guide this outstanding three-form entry school into the next chapter of its history and to provide a strategic focus on our faith and teaching and learning. Please see the school website for details and how to apply <http://www.st-james.richmond.sch.uk/>

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL runs throughout Lent. Please take a donation envelope from the back of Church as you leave Mass today. Envelopes can be handed in with the Sunday collection. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities focussing on: 'Marriage and Family Life', 'Youth and Evangelisation' & 'The Church's Service in Society'.

CTBI LENT COURSE 2020 Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have produced a Lent course called "Opening the Scriptures" which fits well with our *God Who Speaks* Campaign. For more information please visit: <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent>

JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

4th March: Community Sponsorship of Refugees Community Practice - 6-8.30pm. Hosted by Caritas Westminster. An opportunity to find out more, hear inspirational stories and how groups overcame difficulties, such as finding properties, befrienders, fundraising, or family reunion. Free, but please register www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-sponsorship-community-of-practice-tickets-8686554211

14th March: Social Justice and Peace Forum - 10.30am-12.30pm, with Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan. Focus on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. Speakers from Caritas Westminster. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS COURSE: If you feel you may be called to the serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or you would like to know more about this ministry and what is involved, we may like to attend the next course of Saturday 7th of March after the 10am mass in the parish hall. It will finish at 2pm. Please let one of the priests or the office know if you wish to attend. Bring a backed lunch on the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be held every Friday during Lent, at 3pm. All are welcome.

SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS: All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

WALK IN CLINIC: A qualified therapist will help ease your pain every Friday 9 – 12pm at No.3 Berrymead Gardens. Free of charge.

TEA AND COFFEE: Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 9am and 10.30am Masses.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: Double room needed for a quiet Catholic couple in their 30s, both Filipino nurses. References available. Please reply to: gormallym@gmail.com