

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The First Reading: The Prophet Malachi wanted worship to be worthy of God, present in his Temple. This would call for purification and refinement, much in the way that precious metals are smelted so that any undesired content is eliminated. In a similar way, the infant Jesus, present in the Temple, will grow up to call people to conversion of life.

The Second Reading: The Letter to the Hebrews underlines the humanity of Jesus, in order to emphasize his compassion – he understands our human nature from the inside. As the high priest who atones for sin, Jesus is also the sacrifice, the altar and the Temple.

The Gospel: From the helpless infant being carried to and from the Temple, to the child growing in maturity and wisdom, Jesus shares fully in our human condition.

BAPTISM: The **February** classes will be on Tuesday 4th & 11th in the Parish Office, No5 Berrymead Gardens, at 7pm. The welcoming ceremony on Sunday 16th, and the Baptisms on Sunday 23rd at 1.15pm.

Please register your attendance with the office in advance.

CONFIRMATION: This weekend the confirmation candidates are making their retreat at the Westminster youth retreat centre in Pinner west London. Please keep the 40 young people from our parish in your prayers not only during their retreat but throughout their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Next weekend Sunday, 9th February, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice. The theme of this year is '*You are at the heart of the Church*' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church.

Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church.

The aim of this Racial Justice Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

To support the church in its work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken next weekend. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference. Thank you.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a regular flower arranger in church, please contact Andrea through the parish office, or email her on andreapereira60@hotmail.com

Andrea will be running a five-week basic flower arranging course in the very near future.

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

LANDINGS 'TASTER DAY' on 15th February, 10am-2pm at St Mark's School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ. Designed especially for parish teams, and all those who are interested in helping non-active Catholics return to the Church, the **Landings 'Taster Day'** will introduce you to *Landings*, and show how *Landings* Programmes can be effective in bringing Catholics back to an active Faith and participation in parish life.

RELIGIOUS FILM SCREENING: On Sunday 16th February, after the 12 o'clock Mass, there will be a screening of a film about the friendship between Pope Francis and Pope Benedict. The screening will take place in the Church Hall. Tea and sandwiches will be available. All are welcome to attend. Any donations will go to the Medical Mission Sisters' work in Sulawesi, an island in Indonesia.

YEAR OF THE WORD, Talks & Upcoming Events:

The Nature of Mission in the Church of Pope Francis – 'A mission to all peoples' by Fr Paul Rout OFM on 6th February, 7.00-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5 per lecture. Registration is required: email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078

Exploring Old Testament Treasures – 'Finding Christ in the Old Testament' by Fr John Hemer MHM on 5th February, 7pm at Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort St, Chelsea, London SW3 5AA. Refreshments will be served at 7pm, followed by the lecture in the Chapel at 7.30pm, and Night Prayer at 8.45 pm. Donations welcome. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

LEARN FROM ME – Distance-Learning Certificate Courses for all involved in Parish Ministry or who desire to go deeper into their faith and understanding. The courses on offer include Certificates in: Parish Ministry and Mission, Catechesis and Catechesis on Marriage and Family.

All courses begin in March 2020. To register and for more information, please contact Anna Dupelycz at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207798 9026.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: 4th May. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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