

# SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019

## EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The First Reading** – Each of us is called to live an upright life. A key self-assessment is the quality and kindness of our speech. A great deal can be judged from how we habitually speak about others.

**The Second Reading** – To be a Christian is to be victorious – even over death. There are many skirmishes along the way, but we press on bravely, sure of God's help in Christ.

**The Gospel** – The twin foundations of hypocrisy, as Jesus presents it in this Gospel reading, are judging others more harshly than we judge ourselves, and presenting a virtuous face to the world while being wicked to indifferent on the inside.

**BAPTISM:** The preparation classes for March will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> in No.3 Berrymead Gardens, at 7:30pm. The welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, with the Baptisms taking place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm.

**CONFIRMATION GROUPS:** On Saturday 2 March the confirmation candidates from both parishes will be attending the Flame youth conference in Wembley. Please keep them in your prayers.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is a very special time of preparation for Easter. It is an opportunity to improve those areas in our lives that need improvement, to change the things that need changing.

**FR PEARCE'S ARRIVAL:** Fr Pearce is arriving on Tuesday so many of you will have an opportunity to meet him on Ash Wednesday.

**STAGES OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stages of The Cross at 3pm every Friday during Lent.

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** Please do not bring flowers to the church during Lent.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Thank you to the people who served the teas and gave food and donations for Fr Ultan's departure on Saturday & Sunday.

**MISSIO TODAY LEAFLET:** The leaflet Missio Today is available at the back of the church. It comes from the organization Missio, which seeks to support missions all over the world. Please help yourself to a copy and find out more about their great work.

**CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE/ LENT:** Caritas has a service to support and develop volunteering in the diocese. The aim is to make volunteering as easy as possible for everyone. Please visit the website [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer) where you can find a role for you. Alternatively contact us directly by emailing [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk) or by telephone 0207 798 9063 or 077 3818 3833.

**ONLINE PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Due to the General Data Protection Regulations we can no longer publish the names from the sick list online. Therefore we will only put the notice side of the newsletter online in the future. This

only affects the digital version of the newsletter available on our website, not the paper version.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM:** You are invited by Bishops Hudson and McAleenan to the Inaugural meeting of the Social Justice and Peace Forum Of the Diocese of Westminster to join us in discussing how the Westminster diocese can best contribute to Energising Young People for Justice & Peace. Are you a young person? Do you work with young people? Do you believe young people care deeply about justice and peace and want to get actively involved in putting their faith into practice? If so, this event is for you! Taking place in parish hall of Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, London W8 6AF On Saturday 16 March 2019, 10.30-1.30pm Bring a shared lunch!

**WESTMINSTER JUSTICE AND PEACE COORDINATOR:** Westminster Justice and Peace are seeking a person who is self-motivated, with experience of campaigning and administration and a deep commitment to the gospel values of justice and peace. The closing date for applications is March 15th. Full details can be found on the diocesan website following this link: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/justice-and-peace-co-ordinator/>

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** There is a healing weekend for men and woman who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please be aware that mass intentions may be moved to a different day in the event of a funeral.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FAITH SHARING GROUP:** A small group of parishioners meet every other Tuesday at 7:30pm, in 3 Berrymead Gardens, for bible study and faith sharing. All are welcome. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you!! For more information please contact Teresa at [teresachu1@yahoo.com](mailto:teresachu1@yahoo.com).

**JOB VACANCIES IN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE:** the Diocese has a number of job opportunities, if you are interested please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> for more information. New vacancies will continue to be added to the website as and when they arise, so please check the website regularly for updates.

**RCIA:** Join us at number 5 Berrymead Gardens if you wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7pm. Please contact the parish office or Deacon Tito at [titopereira@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:titopereira@rcdow.org.uk) for further information.

**WALK IN CLINIC:** Any aches, pains or strains in your joints or muscles? Then come along to No.3 Berrymead Gardens every Friday 9.00 – 12.00pm. Qualified therapist can help ease your pain. Free of charge. Donations welcome.

**TEA AND COFFEE:** There will be tea and coffee in the hall after 9.00am and 10.30 masses every Sunday morning.