

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Reading – The Lord made a path to freedom for his people, through the waters. As the followers of Jesus, our path to freedom is through the waters of baptism.

The Second Reading – Life, for St Paul, is like an athletic contest in which the prize is Christ himself.

The Gospel – When all have departed, there are just two things left: the sinner's misery and the Lord's mercy.

BAPTISM: The second April preparation class will be on Tuesday 9th in No.3 Berrymead Gardens, at 7:30pm. The welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 7th, with the Baptisms taking place on Sunday 28th at 1.15pm.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2019/20: The offertory envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church after the weekend masses of 6/7 April and 13/14 April. Due to New Data Protection Legislation we cannot leave the boxes out unattended. Any boxes not collected by the 14th April will be stored securely thereafter and can be collected from the parish office.

RCIA SCRUTINIES: During the 10.30 mass on Sunday 7th April we will be celebrating the Third Scrutiny with 2 RCIA candidates who are preparing for baptism. Please keep them in your prayers.

HOLY THURSDAY: Volunteers are needed for the washing of the feet. Please tell the priests or notify the office if you would like to take part.

HOLY SATURDAY: If anyone is willing to do teas/coffee after mass please let us know. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We desperately need people who can generously give 1 hour of their time each week to help clean the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL envelopes are available at the back of the church.

MINSTERS OF THE WORD / READERS:

If you are currently a Minister of the Word at church or would like to become one please attend a meeting in the church following the 12.00 mass on Sunday 28th April. If you have any questions or would like to know more contact Andrew Bull almbull@yahoo.co.uk

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP: there is a weekly prayer group that meets every Friday after the 7pm Mass. You are more than welcome to attend

CARDINAL WISEMAN SCHOOL JOB VACANCIES: Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Ealing, are advertising vacancies:

Assessment Administrator: £21,764 - £22,955 / Term time only with some additional days (paid separately)

School Finance and Office Manager: £39,915 - £14,847 / Full time

Full details available on the school website:

www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk

EASTER MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Music rehearsal for the Good Friday Liturgy will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 16th April.

Music rehearsal for the Easter Vigil will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 17th April.

Contact Anthony Bull: amjbull@yahoo.com for further information.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL is appealing to parents of Year 5 Catholic girls who may be considering applying to take the entrance tests in September 2019. St. Michael's is expanding by an extra 32 places. Priority is going to be given to girls who are 'Pupil Premium'. This means girls who are having, or have had, free school meals because of low income or could be eligible to apply for free school meals. If you think your daughter could be in this category and you would like to find out more about the school and how to apply, the school invites you to attend on Tuesday 14th May at 7pm in the school Hall. *This is a specific evening targeted at support only for families in this category.* There is an Open Afternoon and Evening for all parents on June 27th at 3.30pm and 7pm.

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR MOZAMBIQUE: Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our coffee mornings to raise funds for Mozambique. So far we have risen upwards of £1,200. Further donations are welcome.

HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE: The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) has asked that we make you aware of a historic document signed between Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad AlTayyib in Abu-Dhabi on 4th February 2019. Please follow the link below to the Vatican website and read more about it. w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/travels/2019/outside/documents/papa-francesco_20190204_documento-fratellanza-umana.html

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: A YEAR OF THE WORD:

The Bishops' Conference is conducting a short survey about how Catholics see and use the Bible. They would like as many people as possible to complete the survey so that they have a snapshot of the current situation. They will repeat the survey at the end of 2020 and compare the results. If you would like to take part in the survey please visit the website: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDJBN5Y Thank you.

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

NO CHURCH FLOWERS during lent. Thank you.

RCIA: Join us at No. 5 Berrymead Gardens if you wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7pm.

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

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

THANK YOU: Kathy Byrne and family would like to thank the Priests and the lovely people of Our Lady of Lourdes for their cards, masses, prayers, and kindness before and after the death of Michelle RIP