

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The First Reading: The prophet Isaiah is at pains to make it clear that what pleases God is not fine worship in isolation from life, but worship that is accompanied by a life of justice and integrity, a life that sees and responds to the needs of others.

The Second Reading: In holding a question mark over the usefulness of philosophy, St Paul is not decrying attempts to explain the faith or refine our understanding. Rather, he is insisting that faith itself is pure gift, and not the product of human ingenuity.

The Gospel: In calling his disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world, Jesus is not promoting vanity or attention-seeking, but telling us that an authentic life of faith will impact on others, will be noticed, will make a difference, there is no such thing as a purely personal, private, hidden faith.

BAPTISM: The next **February** classes will be on Tuesday 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.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: This weekend 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 this weekend. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING: A reminder that there are First Communion parents' meetings on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you at one of these two meetings.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: Anointing of the sick will take place at Mass on Tuesday at 10am. There will be tea and coffee available in the Hall after Mass

On Tuesday we will also be hosting the Ealing Deanery for their monthly meeting.

SENIORS HIGH TEA: will be hosting a Traditional High Tea social event for the elderly residence of Acton. All are welcome to attend, it promises to be a fun afternoon with music and dancing. On Wednesday 12 February, 12pm - 3pm, at St Mary's Church Hall 1, The Mount, Acton High Street, Acton, W3 9NW.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CATHOLIC UNION'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY A Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Wednesday 19 February at 6pm at Farm St Church. All welcome. Followed by a Reception. Please register for the Reception on Eventbrite or on 020 8749 1321.

YOUNG ADULT MASS: Westminster Youth Ministry is hosting a Young Adult Mass on Thursday 20 February at 6:30pm, in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

THIEVES OPERATING IN THE AREA: A reminder to all parishioners to not leave their bags unattended in church. Please keep your valuables secure as we have had pickpockets working in the area and in the Church.

LONDON 40 DAYS OF LIFE: Come and find out about 40 Days for Life in London, enjoy a buffet and watch Abby Johnson's remarkable story in the film *Unplanned* (Rated 15). Sunday 16th February, 6pm, at the Polish Church Hall. W5 5PD. No need to book, donation only, just come along. For more information, please call Sarah on 07776 256838.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS FILM SCREENING: On Sunday 16th February, at 1pm, 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.

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.