

# SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**The First Reading** – Moses wants the Chosen People to be able to describe what God has done for them. We can be strong in our faith only when we have a sense that God has blessed us.

**The Second Reading** – To be a person of faith is to recognize that Jesus is Lord; but not only that: that recognition must be heartfelt – and what is heartfelt cannot but bear fruit in our lives.

**The Gospel** – Jesus was tempted – the Gospel is not pretending or exaggerating. Jesus had to stand his ground in the face of real, concrete temptation. It is to him we should run whenever we experience temptation.

**BAPTISM:** The second preparation class will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> in No.3, at 7:30pm. The welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, with the Baptisms on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at 1.15pm.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Cleaners are needed for the church hall. We desperately need people who can generously give 1 hour of their time to help with this important work. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer.

**CONFIRMATION SPONSORED WALK:** Our Confirmation group are taking part in a sponsored walk to Westminster Cathedral on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March to raise money for Acton Homeless Concern. To help support one of the candidates and make a donation please visit [www.justgiving.com/teams/OLOLConfirmation2019](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/OLOLConfirmation2019).

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday. Please continue to pray for them.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and prayer cards from the church this week and give whatever you can. This Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world who don't have enough to eat. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. The collection will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Come and enjoy a Gaelic Coffee morning after 9.00 a.m. mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Again we ask for your generous help in providing donations and gifts for our raffle, cakes for our cake stall, bric a brac plus unwanted presents. Tea and coffee also provided and all gifts can be handed into parish office. Proceeds go to ssc mission

**PROCLAIM SPRING GATHERING:** You are invited to hear talks and join in discussions about practical ways to enrich and grow parishes, and how best to reach out to others through evangelisation. The events are free to attend and run from 9.30am – 3pm, they are open to all. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. To register please call on 0207 798 9152 or e-mail Warren Brown at [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) Takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ

**CATENIAN BURSARY FUND:** *We're here to help you help others.* Every year the Fund supports young Catholics from all over the world who volunteer to do something wonderful and help those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is on an individual project or with others – or even if you are planning to travel to Lourdes or on the Jumbulance to help an assisted pilgrim - we would like to help you to achieve your aims. For more information please help yourself to a leaflet found at the back of the church, or visit our website [www.catenianbursary.com](http://www.catenianbursary.com)

**VOLUNTEER AS A SCOUT LEADER:** The 2nd Acton (Our Lady of Lourdes) Scout Group is urgently looking for new Leaders to help run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group has been in existence for over 100 years, but due to a lack of volunteers is now facing the prospect of closure at Easter if new people don't come forward. No experience is necessary as training is provided. All you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to commit on a weekly basis during term time. Over the years, the 2nd Acton Group has provided an opportunity for hundreds of Acton children to meet and make friends with boys and girls from different local schools whilst learning useful life skills. If you can help please contact Finella Fentiman, Group Scout Leader, on 01784 252799. Many Thanks.

**CARDINAL LENTEN APPEAL:** Donation envelopes will be available at back of the church for those who wish to support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. The envelopes can be returned the following weekend. Many thanks.

**CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** aims to support and develop volunteering in the diocese to make volunteering as easy as possible for everyone. Visit our website [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer) where you can find a role for you. Or email us at [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk) or call on 077 3818 3833. Please see the posters and leaflets at the back of the Church for more information.

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

**NO CHURCH FLOWERS** during lent Thank you.

**ENERGISING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR JUSTICE & PEACE:** You are invited to join in discussing how the diocese can best contribute to Energising Young People. Saturday 16 March, 10.30-1.30pm, in the parish hall of Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6AF. For more information see the poster at the back of the church.

**JOBS IN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE:** there are a number of job in the diocese, if you are interested please visit our website [jobs.rcdow.org.uk/](http://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/) for more information.

**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.