

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2019
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" And for the third time he spoke to them, "Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go."

But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they sized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus.

BAPTISM: The April Baptisms will take place on Sunday 28th at 1.15pm. The May preparation class will be on Tuesday 7th & 14th in No.3 Berrymead Gardens, at 7:30pm. The welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 12th, with the Baptism taking place on Sunday 26th at 1.15pm.

EASTER VIGIL AND RCIA: Please do keep in your prayers those adults who are preparing to be baptized, receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation at our Easter Vigil on 20th April beginning at 8.30pm. This will be a very special ceremony and we thank all involved in the RCIA process for their support and dedication. Should you know anyone wishing to be a Catholic, please do refer them to our RCIA programme.

EASTER VIGIL TEA & COFFEE: There will be tea and coffee served in the Church Hall after the Easter Vigil mass to welcome the new member of our community. Do come in and say hello.

HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM: There is a leaflet available at the back of the church with the timetable of church services for Holy Week and the Triduum. Please do take a copy home with.

EAST ACTON RECONCILIATION SERVICE: The time of St Aidan of Lindisfarne's Reconciliation service is **7pm** on Tuesday 16th April, not 7.30pm as previously stated

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED over the Easter bank holiday weekend, Friday 19th – Monday 22nd. The Office will open again on Tuesday 23rd April.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) SERVICE At Our Lady of Lourdes is on Monday 15th April at 7.30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY: Day of fast and abstinence. There will be a collection for the Holy Places.

MARCH FOR CHRIST: Good Friday 19th April. Assemble at Acton Park Entrance at 10.00am.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2019/20: The offertory envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church after the weekend masses of 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.

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

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.

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.

RCIA: will resume on Thursday 8th May.

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

NO CHURCH FLOWERS during lent. Thank you.

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.