

## SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**The First Reading:** Security can be more attractive than freedom, and the Chosen People often complained that while they were in captivity, they at least knew where their food and drink were coming from. They had to learn to depend on God.

**The Second Reading:** Paul insists that what proves God's love for us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. In this, Paul is being autobiographical: he was overtaken by God's love while he was engaged in persecuting Christians. It was reflection on God's mercy towards himself that motivated Paul to keep proclaiming the gospel of mercy to others.

**The Gospel:** This long Gospel reading is a gradual getting-to-know-you, in which an outcast, jaded, cynical woman comes to recognize Christ as her personal Saviour and the Saviour of the world.

**BAPTISM:** The welcoming Ceremony will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Baptisms on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.15pm. There will be no Baptism preparation classes in April.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Our parish raised a fantastic £1,757.09. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers this Lent.

**THE ANTIOCH COMMUNITY** invite all parishioners to a half hour worship and short talk in Church at 5:30pm before today's Sunday evening Mass. The Mass will include singing and music.

**WE ARE A FAIRTRADE PARISH**, using Fairtrade tea and coffee in our church hall. Please consider buying and using Fairtrade products in your everyday lives. When we buy products with the Fairtrade Mark, we support farmers and workers in the developing world as they work to improve their lives and their communities.

The FAIRTRADE Mark means: a fair and stable price to farmers for their products; producers receive additional income to invest in their community; greater respect for the environment; a stronger position for small-scale farmers in world markets and a closer link between consumers and producers.

**CARDINAL WISEMAN SCHOOL: Senior Teaching Assistant** Salary: £20,209 – £21,316 Applications Close: 20th April at 9 am. More details available from the website: [www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk](http://www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk)

**ANOTHER VIEW ON WHY JESUS DIED:** At-One-Ment by David Cherry. In preparation for Holy Week this workshop offers you the opportunity to look with fresh eyes at the story of our salvation and enter a vaster & life giving conversation about Jesus who came to bring us the good news of God. London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on Saturday 21st March, 11am to 4pm. All warmly welcome. Booking on [www.pathwaystogod.org](http://www.pathwaystogod.org) or [ljc@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ljc@jesuit.org.uk)

### LATEST ADVICE FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS:

- We ask that you please wish each other peace verbally without shaking hands.
- Anyone with cold or flu symptoms please refrain from taking Communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only.
- The placing of the host on the tongue by anyone administering Eucharist is NOT recommended as it is a potential source of transmission.
- We ask that ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.
- Please remember to wash your hands regularly!

### JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS:

**'No Planet B' Lent Study Group** – 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Three remaining Fridays, 6.30-8.00pm. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Justice & Peace Co-ordinator. **20 March:** Travel & Transport; **27 March:** People & Work; **3 April:** Religion & Spirituality. Discussion on climate and environment based on Laudato Si' (2015) and 'There is No Planet B' (2019) by Mike Berners-Lee. All welcome to attend these free events. Please register at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/justice-and-peace-lent-study-group-tickets-91293676845](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/justice-and-peace-lent-study-group-tickets-91293676845)

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Come and enjoy a Gaelic Coffee morning after 10am mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Again we ask for your generous help in providing donations and gifts for our raffle and cakes for our cake stall. Tea and coffee also provided and all gifts can be handed into parish office. Proceeds go to SS.CC missions.

**ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN** are in need of volunteers with cars to do a recycling run once a week. If you are able to help please get in contact with them.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD – The God Who Speaks:** We invite all existing and potential Minister of the Word to afternoon tea in the Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. Please come along to help build our team of readers and celebrate the God Who Speaks.

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL** runs throughout Lent. Please take a donation envelope from the back of Church as you leave Mass today. Envelopes can be handed in with the Sunday collection. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities focussing on: 'Marriage and Family Life', 'Youth and Evangelisation' & 'The Church's Service in Society'.

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

**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.