

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 **February** welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 16 and Baptisms on Sunday 23 at 1.15pm

The **March** classes will be on Tuesday 3rd & 10th in the Parish Office, No5 Berrymead Gardens, at 7pm. The welcoming Ceremony on Sunday 15th, and the Baptisms on Sunday 29th at 1.15pm.

Please register your attendance with the office.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Thank you to everyone for your generosity. We managed to raise £612.03. The aim this year is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to welcome Gypsy, Roma and Traveller parishioners as sisters and brothers in Christ.

RELIGIOUS FILM SCREENING: This Sunday 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Deanery meeting last Thursday.

ASH WEDNESDAY this year is on Wednesday 26th February. Mass will be at 10am and 7pm that day.

THURSDAY TEA & COFFEE: Thank you to everyone who attended the Thursday Morning Tea & Coffee during January. The money raised will go towards the Sacred Heart Missions.

FAITH IN POLITICS is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme which began in 2003. The scheme uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. For more information and to apply please see: <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk/> Closing date 28th February.

THE PASSAGE - ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT: Celebrate St David's Day with us at the Methodist Central Hall Westminster, at our concert, hosted by Guto Harri on Friday 28 February at 7.00pm.

Enjoy the iconic voices of the London Welsh Male Voice Choir at a special evening of traditional Welsh music and popular classical tunes, all in aid of The Passage's homelessness services. The choir will be joined by classical tenor, Aled Wyn Davies, and harpist, Claire Jones, formerly official harpist to the Prince of Wales.

Book online through Eventbrite. For full details see: www.passage.org.uk, call 02075921856 or email info@passage.org.uk

CATHOLIC VOICES: 'GRIEF TO GRACE': How can the Church offer healing to survivors of sexual abuse? In order to heal a sickness, you first need to diagnose it accurately. One of the problems in the Church's response has been to failure to understand the psychological and spiritual effects of historical abuse and what it does to the person.

Catholic Voices is pleased to offer a workshop day led by **Fr Dominic Allain** (international pastoral director of Grief to Grace ministries) to explore the topic of sexual abuse and how the Church can offer healing to survivors.

Join us on **Saturday 22nd February** (10.30-15.30) at Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre (235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA). Free admission, but places are limited; to attend please register on eventbrite.co.uk or find out more by emailing: info@catholicvoices.org.uk

JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS:

28th February: 'No Planet B' Lent Study Group – 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Six Fridays, 6.30-8.00pm. Facilitated by Colette Joyce. Discussion on climate and environment. All welcome. Free. To register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/justice-and-peace-lent-study-group-tickets-91293676845

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating a special number wedding anniversary this year, or any number over 60.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy your names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number.

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 andrepereira60@hotmail.com

Andrea will be running a five-week basic flower arranging course in the very near future.

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