

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Reading – We learn of the solemn covenant God made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ we are the heirs to the covenant.

The Second Reading – Paul urges his converts to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

The Gospel – We hear Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor.

BAPTISM: The March Baptisms will be on Sunday 31st at 1.15pm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Happy St Patrick's Day to all our parishioners! There is a fund raising event after the 9am, 10.30 and 12 o'clock masses on Sunday 17th March. In aid of Sacred Missions come and join us for tea, coffee, Gaelic coffee, cake stall, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Second Collection 17th March: Please 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. Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

POST-SYNOD REFLECTIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The next meeting at Archbishop's House will take place on Tuesday 2nd April, 6.30pm. These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Sherrington will be leading our reflections this time. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to www.dowym.com/events

SACRED HEARTS LAY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the hall. We say goodbye to Teresa Forry as she moves to Cornwall and we welcome Fr Pearse. You are more than welcome to come along.

THE PASSAGE: is raising funds through the Big Give from 12pm Tues 19th March – 12pm Tues 26th March to support its work with homeless people moving from Street to Home. There is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone donates £10 online, matched giving would bring the donation up to £20 (and up to £22.50 with Gift Aid). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 or email andrew.h@passage.org.uk Please donate at www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 06th May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Breakfast and Dinner. All entertainment/ day trips and guided tours included. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email

knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: 'On Saturday 23rd March, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com'

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 23rd 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.

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

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.

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

NO CHURCH FLOWERS during lent. Thank you.

JOBS IN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE: there are a number of jobs in the diocese, if you are interested please visit our website 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.