

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The First Reading: God is not a local or regional deity. In his providence, he called the Chosen People out of all the peoples of the earth. But he did so in order that they might be a blessing for humanity, 'the light of the nations so that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.' It is in Jesus, born of the Chosen People, that this promise is fulfilled.

The Second Reading: These are the opening lines of a letter in which St Paul will do a good deal of necessary correcting and rebuking. Even the rebukes will be graces, yet Paul wisely opens with a blessing: 'May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.'

The Gospel: Two things are clear from the testimony of John the Baptist. He is utterly certain that Jesus is the One who will take away the sins of the world; and he is adamant that he does not know this because of his own insight, but because God has revealed the identity of Jesus to him.

BAPTISM: The welcoming ceremony on Sunday 19th, and the Baptisms on Sunday 26th at 1.15pm.

ENROLMENT MASSES: on Sunday 19th January

First Holy Communion enrolment at 10:30 am Mass.

Confirmation enrolment at 12 noon Mass.

Please pray for our young people as they prepare for the sacraments.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Start on Monday 20th January at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall

MAUREEN HOWARD: Maureen's funeral will take place at Mortlake Crematorium (Kew Meadows Path, Richmond TW9 4EN) on Thursday 23rd January at 4pm. All are welcome to attend. Please keep her son Mark and the rest of the family in your prayers. Maureen was a devoted parishioner and catechist for many years in our parish. May she rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: From 18th – 25th January the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place. A Mass for the Unity of Christians may be celebrated on any ferial day during the Octave.

GOOD BOOKS EVENTS AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE:

Wednesday 22nd January - Henry Wansbrough OSB in conversation with Nicholas King SJ on translating the Bible. Starts 7pm.

Wednesday 12th February - Austein Ivereigh will discuss his latest book 'Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis's Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church'. Starts 7.00pm.

Events at 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. The events are free. To book please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'London Jesuit Centre'.

CAFOD INFORMATION MORNING: Saturday 25th January 10am-12.30pm, Lambeth North. CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information morning with a guest speaker, who has first-hand experience of our work in Zimbabwe.

Come and hear how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support.

Meeting will take place from 10am – 12.30pm at CAFOD's Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

Bookings required and taken on 0208 449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

WESTMINSTER VOCATIONS DAY RETREAT:

Saturday 25th January from 10am - 4pm. This day retreat is focused on young adults, but all are welcome. Come along to listen to stories of those being called to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and share your experience of what the Lord is doing in your life.

Taking place at SPEC, Waxwell House, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 3EP.

Please inform the organisers of attendance (for catering purposes) by emailing: vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: Use your free time to inspire young people to build a fairer world - CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in primary and secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid.

Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools and you can either work on your own or as part of a team. None of our work is possible without you, so join us and put your faith into action.

If you are interested please email Chris Driscoll at wschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Following the parish stewardship campaign, if you requested new offertory envelopes these will be available for collection from the Sacristy from the weekend of 21 December. Please ask one of the priests if you would like to collect your new box of envelopes. Due to GDPR regulations it's not possible to leave the boxes in the side chapel for collection. Thank you and Happy Christmas from the Gift Aid Team.

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.