

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

The third reading from the liturgy of the Word [Exodus 14:15-15:1] It was by passing through water that the Israelites were rescued from slavery and entered into a new life of freedom. For us, it is by passing through the waters of baptism that we enter into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

The Epistle [Romans 6:3-11] Baptism is not some 'ornamental' ritual. We are baptised so that we might live a new life, in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel This is a remarkably understated Gospel reading, yet it states all we need to hear: The tomb is empty; the world is filled with hope.

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.

HAPPY EASTER: On behalf of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts and its priests who minister in your parish we would like to wish and yours peace, love and joy at Easter and always!

May you and your household be blessed with abundant joy, peace and happiness. Have a great Easter and enjoy the long weekend and the Ester Holiday.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank all those who participated in the Holy Week services and those who helped out in any way during the week especially those who helped prepare the church, the liturgy and the music.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate those who have been fully received into the Church. Thank you to all of you for your support and prayers.

TEA AND COFFEE: There will be no tea and coffee in the hall after the Easter Sunday masses.

MASS DURING WEEK: 22nd April through to Friday 26th April - There will be only the 10.00am Mass. There will be no Friday evening mass on 26th April.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 28th April Starting at 3.00pm followed by prayers, readings, chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration and concluding with Holy Mass at 6.00pm

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.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FROM THE OFFICE: The offertory envelopes are now available for collection from the Parish Office, when collecting your box please inform one of the priests or the administrator.

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 £1,345.45. Further donations are welcome.

VOLUNTEERING AS A CARITAS REP: Are you interested in social outreach? Caritas Westminster, the Diocesan social action agency, is looking for Caritas Representatives to help record local poverty and social exclusion projects across different areas of the Diocese. They would also work closely with the Caritas development workers to help respond to those in need in the local area. If you are interested, please email us at caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest.

PHYSICS & MATHS UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2019: The Cardinal Vaughan School will be running a four-week Physics and Mathematics Internship Programme over the summer term. Offering undergraduate university students the opportunity to be placed in a number of schools in West, East and North London. Participants will receive a £300 per week bursary for the 4-week programme, a total of £1200. For further information and an application form please go to: BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019.

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

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.

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