

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The First Reading – Abraham begs to be allowed to offer hospitality to his divine visitors. Our deepest privilege is to serve God: may we never regard it as a burden.

The Second Reading – Paul insists that he is happy to suffer. To a godless mentality, this is absurd, but our faith gives us the hope that God's power is at work in suffering, and where God is at work, there is happiness.

The Gospel – Jesus is not disparaging the busy-ness of hospitality, but the 'better part,' from which all the tasks of our discipleship arise, is attending to the Lord and his word.

BAPTISM: The **July** Baptisms will take place on Sunday 28th at 1.15pm. There will be no preparation classes and baptisms during the month of **August**. The programme will start up again in September. The **September** preparation classes will be on Tuesday 3rd and 10th September in No.3 Berrymead Gardens, at 7.30pm with the welcoming ceremony on Sunday 8th. Baptism for September will take place on Sunday 29th at 1.15pm.

THANK YOU TO THE WEDNESDAY HALL CLEANERS: we would like to thank Paula and Maew, for their hard work cleaning the hall each week for the past 2 and a half years. We greatly appreciate what they have done for our community and we wish them well.

THE TURNING – An Ecumenical Evangelisation Event: in late September there will be a week long street evangelism programme that is being run right across London, other parts of the UK and even in Europe. If you are interested in taking part in either the street evangelization or the follow up meetings, please leave your name and contact information with the parish office. For more information on the Turning please visit the event website: theturning.eu/

NEWSLETTER: Next week's newsletter will be the last one of the summer. No newsletters will be printed during the month of August.

SEA SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you all for your generous donations, last weekend we managed to raise £775.13 for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. Please remember seafarers in your prayers.

THURSDAY 15th AUGUST: Holy Day of Obligation - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Masses will be at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

SUMMIT: If you enjoyed Flame we have the perfect follow up event to help keep that fire burning with 'Summit'. The Summit is a chance for young people to come together, be inspired by their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer. Based at Westminster Cathedral, The Summit will be on **18th October** from **6:30-8pm** and will include a talk by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, as well as inspiring speakers, including **Brenden Thompson** of Catholic Voices, live praise and worship music and Eucharistic Adoration. The event is free and does not require you to have a ticket. So please come along to what promises to be a great evening of fun and faith. We look forward to seeing many of you there. More information at <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-westminster-cathedral/> or email youth@rcdow.org.uk

SAFETY NOTICE: Unfortunately, over the last few weeks we have had a couple of serious events take place in the church during the afternoon. If you should be in church to say a prayer or light a candle and you see anything suspicious or unusual please do not hesitate to let us know. Many thanks.

LOURDES SUMMER RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The Assumption Sisters and Fathers invite young adults in their 20-30s for a spiritual retreat in Lourdes, this summer. Dates: 3rd – 9th August. For more information email youth@assumptionreligious.org Cost: £300 (£220 for students/low waged) - a limited number of subsidised places are available. (Excl. travel - your flight to Lourdes) Register online: bit.ly/retreatlourdes

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: we would like to thank Mr Shaun Beadsworth for taking up the role of safeguarding officer for our parish. For safeguarding issues Shaun can be contacted by email: actonsg@safeguardingrcdow.org.uk

SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES is organising a Pilgrimage of the sick to Aylesford Priory, Kent on Sunday 11th August. The coach leaves at 8.00am from Ealing Town Hall and returns to Ealing Town Hall at 4.45pm. Tickets £24 for adults and £12 for children. Please phone J.A. Karen Lobo on 07723031448 if you are interested in taking part. Please bring a packed lunch and umbrella.

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: There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 9.00am and 10.30am masses every Sunday morning.