

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The First Reading – David shows mercy to someone who had sought to harm him. Mercy is not a generic, spineless matter: it is a concrete decision in favour of those who have not shown one favour.

The Second Reading – As a wise teacher and catechist, St Paul finds it useful to draw comparisons and contrasts between the sinful Adam and the sinless Christ. Indeed, he ‘nicknames’ Jesus ‘the last Adam’. In Adam, sin had the first word, but in Christ, sinlessness has the last.

The Gospel – There is only one way Jesus can have spoken these words with conviction: he was convinced of the love of God the Father. Only those who know they are loved by God can find the wherewithal to love those who do not love them.

BAPTISM: Baptisms will take place on Sunday 24th at 1.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Sunday evening mass. This will give parishioners an opportunity to say goodbye to Fr Ultan.

ONLINE PARISH NEWSLETTER: Due to the General Data Protection Regulations we can no longer publish the names from the sick list online. Therefore we will only put the notice side of the newsletter online in the future. This only affects the digital version of the newsletter available on our website, not the paper version.

FIRST COMMUNION: Classes will resume after the half term break on Saturday 2nd March at the usual times.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM: You are invited by Bishops Hudson and McAleenan to the Inaugural meeting of the Social Justice and Peace Forum of the Diocese of Westminster to join us in discussing how the Westminster diocese can best contribute to Energising Young People for Justice & Peace. Are you a young person? Do you work with young people? Do you believe young people care deeply about justice and peace and want to get actively involved in putting their faith into practice? If so, this event is for you! Taking place in parish hall of Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High Street, London W8 6AF On Saturday 16 March 2019, 10.30-1.30pm Bring a shared lunch!

WESTMINSTER JUSTICE AND PEACE COORDINATOR: Westminster Justice and Peace are seeking a person who is self-motivated, with experience of campaigning and administration and a deep commitment to the gospel values of justice and peace. The closing date for applications is February 25th. Full details can be found on the diocesan website following this link: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/justice-and-peace-co-ordinator/>

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and woman who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk .

FR. ULTAN SSCC: Fr. Ultan’s last official weekend before leaving for Ireland will be on the weekend of Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. People are invited to refreshments in the hall after each mass. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church for those who may wish to make a contribution to Fr. Ultan for all that he did in his years here in Acton to show your appreciation.

We need volunteers to look after the tea/coffee and refreshments after the evening mass on **Sun at 6pm**. Thank you.

RACIAL JUSTICE APPEAL: Thank you for your generosity to the Racial Justice collection last weekend, we raised £672.65. Please help yourself to a Racial Justice Sunday prayer card from the table at the back of the church.

ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN AGM: You are invited to attend the 30th Anniversary Annual General Meeting of Acton Homeless Concern, being held in the Church Hall, Oldham Terrace, W3 6NH, on Wednesday 27th February at 7:30pm, with a Buffet reception afterwards. Past volunteers are more than welcome. Your participation and contribution will be warmly welcomed. For more information please see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church. We look forward to seeing you all there.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please be aware that mass intentions may be moved to a different day in the event of a funeral.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FAITH SHARING GROUP: A small group of parishioners meet every other Tuesday at 7:30pm, in 3 Berrymead Gardens, for bible study and faith sharing. All are welcome. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th March. We look forward to seeing you!! For more information please contact Teresa at teresachul@yahoo.com.

JOB VACANCIES IN WESTMINSTER DIOCESE: the Diocese has a number of job opportunities, if you are interested please visit our website <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> for more information. New vacancies will continue to be added to the website as and when they arise, so please check the website regularly for updates.

RCIA: Join us at number 5 Berrymead Gardens if you wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7pm. Please contact the parish office or Deacon Tito at titopereira@rcdow.org.uk for further information.

WALK IN CLINIC: Any aches, pains or strains in your joints or muscles? Then come along to No.3 Berrymead Gardens every Friday 9.00 – 12.00pm. Qualified therapist can help ease your pain. Free of charge. Donations welcome.

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