

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The First Reading – Just when it seemed that God had forgotten about his captive people, God appeared to Moses and said, ‘I have seen the miserable state of my people; I have heard their appeal.’ God does not forget us.

The Second Reading – St Paul cautions that it is possible for us to stray even as we are being guided by God. We should not become complacent, but continue to examine ourselves.

The Gospel – The words ‘unless you repent’ are repeated in this Gospel. These are strong, probing words, words that underline our freedom and urge us to live the life we have been called to live.

BAPTISM: The March Baptisms will be on Sunday 31st at 1.15pm. April preparation classes will be on Tuesday 2nd & 9th in No.3 Berrymead Gardens, at 7:30pm. The welcoming ceremony will be on Sunday 7th, with the Baptisms taking place on Sunday 28th at 1.15pm.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY: Thank you to everyone who came along to the celebrations last Sunday, and a special thank you to those who gave to the raffle.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS’ MEETINGS will be held in the Hall on Tues. 26th and Thurs. 28th March at 7.30pm. Parents are expected to attend at least one of these meetings.

RCIA SCRUTINIES: During the 10.30 mass over the next 3 weeks we will be celebrating the scrutinies with 2 RCIA candidates who are preparing for baptism. Please keep them in your prayers.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: The clocks go forward 1 hour on 30th/31st March 2019.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD’s appeal. Our Parish raised £1,602.47. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2019/20 will start on Sunday 7 April 2019. If you are currently giving via our envelope scheme you will be able to collect your new box after mass during the weekend masses of 30/31 March, 6/7 April and 13/14 April. Please note that due to data protection legislation the envelopes will only be available for collection straight after mass for a short period of time. Any uncollected envelopes will be stored securely thereafter and can be collected from the parish office by parishioners. Please bring along some proof of identification as we won’t be able to hand out offertory envelope boxes without proof of identity

HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE: The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) has asked that we make you aware of a historic document signed between Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyib in Abu-Dhabi on 4th February 2019. The PCID have asked that we make the document as widely available for study and discussion as possible. Please follow the link below to the Vatican website and read more about it. w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/travels/2019/outside/documents/papa-francesco_20190204_documento-fratellanza-umana.html.

LITURGY FOR SUICIDE for those affected by suicide please let family or friends who are near and dear to you know. This will take place at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY, on Wednesday 3rd April, commencing at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: A YEAR OF THE WORD: The year 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Exhortation on the Word of the Lord and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome’s death. With this in mind the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales aim to make 2020 a year of focus on The God Who Speaks, a new initiative for all.

The Bishops’ Conference is also conducting a short survey about how Catholics see and use the Bible. They would like as many people as possible to complete the survey so that they have a snapshot of the current situation. They will repeat the survey at the end of 2020 and compare the results. If you would like to take part in the survey please visit the website: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDJBN5Y Thank you.

THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES (AJR): invites all children of the Kindertransport who were classed as Jews under the Nuremberg laws but who may subsequently have become Christian to join them. The AJR is a national charity supporting Holocaust refugees and survivors. They provide social, welfare and care services. Members receive support from volunteers and can obtain advice and assistance on welfare rights as well as on Holocaust reparations (such as the Kindertransport Fund), as well as have the opportunity to meet for local and national events and services. Please contact Karin Pereira at the AJR for Membership enquiries on 020 385 3070 and Rosemary Peters for Kindertransport Fund enquiries, on 020 385 3088, or visit <https://ajr.org.uk/>

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.