

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: In the opening words of this reading, there is an entire history of God's workings: God is always doing a new thing. There are days now past, with their successes and their failures, their humiliations and their 'learning curves.' Yet we are assured that 'in the days to come,' God will act anew. There is no stagnation for those who look to God.

The Second Reading: St Paul's first task, in writing to the immature Christians at Corinth, is to urge them to overcome their factions and divisions. This is very telling! Paul wants them to hear the rest of his exhortations as a single, united, listening community.

The Gospel: If the Gospel is called 'Good News,' then why is 'repent' the first word Jesus speaks in his public ministry? There is no contradiction here, because 'repent' is not a threat; it is an invitation to turn to God's grace, to leave the darkness and walk in the light.

BAPTISM: The **January** Baptisms are on Sunday 26th at 1.15pm.

The **February** classes will be on Tuesday 4th & 11th in the Parish Office, No5 Berrymead Gardens, at 7pm. The welcoming ceremony on Sunday 16th, and the Baptisms on Sunday 23rd at 1.15pm.

Please register your attendance with the office in advance.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (*Dt* 30:14).

CONFIRMATION CLASSE: Please remember our Confirmation Candidates as they go on retreat next Sunday.

RELIGIOUS FILM SCREENING: On Sunday 16th February, after the 12 o'clock Mass, there will be a screening of a film about the friendship between Pope Francis and Pope Benedict. The screening will take place in the Church Hall. Tea and sandwiches will be available. All are welcome to attend. Any donations will go to the Medical Mission Sisters.

LEARN FROM ME – Distance-Learning Certificate Courses for all involved in Parish Ministry or who desire to go deeper into their faith and understanding. Come and learn about what is involved in studying any of the courses on offer: Certificate in Parish Ministry and Mission (CPMM), Certificate in Catechesis (MCC) and Catechesis on Marriage and Family (MFL). All courses begin in March 2020. To register interest and for further information, please contact Anna Dupelycz at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7798 9026.

TEA AND COFFEE: Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 9am and 10.30am Masses.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: 4th May. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW: The God Who Speaks. At Westminster Cathedral, 30th January – 1st February

Explore the **Year of the Word** in the 'Tents of Meeting' throughout Westminster Cathedral. View the specially commissioned artwork 'The God Who Speaks' and meet the Artist, Pete Codling.

Information, Resources, Activities, Presentations to suit all ages, Groups welcome

For further details, see attached leaflets or poster in the Church.

'A JOURNEY WITH JESUS' A Time of Reflection on the Word for Catechists On the threshold of Lent in this Year of the Word, the Diocese is delighted to welcome the Wintershall Education Team to lead this day in which catechists will experience and reflect upon 'Encounters with Jesus' from Wintershall actors, and upon the Stations of the Cross **Saturday 22nd February, 10am - 2pm** at Sacred Heart High School 212 Hammersmith Rd, W6 7DG (Entrance in Bute Gardens – first left turn from Hammersmith Rd, gates on left towards end of Bute Gardens) £5 per person There will be a 45 min break at 11.45 – so do bring a snack if you wish to. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided Please book by email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

YEAR OF THE WORD, Talks & Upcoming Events:

Journeying with the Bible, Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD are running a series of talks for the Year of the Word on the topic of: **'Who speaks in the Bible? To whom does he speak?'** on 28th January, 7-8.30pm. Taking place at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

GOOD BOOKS EVENTS AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE:

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'.

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