



## Newsletter 11 Feb. 2018

### Sixth Sunday of the Year

#### FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

##### Thought for the Week.

“Teach us to care and not to care  
Teach us to sit still.”

T.S. Eliot: Ash Wednesday

We are now offering **tea and coffee** after the 9.30am Mass: all are welcome to join us in the Back Room of the parish house, next to the Church. If you attend this Mass and would like to help roughly once a month, please email Fr. Keith or speak to Richard Pearson.

The **Season of Lent** begins this Weds. 14 Feb., Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass with distribution of ashes that day at 10am and at 7pm, with a



Portuguese Mass at 8pm. During Lent we will have Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament each Friday from 5.30pm till 7.30pm, with Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Our Lenten Alms this year will be devoted to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal which supports a variety of projects in Family Life, Youth and Civic Society: more details will be given soon, and leaflets and donation envelopes will be available from the First Sunday of Lent. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, even though it is also Valentine's Day!

Drawings of the **Stations of the Cross** will be displayed beneath the existing Stations from 5.30pm on Fridays during Lent. These are the work of our parishioner, Michael Thorne

Every year our parish plays host to **15 refugees each Sunday night** who stay over for a night in warmth and comfort and also receive a hot meal and breakfast. This year, our First Communion Children will be collecting money to help pay for the Night Shelter food and other related expenses. This charity project helps the First Communion children develop an understanding of the needs of those who are less fortunate in society. It also teaches them to be charitable and to give of their time. Children will be collecting money at the finish of all the Masses on Sunday 25th February. Please give generously.

Children can come along to the parish back room on Friday 16th February between 2 and 4 pm to enjoy a special viewing of the **'Ten Commandments'**, a wonderful animated cartoon telling the story of Moses. Children can be dropped off and left as the event will supervised by catechists. See posters around the Church for more information.

Can you sing? Would you be willing to **sing a solo** at our parish First Communion Mass on Saturday May 12 at 10 am? If you would like to help make the First Communion day really special by sharing your beautiful singing voice, please contact John Cassidy by email: [stmarysfirstholycommunion@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfirstholycommunion@gmail.com)

If someone you know becomes **unable to get to Mass**, please let us know so we can arrange for them to receive Holy Communion at home. If they are **taken to hospital**, please ensure that nurses ask the

Catholic chaplain to visit them: if this proves difficult, contact us so we can arrange this. We now have a monthly newsletter for the sick and housebound of the parish.

One of our parishioners, Justina Polydore offers her **Physiotherapy services** to parishioners at a discounted rate. Physiotherapy is not always financially accessible for those who really need it to help with mobility and general function. Justina currently runs a clinic at the Hybrid Wellbeing Centre, St Charles' Hospital on Fridays and already does quite a few home visits in the West and Northwest London area. Please see the notice in the Church porch for contact details.

#### OTHER EVENTS

**Magnificat** is a monthly magazine published by the Catholic Herald giving the Mass readings, morning and evening prayer for each day, and some short reflections. There is a special introductory offer – see the poster at the back of Church.

SPEC are looking for **young people** enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with



others, to spend a year living in community with other people their age; in return they

receive formation in the faith, training in youth work, experience living in community. For information, email [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk) or call 0203 757 2503.

The annual **Mass for bereaved parents** will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of March at Westminster Cathedral. Parents will be invited to write the names of their deceased children on a card which will be taken up with the offertory. All are welcome

The **Divine Mercy Apostolate** is organising a pilgrimage and retreat in Warsaw and Vilnius, visiting Shrines connected to the Message of Divine Mercy, from 28 June – 4 July. More information on our notice board or from [info@divinemercury.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercury.org.uk) / 020 8998 0925

#### OUR CONTACT DETAILS AND MASS TIMES

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Our Mass times are Sunday 9.30am, 12.30pm and 6pm, with a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6pm. During the week Mass is at 10am every day, with Morning Prayer at 9.40am. We say the Divine Mercy together every Friday before Benediction and Mass at approx. 9.40am Rotas for readers and Eucharistic ministers are displayed on the notice board.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Feb. 14 Ash Weds. Mass at 10am and 7pm**  
**Feb. 16 Film for Children 2-4pm; Adoration and Stations of the Cross 5.30pm – 7.30pm**  
**Feb. 20 Biblical Journey through the Mass, Vaughan House, 7pm**  
**Feb. 22 Building a Bridge: Farm Street.**  
**Feb. 23 Adoration and Stations of the Cross 5.30pm – 7.30pm**  
**Feb. 25 Children collecting for Night Shelter**  
**March 10 Mass for bereaved parents**