



## Newsletter 7 Jan. 2018

### Thought for the Week

“Who knows all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ, concealed in the poverty of his flesh?

Scripture says: Although he

was rich he became poor for our sake to enrich us by his poverty. How great are the blessings of his goodness which he reserves for those who fear him and shows to those who hope in him! Until he gives them to us in their plentitude, we can have only the faintest conception of them; but to enable us to receive these blessings, he who in his divine nature is the equal of the Father assumed the condition of a slave and became like us, and so restored to us our likeness to God.” *St. Augustine*

### FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

A big **thank you** to all who made our Christmas and New Year celebrations so special: altar servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, musicians, flower arrangers and cleaners. And an especially big thank you from Fr. Keith for all your kind and generous gifts.

7.30am **weekday Masses** resume this Monday.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual **White Flower Appeal** next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalization of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalization.

If you want Fr. Keith to sign a **School Form** (Certificate of Catholic Practice), please hand it to him after one of the Sunday Masses, and pick it up signed the following Sunday. Copies of the form are

available in the sacristy after Mass. Don't leave it till the last minute!

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered next year on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We shall be beginning our course of preparation for this Sacrament on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Classes will begin in the Newman Froom (Back Room) at 6pm and run till 7.30pm. Young people who are in Year 9 or above are invited to register for this by speaking to Fr. Keith after one of the Sunday Masses before Jan. 22.

We shall be offering another **Alpha course** starting Monday 14 January in the Back Room. Alpha is a wonderful way to refresh your own faith and also to introduce others to the essential message of the Gospel. It's suitable for all: practising Catholics, those who have largely stopped practising, and complete non-Christians. Meetings consist of video presentations followed by an opportunity to discuss and share your own experience. Alpha is free, and begins with a meal each week. You can sign up at the back of Church or email [johnstayne@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johnstayne@rcdow.org.uk)

**Of Gods and Men:** This acclaimed film about the martyrdom of some monks in Algeria will be shown



in the Newman Room (Back Room) on Friday 25 Jan. at 7pm. It will be introduced by Fr. Guillaume, who has spent many years in Algeria and attended the recent beatification ceremony of the Algerian martyrs. Cheese and Wine provided. All welcome: let us know if you are attending.

Our **Crib offerings** this year will once again be for the Catholic Children's Society which does wonderful work with local children in any kind of

need. You can place your offering in the Crib and use an envelope if you wish to Gift Aid it. Envelopes can be found in the Crib or at the back of Church.

We welcome **Fr. Sergio and Fr. Javier** from Chile who are staying with us for a few weeks to improve their English.

Copies of the 2019 **Westminster Yearbook** are on sale in the rack at the back of Church. Please place £5 in the box marked Papers around the corner from the rack.

### OTHER EVENTS

This week the **Sion Centre for Dialogue** (34 Chestow Villas W11 2QZ) will start their 2019



programme. In light of the recent Canonization of Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, Jonathan Gorsky will give a Jewish response to these two

new saints. The first will be next Wednesday, 9th January when we will focus on St Paul VI and the following Wednesday, 16th January we will focus on St Oscar Romero. Each of the days will run from 11.00 until 3.15 (Tea / Coffee from 10.30). Please bring a Packed Lunch. Suggested Donation: £15 each day. On Friday 11th January they will start their weekly Parashah / Sunday Readings session, at 11.00 and finishing at 12.30 (Tea / Coffee from 10.30).

On Saturday 12th January, please pray and fast for the **end of abortion and euthanasia** in this Country. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our lifesaving work see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

The next Churches Together in Notting Hill **Prayer Lunch** is at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – see the poster in the Church porch.

New Year's Resolution - **Volunteer for CAFOD** in the Westminster Diocese. Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help us tackling poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on our behalf in parishes and/or schools in the Westminster Diocese about our work in the developing world. To find out more details, or book a place on our next Volunteer information day in London on Saturday, 19th January 2019 call CAFOD on 0208 449 6970 or email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)

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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. At present we also have a 7.30am Mass Mon-Fri. We say the Divine Mercy together every Friday before Benediction and Mass at approx. 9.40am.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**9 Jan. Talk on St. Paul VI – Sion Centre; Prayer Lunch, St. Peter's**  
**13 Jan. SPUC White Flower Appeal**  
**14 Jan. Alpha course begins**  
**16 Jan. Talk on St. Oscar Romero – Sion Centre**  
**22 Jan. First Confirmation class**  
**25 Jan. Of Gods and Men – film show**