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2/3 FEBRUARY 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR C

Saturday	2nd	5:00pm		Louisa Gripton
Sunday	3rd	9:00 am	4th Sunday	Elizabeth Ward
R.I.P		11:00 am		People of the
Parish				
Monday	4th	9:30am	Feria	Angela Doherty
Tuesday	5th	9:30am	St. Agatha	Rachel Sodotti
R.I.P				
Wednesday	6th	9:30am	St. Paul Miki and Companions	Angela Coffey
Friday	8th	9:00am	Benediction and Mass (St. Josephine Bakhita)	Bible Study Group
Saturday	9th	5:00 pm		
Sunday	10th	9:00 am	5th Sunday Ordinary time	
		11:00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Saturday 4:30-pm		

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Julia Abimbola, Terry Brisbane, Peggy, Josephine, Martin, and Nadia Ramasaway. We remember Collin Walsh, Thomas Rooney, Salvatore Piaquadio and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Jeremiah is commissioned by God, as a prophet

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Paul's hymn to love, as the highest virtue

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Jesus shares the fate of prophets, rejected by his own people

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK –Worship and prejudice

The scene in the synagogue that Sabbath seems pretty disturbing; a people who have come for worship turn angry to the extent of intending to throw Jesus off a cliff. What is it that made them so angered? He had reminded them of a low point in their history, when God punished the people of Israel with a famine, but then saved a Gentile widow. Jesus had also reminded them of God's mercy towards a Gentile named Naaman. Naturally his message was a shocker and just the opposite of what they wanted to hear. Some truths are often bitter. We too may be angered or agitated when someone (even a preacher?) tells us a truth that we don't want to hear. Had Jesus glorified the Jews and told them that they were God's exclusively privileged people, he would probably have received bouquets instead of brickbats, appreciation rather than criticism. But he chose to call a spade a spade.; In effect, Jesus declared that God has no favourites, that there are no privilege cardholders to receiving love and compassion, that all are equal shareholders of God's love no matter who we are, where we come from and whatever our socio-economic status. We don't earn divine favour by the titles we hold, but receive it freely from the unconditional love of God for us.

EMPOWERING YOUNG CHILDREN IN UGANDA

The Parish has received a letter from EVC Uganda, thanking Parishioners; Ted and Judi Fawcett write "I would like to formally thank your Parish for their generosity in raising

£583.65 for our work in Uganda. It is through such generosity that we are able to offer real hope for the future through education...thank you also for your kindness and hospitality". Personally, i appreciate your show of love. God bless you all
TEA AND COFFEE IN THE BACKROOM AFTER 11.00 AM MASS. ALL WELCOME!

CONCERT WITH ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG

Alexander Armstrong will be performing at a fundraising concert in aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless alongside renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt, actor Alex Macqueen and the Choir With No Name on Monday 4th February at 7pm at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets costing £30 are available by typing Vinnie Packs in the "Looking for" section on the Eventbrite website <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk>. Thank you

THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON – TALK AND Q&A

Wednesday 6th February 2.30pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre at the Catholic Church of Christ the King, 1st Floor, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE. This volunteer meeting from 2.30-4pm will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work to defend indigenous rights and the Amazon in Brazil. Please contact Tony Sheen tsheen@cafod.org.uk for further details or to book a place.

OPEN DAY ST SCHOLASTICA'S RETREAT

Is this for you OR for someone you know? St Scholastica's Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 16th February, 2019 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: <mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk>

NEW APPROACHES TO INTERRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING BY THE SION CENTRE

A series given by Professor Michael Barnes SJ

Reading Sacred Places offers a new and enriching approach to understanding different traditions. We will focus particularly on Christianity and the Indian religions and communities that are our neighbours in contemporary London. Dates: Sunday 3rd February 2019. Sunday 3rd March 2019. Sunday 14th April 2019. Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm (Tea / Coffee from 1.30pm) Suggested Donation: £10 each day

CHURCHES NIGHT SHELTER

The Broxbourne Night Shelter, organised by Churches Together in Broxbourne, and hosted on individual nights by seven different Churches in the Borough, is now underway. Please pray over the next two months for the success of the Project, and for all those involved, both the guests and the volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

The hall and grounds etc of the school are available for hire. Full details of times and charges can be found on the same website. Enquiries can also be emailed to the school at admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

What is Justice and Peace? It's about wanting to make a difference, witnessing to gospel values in society, not only by helping those close at hand, or sending gifts overseas, but asking why problems are arising, and whether we can speak up for change. We are currently working on such things as climate protection, Fairtrade, the refugee situation, and peace in the Middle East. Justice and Peace reps can publicise our work, maintain a parish notice board, or raise awareness in the parish. Can you be your parish Justice and Peace representative? Contact the office at <mailto:justice@rcdow.org.uk>

COMMUNITY PRAYER-HOLY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY AT 9.00 AM

We gather every Friday at 9:00 am for Benediction. This is a community prayer that lasts for thirty minutes and it is followed immediately by the Mass. You are all being encouraged to be part of this spiritually rewarding devotion.

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK; Envelopes £281.70, Loose plate of £246.57, candles £47.64. Total £575.21.
THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP WITH THE CHURCH LITURGY, ADMINISTRATION, FLOWERS AND
CLEANING AND FOR THE OFFERINGS INCLUDING STANDING ORDERS