

Racial Justice Sunday – February 17th

Racial Justice Sunday for 2019 is today. The theme this year is “Dignity for all workers”, recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace.

In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St. Paul VI teaches that “all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level”. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. “As you did this to the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me...”

In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation.

A prayer for those facing exploitation:

Gracious God, from your abundance all gifts and skills are bestowed, making us participants in your work of creation.

By the word of your Son, confront our greed, challenge us when we treat people as means of profit, or discriminate unjustly against our fellow human beings.

Raise us up to new life in your service, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you we may glorify your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Adapted statement of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales

SUNDAY AT ST IGNATIUS

This Sunday we celebrate the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Year C.

Racial Justice Sunday—there is a **Second Collection** at each Mass to support the Church’s work in confronting racial injustice.

Recent Collections: Last Sunday, £3,064.27. Thank you for your generosity!

The Counters this Week: Group A.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION: “Confession” is now available 15 minutes before each of the Sunday Masses, including the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. See the information panel, p.4, for the complete timetable.

The Ghanaian Catholic Mothers will meet after the 11.30am Mass.

PARISH EVENTS, DATES FOR THE DIARY

SOCIAL MEDIA: the parish website (details on masthead) is once again being brought up to date. Log on for plenty of information.



Also, we’ve now a Facebook page which you can find on [@stignatiusstamfordhill](#);



and we have just launched our Twitter feed—

search [@stignatiusstam1](#) and follow.

Caritas Westminster invites you to an afternoon highlighting opportunities for volunteering & befriending in various ways.

We’ve brought together some of



what happens around the Diocese with and for people with learning disabilities. The day will include testimonies, showcases of work already being done and a chance to learn more about learning disabilities & catechesis. Details: Sat.2nd March, from 2pm-4.30pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 373 Bowes Road, N11; refreshments from 2pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or call on 020 7798 9030 for your free ticket. Or, register on Eventbrite: search ‘Embraced’.

THOUGHT for the WEEK:

“A mature Christian sees Christ in everything and everyone else. That definition that will never fail you, always demand more of you, and give you no reasons to fight, exclude, or reject anyone”. *Richard Rohr OFM.*

GENERAL INTEREST

St. Ignatius College, Enfield is currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators at the College. The rate of pay is £9.50 per hour. Please contact the College on 01992 717835 for further information or email recruitment@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk.

The Oratory: A Catholic Day and Boarding School for Boys and Girls aged 11 to 18 is having an Open Morning on Sat, 9th March from 9.30am-12.00pm.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

If you would like to join Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the Pilgrimage on Sat, 21st September, please call 0207 798 9173, Monday to Thursday.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: Pope Francis, on Wednesday, authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to issue a decree attributing a miracle to the intercession of the Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. The move clears the final hurdle in the cause for his canonisation, his sainthood.

Following the announcement, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: “This is wonderful news which will be greeted with thanks to God by people across the world”.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for **Maria Eva Ewusi-Aikins, RiP**, mother of Antonia Sackey. Her funeral Mass will be at St. Paul the Apostle, Wood Green on 21st Feb, 10.00.

Pray also for **Romero Yao Anani RiP**, who died recently.

