

## Diocese of London Lent Appeal

### *Hidden in Plain Sight*

The Bishop of London writes: *This year the Diocese is supporting charities tackling the problem of modern day slavery. There are tens of thousands of victims in the UK. In one of the wealthiest countries in the world, in a capital city heralded for its history and culture, modern slavery is thriving. Thousands are forced into domestic servitude, forced labour or sexual exploitation in plain sight of Londoners, and many more are at risk of falling through the cracks, hidden from the view of the authorities, charities and the church. Behind those statistics there are real people. Whether it be a woman or girl trafficked to work in the illegal sex trade, a man forced to work on a construction site or a child married against their will, none are free.*

*Micah tells us that "he has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This may be the best-known passage from the book of Micah – it is full of words and phrases that occur throughout scripture: justice, love, kindness, a walk with God. We should bear this in mind, that life can be safely travelled only if it is made "with God."*

*The supported charities are Ella's Home, Kalayaan, Love 146, Tamar and The Rise Project (The Children's Society).*

Here at Holy Trinity we will support the appeal through donations people make towards the soup we serve after Mass and at other events. Every penny will go directly to the appeal. Please give generously.



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### **Ash Wednesday 6th March**

Lent begins on Wednesday 6th March and there will no fewer than three Masses in our parishes that day with blessing and giving of ashes in our parishes to cater for everyone's timetable and other commitments. The Masses will be at 6.00 am and 9.30 am at Holy Innocents, and at 8.00 pm (sung) at Holy Trinity

### **Tuesday Lent Groups - The Mystery of God**

Each Tuesday at 8.15 (following the 7.30 pm Mass) there will be a chance to look at different aspect of our faith. There will be prayer, discussion, a short video clip and a Bible passage or two to help us enter more into the mystery which is God. The sessions are devised ecumenically by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and run as follows:

12th March	<i>The mystery of Good and Evil</i>
19th March	<i>The mystery of God's Glory</i>
26th March	<i>The mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope</i>
2nd April	<i>The mystery of Relationship and Reconciliation</i>
9th April	<i>The mystery of Love and Sacrifice</i>

### **Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**

On four Fridays in Lent at 7.30 pm people from four local churches will join together to commemorate and reflect on Jesus' journey from Pilate's palace to Calvary. Details are as follows:

15th March at St. Peter in Chains, Womersley Road N8
22nd March at Holy Trinity
29th March at Holy Innocents, Tottenham Lane N8
5th April at Hornsey Parish, Cranley Gardens N10

### **Sunday Evening Lent Services**

On Sunday 17th March at 6.00 pm we hold another of the Taizé style services at Holy Trinity. Using music from Taizé, readings, reflections and silence we meditate on a Lenten theme.

On Sunday 24th March at 6.00 pm at Holy Innocents there will be a Lenten service with the opportunity for those who want to receive the laying on of hands and the healing sacraments of anointing and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession).

Lent is a very good time to celebrate (or just ask about) the Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Patrick is also available by appointment for this if you cannot make the Sunday evening service on 24th March.

### **Marks of Discipleship - Lent with Bishop Jonathan**

People are invited to join Bishop Jonathan at different churches on four Saturdays in Lent from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm for encouragement, reflection and renewal looking at fundamental elements of Christian discipleship. Brief details are below - for full information please take the leaflet a the back of church.

16th March	<i>Growing in Baptism</i> at St. Stephen's Gloucester Road
23rd March	<i>Growing in Study of Scripture</i> at St. Mary's Rotherhithe
30th March	<i>Growing through the Eucharist</i> at All Hallows, Gospel Oak
13th April	<i>Growing in Prayer</i> at St. Mary's South Ruislip

### **Holy Week**

Lent, of course, leads up to Easter and culminates in the most important week of the year - Holy Week. Our Holy Week Services are as follows:

Palm Sunday 14th April	Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass 11.30 am
Monday 15th April	Mass at Holy Innocents at 7.30 pm
Tuesday 16th April	Mass at Holy Trinity at 7.30 pm
Wednesday 17th April	Mass at Holy Innocents at 9.30 am Mass at Holy Trinity at 7.30 pm
Maundy Thursday 18th	Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Innocents at 8.00 pm
Good Friday 19th	Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Trinity at 3.00 pm
Holy Saturday 20th	Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity at 9.00 pm
Easter Day 21st	Sung Mass and renewal of Baptismal Vows at 11.30 am

### **A Lent of Accompanied Prayer**

During Lent there is an opportunity to grow in prayer to get some help, support and advice. Participants are asked to try and pray for a time each day, and to meet for half an hour or so with a Prayer Guide once a week - here at Holy Trinity this will be on Sunday afternoons.

The Prayer Guides are men and women from various denominations - some lay, some ordained - all of whom have been trained to help others pray. They will listen, offer advice, suggest different ways of praying, and generally encourage each participant in his or her prayer life. Please speak to Fr. Patrick for more information.