

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the annual **Priest Training Fund of the Diocese of Westminster**. It is also Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. The Priest Training Fund helps cover the cost of vocations promotion, forming seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing formation of priests. Your gift helps ensure the best formation programme possible for these men responding to Christ's call, willing to dedicate their lives to Christ, the Church and service to God's people. Please be generous. Also take home with you a prayer card for vocations, and pray it daily. Priests are at the heart of our Catholic life. If you do not have an envelope, plenty are still available throughout April. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

WALSINGHAM INVITE

Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the 11th century. Cardinal Vincent Nichols wants to invite you to join him on such a pilgrimage on **9th July this year**. It is to mark the Holy Year of Mercy. If you would like to join the group from our parish, please add your name to the list in the vestibule. If enough people put down their names we will order a coach

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The group's next meeting is on Monday 18 April, when its current project in Sri Lanka (see church website) and future fundraising events will be discussed

among other things. Please contact Julia Roche (01582 760295) if you would like to come - you will be very welcome. Over the month to 12 April, parishioners donated £253.60 in cash, while standing order donations in calendar March amounted to £312. Thank you again for your great generosity.

EARLY START

Please note that the time of Mass on FRIDAY is slightly earlier at 9.00am.

SERVING AT MASS

In a big parish like ours there should be no shortage of people to serve when Mass is celebrated. After the First Holy Communion this year we will begin some training sessions. But we will need some offers of help. Please give this some thought. Anyone who has received the First Communion is eligible. We will have a list to sign in May.

CAFOD THANKS YOU

A thank you from CAFOD to everyone at Our Lady of Lourdes for the support of Fast Day this Lent. The amount received was £2131.94. The money helps to transform the lives of women and girls like Proscovia, who has been able to go back to school and now hopes to finish her education and fulfil her potential. The money has also funded a borehole in her community so she is no longer fetching water on foot every day from several miles away.

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

The next Solitude Saturday will be held on 30th April at St. Clare's Convent, 3

Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND.
Telephone (01582) 424518.

PRISON CHAPLAIN TALK

Kim Davey, chaplain to HMP the Mount prison, will give a talk on her work at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 17th April at 8.00pm after the Newman Herts Circle AGM. There will be drinks and nibbles beforehand at 7.30 and all are very welcome.

LONDON ACCOMMODATION

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast).
Website : www.allenhall.org.uk
Email : allenhall@rcdow.org.uk
Telephone : 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

SOPRANO & CHAMPAGNE!

Fund Raising Tea.

Saturday 7th May 2016 3-5pm, Tewin Memorial Hall, Tewin, Herts, AL6 0JX
In aid of The Saxum Project in the Holy Land – a unique place being created to aid the spiritual experience and formation of pilgrims who are visiting the places where Our Lord walked. For more information on the project, visit www.saxum.org. Tickets are £20 – for 2 hours of champagne, homemade fare and a very lovely singer. Make it a date. For details of the day and to reserve your place, contact Pauline McCarthy on 01992 423657.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

18-19TH JUNE 2016
High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG

2 days £110 per couple (+ optional overnight supplement)
Help you turn your good marriage into a great one. For more information visit www.smartloving.org/marriage.
Date for Diary: Saturday 16th April 2016
10th Anniversary – Celebrate Love/SmartLoving Conference with Cardinal Vincent Nichols at the Grand Connaught Rooms, Central London.

LEARNING 4 EVERYONE SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH: A BIBLICAL MODEL OF DISCIPLERSHIP

A basic bible study programme for everyone interested, Tuesday 12th April 2016
Mary Magdalen: The Witnessing Disciple by Brian Purfield,
7:00 – 8:00pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN.
For further information and registration please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/events or contact livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 7931 6078.

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

Open Mornings for St Edmund's College and Prep on Friday 22nd and Friday 29th April 2016 in Ware, Hertfordshire – this is a great opportunity for families to discover how their Catholic education truly stimulates mind, body and spirit at England's **oldest Catholic school**. There are scholarships available based on entrance exam.
www.stedmundscollege.org
For children moving to secondary education in September 2017
A good opportunity!