

JOAN GAIRE (RIP)

Joan has been so well known in our parish and famous for her services to the choir. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 8th April at 11.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We offer our good wishes to **James McCarthy & Mary McMahon** who were married last Sunday. We wish them every blessing and happiness in the years ahead.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served this Sunday 3rd April after the 11.30 Mass in the Undercroft. Do join us there if you can. Everyone is welcome. No need to stay long but it would be very nice to see you.

WALSINGHAM PIGRIMAGE

Saturday 9th July. Join Cardinal Vincent Nichols in 'England's Nazareth' during the Year of Mercy. The day includes Mass, Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and Benediction. Bring a picnic lunch. Travel is by coach. Like to come. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule.

LOCAL THEATRE

"The High Street Players proudly present "Visiting Hour" by Richard

Harris, produced by Roy and Frances Hall on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th April at 8pm at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden. Tickets: Wed. £7, Thurs. and Fri. £8 (£9 on the door) available from Manor Pharmacy, by phone (01582 620269) or online at www.hsplayers.org.uk "Visiting Hour" is a series of short plays and monologues, some serious, some comic."

IMPORTANT WORK

From time to time it becomes important to recruit more people to help with serving on the sanctuary at Mass. This is a very special ministry. Those in the First Holy Communion class become eligible once they have received their First Communion. Get your child to start thinking about applying now. The list to apply will be open in May.

CARE for CREATION

Pope Francis has spoken eloquently about our need to care for the creation which we enjoy and on which we and future generations depend.

Some meetings have taken place in the parish on this topic. You are invited to the next meeting which will be on 14th April at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, at 7.00pm.

SPEED DATING

Austin Forum's Spring Catholic Speed Dating Event at the Augustinian Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road on 9 April at 7:30pm. We are looking for men only at this stage, so anyone interested should **email Gabriella at gabriella@austin-forum.org** to secure a place or register interest.

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

You can find reflections on Sunday Gospel readings during Year of Mercy with spouses in mind. This provides a PDF booklet that you can easily access with this link – <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/jubilee-of-mercy/> These have been produced in the light of the fact that before Easter there should be published the results of the Synod on Marriage and Family Life that took place in Rome last year.

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. **Tel. 01582 424518.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15th to 17th April 2016 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham,

Kent. **contact Sandra 01293-783965, Freda 0132222-838415 or John 01992-642443 email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk**

How are you feeling?

We spend more than half of each year suffering from colds, injuries or ailments. On average, we feel 100 percent fit only on 171 days a year. The rest of the time we are struggling with illness, tiredness, and hangovers.

That, according to a recent study for Tetley Tea, means that most people probably operate below par for more than six months of every year. We even feel 'run down' on two days of every working week. Better put the kettle on!

GET ON WITH IT !

You know the scenario - you are stuck in one checkout queue, which is crawling along, and meanwhile you are watching the other queue, which seems to be flying by.

According to David Andrews, an American researcher who has written extensively on the subject, it seems that the answer is that we experience time differently when waiting, as opposed to when we are engaged in a process. That means that if you have finally chosen the fastest queue at a checkout, you are too busy unloading your trolley to notice your blessing.