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Sunday 4th September will be the last weekend in the Parish for Monsignor Turner after fifteen years as Parish Priest. He will celebrate the 11.30am Mass and then there will be a reception in Lourdes Hall when we can bid farewell to him.

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE,

Sunday 18th September led by Bishop Alan Williams. Coach from Harpenden-7:50am. Seats still available. Tickets: £15 adults, £7 children & f/t students. To book ring Maria 624024 or Emanuela 655246. See poster and flyers for more details.

NEXT WEEK!

concert in aid of The Children's Society on Saturday 3rd September at 7:30pm
Chidell Hall, Aldwickbury School.
Tickets £17.50 from 01582 767836
Harpendenchildrensociety@hotmail.com or on the door.

- they've sold around 100 tickets and would like to sell another 100 if possible. Nothing more we can do,

CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Grand Organ Festival concert takes place on Wednesday 31st August at 7.30pm. Juan de la Rubia of Sagrada Familia, Barcelona will be our recitalist

this month, and he is playing the following programme:

Bach Toccata & Fugue in E BWV 566
Bach Christ, unser Herr, zum Johann kam BWV684

Bach Valet will ich dir geben BWV 736
Bach Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott BWV 721

Franck Choral No.2 in B Minor

Vierne Claire de lune *from* 24 Pièces de Fantaisie

Durufié Choral varié sur le thème du Veni Creator Op 4

Wagner Entry of the Gods into Valhalla *from* Das Rheingold, *tr.* Lemare

Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions) and are available on the door on the night. The recital will last around 75 minutes, and there is no interval.

MASS with those with SPECIAL NEEDS

This Mass will take place on **SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER** at ST DOMINIC PRIMARY SCHOOL at 2.30pm FOR MASS AT 3.00pm. The Mass will be followed by a tea party/picnic.

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Catriona Bartley if you are coming on the day or are able to help on 07505 491293 or tinesweeney@hotmail.com.

OPEN EVENING

Nicholas Breakspear School in St. Albans is a successful mixed Catholic School.

The open evening takes place on 3rd October at 7.30pm.

SPEED DATING

Our ever popular Catholic Speed Dating at Austin Forum is back on 16 September from 7:30-late. Location at Austin Forum, St Augustine's Church, Fulham Palace Road, W6 8AU. There is a f5 donation please contact gabriella@austin-forum.org to book a place.

MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

You warmly invited to the Mass for Workers and Volunteers on Saturday 10 September. As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, His Eminence the Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrating the Mass at Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will be BSL interpreted for those who are deaf. Everyone is welcome.

- Saturday 10 September

Venue: Westminster Cathedral, London SW1

Transport: Victoria Station

Time: 2.00pm

Is social media taking over your child's life?

When did your children last spend a couple of hours simply alone, day-dreaming, without any social media to hand? When did they last spend even a day simply playing with other youngsters in the same room?

Terry Waite, the former Beirut hostage and C of E envoy, is concerned that social media has crowded out any

chance for stillness, for inner reflection, and is instead reshaping the way young people interact with each other. Face-to-face encounter and simple conversations are no longer a priority.

Why story-telling is good for us

Don't let anyone tease you if you enjoy novels and drama. Story-telling is more than just entertainment – it really does have an important role to play in our lives.

So says a professor at the University of Toronto. It seems that reading or watching fiction increases your ability to understand the feelings of others, and so can break down divisions between people of different backgrounds. "What's a piece of fiction... a novel... a short story... a play or movie or TV series? It's a piece of consciousness being passed from mind to mind."

The best work for job satisfaction

When it comes to finding purpose and satisfaction in your daily work, it seems that you can't beat being a stay-at-home mother or father.

A recent survey has found that 'full-time' parents are 62 per cent more content than people in other lines of work. Home-makers have a score of 87.2 per cent, just ahead of people in hospitality. At the other end of the spectrum, those in marketing, advertising and public relations score just 53.8. The research was done by LV= the insurance company.