

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thanks the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden.

At our recent appeal we received from you £1667.67 in donations, £180.00 from the bookstall and we shall be able to reclaim about £215 tax. **TOTAL = £2062.67.**

93 Parishioners gave us their names and addresses so they will receive our newsletter free of charge for one year. David Black (Area Secretary).

## OUR CHOIR

Boys and girls going into Year 4 in September are welcome to come and join the choristers. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 7-8pm throughout term time.

**Choristers** sing at 11.30am Mass on three Sundays of the month and a termly list is sent with all details. They also sing at weddings and at services such as the Advent and Carol services and at concerts throughout the year.

Choristers may also join from other year groups and stay until the end of Year 13, aged 18.

**The adult choir** meets on Thursday 8-9pm. We have places for soprano, alto, tenor and bass and tuition is given in sight reading and vocal development. The adult choir sings on two Sundays each month at the 11.30am Mass and joins with the choristers for many other services and concerts.

If you would like to come to the first rehearsal on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, please email Katie Metcalfe – [katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk)

## THE NILAND CENTRE

12<sup>th</sup> Sept. *Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World* – Pat Gaffney (Pax Christi) explores making change happen for a better world. (10.30-4pm)

19<sup>th</sup> Sept. *Pope Francis in Conversation with St Catherine of Siena* – Sr Marie-Henry Keane OP. (10.30 – 3pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. *Living the Joy of the Gospel* – Sr Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver. 9.10.30-1.30pm)

Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £12.

## YOUTH EVENT

Gen Verde, a performing arts group of the Focolare Movement, will be in the UK from October to December 2015. They will be visiting Welwyn Garden City from 16<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October, leading a series of workshops and a collaborative concert, organised by Westminster Youth Ministry. For further information, please contact Mil Zomack at 07733 232896 or [milzomack@gmail.com](mailto:milzomack@gmail.com)

## MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at St Dominic's School, Southdown Road. The occasion will start at 2.30pm with hymns followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Afterwards there will be refreshments and the afternoon will end at about 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome and if you know of anyone who would like to come please let them know about the Mass. To assist with catering numbers, we would be grateful for RSVPs to Lorna Harris on 01582 769754 or [lorna.harris80@ntlworld.com](mailto:lorna.harris80@ntlworld.com).

## SPONSORED BIKE'N'HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

## LOURDES IN FEBRUARY

We normally have a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast which is on 11<sup>th</sup> February. We usually go to Lourdes for three days. The hotel needs to know our requirements early and it is cheaper the earlier we book the flights. Would you like to have this experience of Lourdes? If so, put your name and details on the list.

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

**For the Sanctity of Life,**

Why not come along on Sunday 27th September? The day will be led by Bishop Philip Egan. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see the poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the vestibule or contact

**Maria (01582 624024) or Emanuela (01582 655246) or visit [www.prolifelilepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifelilepilgrimage.org)**

## WESTMINSTER

## CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be a Volunteer Guide in Westminster Cathedral this summer? You need to be over 18. Full training will be given. Hours to suit. For more

information please contact Anne Marie Micallef on 020 7931 6067; [annemariam@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annemariam@rcdow.org.uk).

## THE HOLY LAND

This November we will be making the 5<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Queries to [paulmcdermott@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:paulmcdermott@rcdow.org.uk) or 02084 522475. Booking forms are available for the pilgrimage 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November. Price £1495 per person.

## SUSTAINABLE ST ALBANS WEEK

This takes place during 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you would be interested in getting involved on behalf of the parish please let Monsignor Turner know. More information can be found here <https://sustainablestalbans.wordpress.com>

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

One couple from the parish has tried this and thoroughly recommend that it will enrich your marriage. It takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Hendon, London NW1 4TY. Each seminar is 2 days (Sat & Sun) and non-residential. £90 per couple. NO GROUP WORK - visit [www.smartloving.org/marriage/](http://www.smartloving.org/marriage/) for information and bookings, please email to [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk) or Tel: 020 7931 6064.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, KRAKOW – July 2016

Mission week in Krakow, 18-31 July 2016, with the largest youth gathering in the world. Contact [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).