

NEED A JOB

The Diocese of Westminster is advertising various vacancies. If you know anyone looking for a post please give them this link:
<http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

WELCOME

Fr. Brian Ward is well known in our parish. We welcome him for the next two weeks while he is standing in for Mgr. Turner.

LORETO OPEN EVENING

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to the College for 2016 will take place on Tuesday 29th September 2015. The College opens at 6pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. Guided tours will be organised from 6pm to 7.45pm. The Headteacher will address parents at 6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the College. Tours during the school day will take place between the 5th to 16th October (by appointment only). Appointments can be made from 30th September 2015 by calling 01727 856206.

SURVEY

Thanks so much to those who completed the survey forms about children not at Catholic schools. Twelve people responded. Without Catholic teaching, how can their faith survive? The survey cards will be distributed once again when families are back from holiday.

ASSISTED DYING BILL POSTCARDS

There is a very important debate taking place in the House of Commons on 11th September on a Private Members Bill to legalise assisted suicide. It is very important that we should play our part as much as we can to make our voices heard. Postcards are available for you to take and send to your local MP or give them to colleagues or friends.

FURTHER ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

As many new recruits were unable to attend due to summer holidays, further courses have been arranged. Part one and part two must be attended to complete the course. For those who have completed part one already, you only need to attend part two to complete your training. Please register your attendance at the start of each training session with the organiser. Training dates are:

Part ONE Training: Saturday 19th September after 6pm Mass OR Saturday 26th September after 6pm Mass.

Part TWO Training: Sunday 20th September after 11.30am Mass OR Sunday 27th September after 11.30am Mass.

CHORISTERS & ADULT 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 3rd September, please email Katie Metcalfe – katiemjack@yahoo.co.uk

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 13th 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.

LOURDES 2016

We normally have a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Feast which is on 11th 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, contact the parish office.

THE NILAND CENTRE

12th September (10.30am-4pm)
Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World – Pat Gaffney (Pax Christi)
explores making change happen for a better world.

19th September (10.30am-3pm) *Pope Francis in Conversation with St Catherine of Siena* – Sr Marie-Henry Keane OP.

23rd September (10.30am-1.30pm)
Living the Joy of the Gospel – Sr Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver.
Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £12.

SPONSORED BIKE'N'HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust takes place this year on Saturday 12th 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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

One couple from the parish has tried this and thoroughly recommend that it will enrich your marriage. It takes place on **3rd and 4th 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/ for information and bookings, please email to family@rcdow.org.uk or Tel: 020 7931 6064.