

MONDAY MASS

As tomorrow, Monday, is a bank holiday Mass will be at the later time of 10.00am.

OFFICE EMAILS

Please note that there is just one email address now for the Office Administrator, and parish office. All email messages should be sent to harpenden@rcdow.org.uk.

OPENING HOURS

The office will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place then. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians for our Diocese (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please also pray for vocations; please take

home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily.

WALK IN THE PARK

The bluebells are stunning this year so you are most welcome to join a group of parish walkers next Wednesday 3rd May at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park to see some. There is delicious coffee after in a nearby cafe and if the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for further walks held first Wednesday of every month.

NILAND CENTRE

Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition with Fr Malachy Keegan. Wednesday, 26 April (10.00-3.00). How does it differ from secular mindfulness? What is its place in our life of faith and prayer? Suggested donation £14 please bring a packed lunch. Part II Wed. 24 May. The Daily Call to Truth with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Sr Teresa O'Donovan OP. A necessary virtue today, especially in the election of new national leadership. Wednesday, 10 May (10.00-12.30). Suggested donation £6. Venue: Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. For information 020 8950 4000 or www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk.

CATECHISTS

Ignite (A one-day conference for all catechists)
Saturday 8th July 2017
10.00am to 4.00pm
At Sacred Heart High School
212 Hammersmith Road
London W6 7DG
Cost £10.00 per person
Please bring a packed lunch – teas & coffee provided.
Please email:
catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Jump! Primary Schools Team is currently working in four primary schools and has recently been contacted by a fifth requesting our involvement in delivering RE lessons. We cannot commit to taking on another school without more volunteers, as the few we have are already at capacity. I am looking for at least 3 volunteers who can give at least 2 sessions (usually 1-3.30pm) per month, days flexible to suit you, to enable us to take on this new school. For further information please email Natalie at jumpharpenden@gmail.com or phone 622862 or 07985 960703.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

For the lives of loved ones will be held at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 7th May. Service at 3pm

followed by release of doves at 4.15pm. All are welcome (including bereaved children). No tickets required.

THE HAVEN

More and more of today's teenagers are going through life-affecting anxiety issues. 11.5% or about 510,000 young people aged between 11-16 years have a mental disorder. So, as part of our remit to resource youth work in the local church, the267project is launching a monthly support group for those young people who are struggling with stress and anxiety. The Haven will be a safe space for those young people (12+) who need a place to be honest about what they are going through, learn practical tools to help them manage and reduce their anxiety levels and discover that they are not alone. In Harpenden we are launching The Haven at High Street Methodist (High Street, AL5 2RU) and the group will run 4.30pm - 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in term-time, starting May 11th. For your information we are also launching in St Albans at St Paul's, (Blandford Rd, AL1 4JP) and that group will run 4.30pm - 6pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in term-time, starting May 4th

