

MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we will receive a visit from **Fr. Gerry Mackey**. He will be making an appeal on behalf of the Columbian Fathers and their missionary work. He is looking forward to his visit and speaking to us about the Columban Missions and the vital part they play.

PARISH DIARY

Seems strange to be thinking about 2017 already, but the parish diaries have arrived. Please take a free copy. If you would like to make a donation, please use the cash box for papers and magazines.

GET TOGETHER

It is important that as well as celebrating Mass together, our parish community meets socially as well.

The refreshments after 11.30am Mass serve this purpose. Do call in, even if only for a brief time.

THIS SUNDAY – 7th AUGUST.

GREAT TO SEE

Those who kindly volunteered for the ministry of altar service are being initiated into the role. They have been trained and are receiving the help of a “buddy”. Many thanks to them and to Adrian Fernandez for his guidance of the group and to Aidan Donnelly for giving the training.

GOLF DAY SUCCESS

A wonderful day and evening dinner was had by 31 golfers and a total of 64 diners on Friday 22nd July at Harpenden Common Golf Club.

The prize winners were 1st Adam Winchester, 37 points (friend of Terry Guy) 2nd, Gerry Doherty 36 points (on count back) 3rd Terry Alleyne also on 36 points. The team prize was won by Graham Ryan, John O'Brien & Andrew Clark and nearest the pin Ginny St John Glew. However the real winners are the Developing World Group as the profit made will go to support the current parish project. A huge thank you to all who supported this event.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Confirmation photographs are now available to collect from the back of the church (on the table just outside the little shop). Please take your photo this weekend.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For Doctors, Nurses and all Health Carers

Are still looking for Catholic carers to attend their conference at St Mary's University on 30th July. The subject is Palliative Care in the Year of Mercy. The programme for the day is on the church notice board.

LA ALEGRÍA DEL AMOR New Group

Estais todos invitados a la lectura en común de Amoris Laetitia en español, para reflexionar sobre el amore en la familia y en el matrimonio siguiendo las palabras del Papa Francisco. Reuniones semanales ó quincenales a partir to Septiembre. ¡Anímate!

Tel. 01582 768829 or 07832 934357.

BASIC CARING COMMUNITIES

Are you interested in joining a small group of Christians working to support

people leaving prison in our area? BaCC are looking for volunteers to help ex-offenders make a fresh start. Full support and training will be provided. For further information, call 020 7735 9535 or email bacc@prisonadvice.org.uk

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We are a family of four parishioners, (two adults, a four year old and a baby), seeking a two-three bed house/flat to rent from September for six months. We have a budget of up to £1450 pcm. If anyone has anything available or knows of a property we'd be very grateful. My contact details are Mary Benson 07764 817309 mlbhamilton@gmail.com

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 linesweeney@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Sunday 18th September. Coach leaving at 7.50am Outside 'Chef Peking' Restaurant 5, Church Green Harpenden AL5 2TP. For further details contact Maria 01582 624024 or Emanuela 01582 655246 / www.prolifepilgrimage.org

CHORISTERS

The new choir term starts on Sunday 4th September (11.30am Mass) and then Thursday 8th September rehearsal

7-8pm

Children from Year 4 to Year 13 are welcome to come and try a rehearsal or Mass prior to joining the choir. Please contact Katie Metcalfe if your child would like to come and sing at the start of September on either occasion mentioned above.

ADULT CHOIR

Our first rehearsal back will be Thursday 8th September 8.00 - 9.00pm Any adult (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) considering joining the choir is welcome to attend on this day. Please contact Katie Metcalfe in advance.

PARISHIONER TREK

Patrick McGuinness will be spending his summer holidays trekking from John O'Groats to Land's End. Making the c. 1,220 mile trip on his own, hopefully in just 39 days for two very worthy charitable causes – namely, the Macmillan Nurses and Amy's Retreat. Do please support him. See link to his JustGiving team page where donations can be made to either or both causes: www.justgiving.com/teams/Patrick2016JoGLE

CHARITY EVENING

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray will join Susanna Stranders for an opera recital and presentation about Susanna's career path into opera, on Saturday 3rd September, 7.30 pm at Chidell Hall, Aldwickbury School, in aid of The Children's Society. Tickets £17.50 to include an interval drink, from 01582 767836, 766824, and harpendenchildrensociety@hotmail.com