

LENTEN ALMS

We collected the Lenten Alms after Mass on Ash Wednesday in support of Caritas Westminster. The donations amounted to £664.60 which will go to support the homeless, hungry, poor, lonely and vulnerable of our diocese. Thank you for your generosity. For more information see www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass for Ralph Langshaw will be held this Friday 19th February at 10am. Please keep Ralph and his family in your prayers. There will be no 9.15 Mass on this day.

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March 2016

The worldwide movement of Christians (men and women) who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March each year. This year's service is written by the women of Cuba, with the theme Receive Children, Receive Me. There will be a service at 10.30am at the United Reformed Church in Vaughan Road and one at 7.45pm at All Saints Church, 129 Station Road. For more information see the postcards at the back of the church or contact Teresa Newham on 766403.

TONY BATH (RIP)

We learnt this week of the death of former parishioner (of 1950's) and local councillor Tony Bath, who died on 29th January, aged 97. His funeral will be held in Newport Pagnell on Saturday. Some of our current elders may remember him.

REFRESHMENTS

Will be served after 11.30 Mass this Sunday 14th February. We hope to see some of you there!

CONVENT CHAPEL

Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2-3pm (Theme, God's Mercy) on Tuesday 16th Feb at the Convent Chapel, 18 Kirkdale Road.

INTERNET SAFETY

Christchurch Harpenden is holding an informal event aimed at parents and guardians, to provide information around children using the internet safely and how to navigate this difficult issue from a biblical perspective. The speaker, David Clarke, is a Christian, IT Expert & Author. Event will be held **Tues 23rd Feb** at 8-9.30pm in the Slug & Lettuce. Tickets are £3 which includes a snack. For tickets contact Leanne Smyth on 078.35 421161 or email leannesmyth5@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

This certifies that a person is at Mass **EVERY** Sunday. Nursery applications for St Dominic's School are now open. The Certificate of Catholic Practice will need to be signed to accompany the application. Monsignor Turner will hold a Certificate signing session on Saturday 5th March, 11.00am-12noon, in church. No need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is only at this time.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Last week we distributed the initial instalment of the Wednesday Word.

Children and families attending St. Dominic School already receive this. We would like to share this with those not at Catholic school. It is a way of introducing a little of the word we have at Mass into the family. Please collect your copy today – if you do not attend a Catholic school.

BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID - Chernihiv in Ukraine

A collection is being held on Sat 27th Feb from 10am-3pm in the Cunningham Room, St Nicholas Church Halls. Many items are needed in new or good, clean condition. These include clothing and shoes for men women and children, baby supplies including baby food and milk and nappies, toiletries and sanitary goods for men women and children, fabric lengths and blankets, garden and woodworking tools...to name a few. Please see the poster for details or contact Anne Harper 769213 or Margaret Hewitt 761008.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING

The Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please pass Monsignor Turner the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Friday 19th February

This Lent Fast Day, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education.

CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day Envelope from church this week, and remember to fast on Lent Fast Day. And there is very good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent!

VOLUNTEER DAY

Caritas Westminster is holding a Volunteer Day on Sat 5th March, 10am-2pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London, SW1P 1QJ. Get involved, learn new skills, make friends, share your gifts. RSVP by 29th Feb to: caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15-17 April at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details contact Sandra on 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk