

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL

We will be holding a 2nd collection after both mass on Ash Wednesday (18th Feb) for Lenten Alms. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked us to support Caritas Westminster this year. Caritas gives practical support to the homeless, hungry, poor, lonely and vulnerable in our diocese. You can pick up a Gift Aid envelope after mass this Sunday, to make your gift more valuable.

LADIES GROUP ACTIVITIES

We will be holding our annual St Patrick's Day Lunch in the Undercroft on Tuesday 17th March from noon. Tickets are £10 and will include a welcome drink, traditional Irish lunch and an Irish coffee. Proceeds will go to the Dominican Sisters' Barcelona Settlement in South Africa. Dates for your diary:
- St George's Day Sunday Lunch at Lourdes Hall on 26th April (proceeds to DWG).
- Strawberry Tea on Sunday afternoon, 28th June in the Parish Garden.

PARISH CEILIDH (BARN DANCE) ON 21st MARCH

Stop press: due to popular demand, menu revised to 'ploughman's' followed by apple pie, with guests bringing their own drinks. Venue: Lourdes Hall; time: 7.30pm.

Please contact Julia Roche (juliaandnigel@gmail.com or tel: 760295) for tickets at £15 a head and to make donations for raffle prizes. All profit to our water project in Uganda, where work has already started on the first borehole - project details on board in the vestibule. Having sent a further £900 this week, we have already donated £9,400 of the £12,800 we promised. Our ceilidh should go a long way to finding the rest. Please come to what promises to be a great night.

WHAT DO I DO?

Lent begins on 18th February - Ash Wednesday. It's a good idea to think now what your Lent resolution will be. Will you give up something? And maybe take on something as well! We always have Lent Faith Sharing Groups. They are perhaps the only time in the year when we can talk with like-minded people about what we believe. They are friendly, encouraging groups. No one is obliged to speak if they don't wish to. You will certainly benefit from the experience. **Sign in TODAY – just put your name and email. You can opt for day and time later.**

PRIEST'S REFERENCES

Nursery Applications at St. Dominic School open on Monday 9th February. Monsignor Turner will be

holding signing sessions in the church on the following dates:
Sat 28th February 11am-1pm and Sat 14th March 11am-1pm. There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in with you forms. **Signing will be ONLY AT THESE TIMES.**

LENT @ THE NILAND CENTRE

(Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, Herts. WD23 4EE)
Refreshments provided at all events. For details call 020 8950 4000 or www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk
Why Climate Change Really Matters - with CAFOD Saturday 21st Feb, 10am-4pm. Reflections in the light of the General Election.
Ashes to Fire - looking at the Sunday readings of Lent with Sr Anne Walsh OP. Wednesdays from 25th Feb, 10am-12noon.

FAIRTRADE EVENING

Speaker: Dr Mark Hayes (Author of 'Fairtrade is still a Rich Harvest, and St Hilda Reader in Catholic Social Thought in Department of Theology and Religion). Mark is a strong supporter of Fairtrade, with years of supporting small businesses in developing countries. Friday 27th Feb 2015 7pm. St John Vianney Parish Centre, 4 Vincent Road, London N15 3QH. Nearest tube Turnpike Lane. Buses 41 and 67.

THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2015 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 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Monsignor Turner the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

the independent Catholic boys' school in St Albans, is holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 26th February from 1.15pm-2.45pm. For further information, please contact Mrs Cathy Lovett, Admissions Officer, admissions@stcolumbascollege.org.

VOLUNTEER ARCHIVIST

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking a Volunteer Archivist who is able to offer their time regularly for a few hours each week, to help research and catalogue content relating to the School's 100-year history. No previous experience needed. Application forms are available from www.cvms.co.uk