

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Was last Friday 19th February

This Lent Fast Day, was an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to improve the quality of life for very many people.

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 kind of vital work.

We will collect your Fast Day donations after all Masses this weekend.

Envelopes are available for making your donation gift aided. And there is very good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent!

FOR LENT

This is such a special season with special opportunities. We can build the foundations now to be able to celebrate a wonderful Easter Feast. It is a time of development and conversion.

We have Lent Groups, Daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross to name a few things as well as the sacrifices we make. **Stations of the Cross** is an excellent meditative prayer. Never tried it? Why not give it a try?

SUNDAYS at 5.00 p.m.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Tickets, at 50 p each or £5 for a book of 10, will be on sale after Mass at the week-end on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February. There are 23 prizes to be won, from £ 3,000 down to £ 250. The draw will take place at the end of March, just after Easter.

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.

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.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Our Neighbours near our Church building often find that those attending Mass have parked right across their driveway. Not only is this not permitted but it brings the Church and our parish into disrepute. That is not fair- either to our neighbours or to our parishioners.

Parking is not an easy matter but please take care when doing so and avoid blocking the access to anyone's house.

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 07835 421161 or email leannesmyth5@gmail.com

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

The next Solitude Saturday will be held on 27th February at St. Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. Telephone (01582) 424518.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT 5-6TH MARCH 2016

High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG
2 days £110 per couple (+ optional overnight supplement)

For all ages and stage of marriage – refreshing insights and powerful strategies help you turn your good marriage into a great one. For more information visit

www.smartloving.org/marriage.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT

Friday 26th February, 7-9 pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. For adults (18-30's) - Fr Christopher Jamison, OSB, Director of the National Office for Vocation, on "Called and Consecrated by Christ". For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING

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.

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