

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are blessed in our church to have such fine artwork to illustrate the journey of Christ to Calvary. We make special use of these aids to prayer when we pray "the Stations". It is a highly recommended devotion. Why not give it a try – 6.00pm Sunday evening. Very good to make this part of your Lent agenda.

LENT FAST DAY

NEXT FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive. Fast days are our opportunity to support their vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day!

There is good news: the UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent up to the value of £3.5m.

Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

PRIEST'S REFERENCES

Nursery Applications for St. Dominic's School are now open. Monsignor Turner will be holding signing sessions in the church on the following dates:

**Saturday 28th Feb. 11.00am-1.00.
Saturday 14th March 11am-1pm.**

There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in with your forms. **Signing is ONLY AT THESE TIMES.**

THE ST PATRICK'S LUNCH

Takes place on Tuesday 17th March in the undercroft from 12.00noon brought to you by our LADIES GROUP. Proceeds will aid the Dominican Sisters' work in the Barcelona slums of South Africa. Tickets are £10 which will include a welcome drink, a traditional Irish meal, Irish coffee and barmbrack. Tickets on sale after all the Masses from next weekend. EVERYONE is welcome.

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

This barn dance will be 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 (email: juliaandnigel@gmail.com and 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.

NEW READERS' ROTA

Ministers of Reader can collect copies of the new rota which are now available in the Vestibule of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL RAFFLE

Tickets at 50p each or £5 for a book of 10 will be on sale after Mass on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. There are 33 prizes to be won, from £3000 down to £50 and the draw will take place on 31st March. Any unsold tickets may be on sale after Masses the following weekend. The money raised will go to help the SVP on a national basis but we are entitled to retain 20% for use within the parish.

LENT @ THE NILAND CENTRE

(Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, Herts. WD23 4EE)
Refreshments provided at all events.
Details at <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programme-of-events/> or 020 8950 4000

Ashes to Fire—looking at the Sunday readings of Lent with Sr Anne Walsh OP. Wednesdays from 25th February, 10am-12noon.

TO CELEBRATE FAIRTRADE!

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.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for Sep 2016. The consultation will run for 8 weeks from 2nd Jan to 27th Feb 2015. Any responses should be sent to the Governing Body by the closing date. Please see the school website for further details - www.stdominic.herts.sch.org

BUS CONSULTATION

The future on the HA1 Bus service will depend on the outcome of this Consultation. Please request a form or complete the online Consultation at the link below: <https://consult.hertsdirect.org/bus-services/>.

TIME FOR A SECOND

All those in the First Communion Preparation Class made their First Confession last year in December. It is now time for their **second Confession** and Lent being a particularly appropriate moment.