

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 and 6pm. There will be a Lenten Alms Collection after each mass in support of Caritas Westminster, the official social outreach arm of the Diocese. Caritas Westminster works across our Diocese, throughout London and Hertfordshire, enabling and co-ordination parish communities to find practical solutions that address a variety of local social needs, including rough sleeping, unemployment, food poverty, youth employability and loneliness. For more information see www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass for Gerald Woodruff will be held this Friday 12th February at 11am. Please keep Gerald 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 Women's World Day of Prayer is a 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 (01582) 766403.

LENT GROUPS

To sit down with other Catholics during Lent and think a bit more about what the Church believes is very good exercise. It keeps your Faith fit! The groups are friendly, not highbrow and a very good resolution for Lent. Do think about it and give in your name

TODAY. Groups meet on various days and at various times to suit. Give it a go! We will be collecting names after mass but you can also contact Rachel Lee on rachellee1105@yahoo.co.uk or 07957 206078.

CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE

This certifies that a person is at Mass **EVERY** Sunday. Nursery applications for St Dominic's School open on Tuesday 9th February. 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. Please note that 'practising'

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.

PRAYERS PLEASE

On Tuesday we heard the sad news of the death of Ralph Langshaw whom those who attend 11.30 Mass will know well. For some time Ralph has been bravely fighting illness. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

LAUDATO SI

Come and take part in a forum on the Pope's latest encyclical. There will be a panel of four speakers on different parts of the encyclical and a chance for you to join in the discussion on Sat 13 Feb at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, 47 Vesta Ave, St Albans AL1 2PT, 10am-12:30. Arranged by the Newman Association. Please contact Janet Evers if you need a lift 01582 621960.

DAY BY DAY

Many will be familiar with this little booklet which is pocket size and gives the word of God for every day and a short thought too. The issue for LENT has arrived. The copies are £1 each. A very good buy!

GIVE BLOOD

At Harpenden Public Halls – Southdown Road
Weds 17th February 12.15-15.30 and 17.00-19.30. To book an appointment please call 0300 1232323 or visit www.blood.co.uk. One donation from you can help save or improve the lives of up to three people. Do something amazing. Become a new blood donor.

REFRESHMENTS

Please note refreshments will be served after 11.30 Mass next Sunday 14th February to ensure we don't clash with

our First Holy Communion classes on this first Sunday of the month, this week 7th February.

YEAR OF MERCY LOGO

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel



of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the

work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik. It represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.