

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

ENJOY A GOOD SING?

This Sunday 11th January there will be a workshop for any adults thinking of joining the choir - it will be from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in the Undercroft. Even if you were not thinking of joining the choir, you will enjoy this event.

CONVENT CHAPEL

18 Kirkdale Road will be open for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Wednesday 14th January 2-3pm. Please ring the doorbell to enter.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for September 2016. The consultation will run for 8 weeks from 2 January to 27 February 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

HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICES

18th January, 6.30pm, Ecumenical Evening Service at St. Mary's CofE, Kinsbourne Green and 21st January, 12 noon, Midweek Prayer Service, followed by soup lunch at Harpenden United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road.

SAINTS & PILGRIMS

Bishop Alan Smith (Bishop of St Albans) is giving a talk on Saints and Pilgrims on Monday 12th Jan, 8pm at SS Alban and Stephen Church Hall, 14-16 Beaconsfield Rd, St Albans, AL1 3RB. This is organised by the Herts Circle of the Newman Association. All are very welcome to attend. Contact Janet Evers 01582 621960 if you need a lift.

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

The next Solitude Saturday will be held on 24th January at St Clare's Convent 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. Telephone (01582)424518.

UNDERSTANDING CAFOD

Looking for something new in 2015? CAFOD needs your help in ending poverty and injustice overseas. Find out how you can live your faith and put your skills to good use at Understanding CAFOD Day on Saturday, 24 January,

in London SE1, from 10am to 4pm. Book online: understandingcafod.eventbrite.co.uk, or call 0208 449 6970.

CHARITY CONCERT

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) is collaborating with the Brandenburg Choral Festival to raise money for the CCS. Three a cappella acts are lined up to entertain you while you enjoy a beverage from the very reasonably priced bar (the cheapest in central London!). The concert will take place at 8pm on Wednesday the 28th January and tickets are £12. To book, please call 0208 969 5305. The concert is being held in a top secret location in Central London that will be revealed to you when you buy your ticket(s).

TEACHER TRAINING

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is currently offering initial teacher training places starting in September 2015 through the School Direct programme. Places are offered in Art and Design, Design and Technology, English, Geography, History, Physical Education, Computing, Mathematics and Chemistry. For further information or if you would like to attend the information evening on 14 January 2015 please contact BrooksH@cvms.co.uk or visit the school website www.cvms.co.uk

CALIX

Calix, in London, is an association of Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with

and participation in, the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It promotes the spiritual development of its members by offering weekly meetings, with celebrations of Mass, conversation, prayer and reflection. New members are always welcome. For more information, please go to www.calixsociety.org.uk or ring 07762 570361.

CATHEDRAL INVITE

The Cardinal invites all the sick in the Diocese to the annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 7th February 2015 at 2.00pm in the Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, you need to email Margaret Erangey (margareterangey@rcdow.org.uk) to ensure that the appropriate space is reserved in the Cathedral.

FAITH FORMATION

The diocese of Westminster is offering a wealth of adult faith formation opportunities this spring. Study evenings and talks are to be held at Vaughan House (SW1) on a variety of topics including: How to have a New Teenager in 5 days (22nd Jan); This is My Body - for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (5th Feb); The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word - for parish readers (12th Feb); Scripture from Scratch - a basic Bible Study Programme (Tues 20th Jan / 17th Feb / 14th Mar). For further information please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/events/>