

PEACE SUNDAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make this Sunday a day of prayer for peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace, with the title: Overcome indifference and win peace.

The Catholic peace movement **Pax Christi** works to secure the 'prize' of a peace which is both merciful and just. This it does locally by linking together people who are committed to the work of making peace, providing resources, and fostering prayer and reflection regarding the meaning of the Gospel of Peace. But it also works internationally to build trust in troubled areas of the world and to speak out on issues of war and peace on the basis of Catholic ethics.

For more information visit www.paxchrisi.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE

This year will be a special one when I give thanks for having served 50 years in the priesthood. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass to which everyone is warmly invited, on **SUNDAY 5th JUNE at 4.00pm** in church followed by a reception. Mgr. Turner.

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

The 18th – 25th January is the week of prayer for Christian Unity. It is the official policy of our church to work towards that unity. On Wednesday 20th January at 12.00 noon there will be a short service of prayer at the URC

Church Vaughan Road followed by an informal soup lunch. A very good occasion. Do give it a try if you haven't done so before.

BURNS NIGHTS & CEILIDH

You are welcome to this friendly event at the URC hall on Saturday 23rd Jan 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Tickets £25 each. Ring Phil Valle 712555.

WEEKEND RETREAT

Bishop John Crowley is leading a weekend retreat entitled 'Be still and know that I am God' on the 27-28 February at the Focolare Centre Welwyn Garden City. Cost £95 for Residential or £65 for Non-residential (cheques payable to ASPMA). If Jesus felt that He needed to be in solitude with the Father, should not we? Jesus did not wait until He had an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle. He made the opportunity. That is what it means to "be still and know that I am God." Please contact Sara on Sara.nash1@ntlworld.com or 01727 764601 for more details.

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER EVENING

Caritas are holding a Refugee Volunteer Evening on Tuesday 26 January in the Westminster Centre for Youth Ministry. The evening will give you the chance to find out how you can help refugees in London and Hertfordshire. As well as stalls from organisations working with migrants and refugees, they will be hosting a panel on working with refugees. Speakers will include Louise

Zanre from JRS UK, Sister Christine from Neighbours in Poplar, Cathy Corcoran CEO of the Cardinal Hume Centre and Michaela Costello from Guardian Angels parish. Venue: Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA (transport - Euston Station). Time: 6pm-8.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk by 19 January 2016.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

As we are celebrating JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising DIVINE MERCY RETREAT on Saturday 31 January 2016, 10am-4pm, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Westminster Bridge Road, Camberwell, London SE1 7HY.

Devotional Programme:

10:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:30 pm Holy Mass

1:00 pm Praise and Worship

1:15 pm Divine Mercy Talk

2:00 pm Break

2:30 pm Introduction to Holy Hour of Mercy

3:00 pm Hour of Mercy

3:45 pm Veneration of image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina

4:00 pm Departure

Further information:

Divine Mercy Apostolate, Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. Tel 0208 998 0925; email: info@divinemercy.org.uk www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

ST MATTHEW PASSION

On Saturday 13th February, the first Saturday in Lent, in St Albans Abbey at 7.30pm, the Lea Singers are performing Bach's sacred choral masterpiece, the St Matthew Passion, in a semi-staged version. James Gilchrist, one of the foremost singers of his generation is singing the role of Evangelist. There will also be a top line up of other soloists, orchestra etc. This should be an excellent and moving version of a great work. You can book tickets at www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music/st-matthew-passion

CATHEDRAL INVITE

The Cardinal invites all the sick in the Diocese to the annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 6th February 2016 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.

SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE PERSISTENCE OF FAITH

Bishop John Gladwyn will give a talk, arranged by the Newman Association, on the above subject at St. Thomas More Church, 7 Marford Road, Wheathampstead, AL4 8AY on Sunday January 17th at 8.00pm. All are very welcome. If you require a lift please contact Janet Evers on 01582 621960.