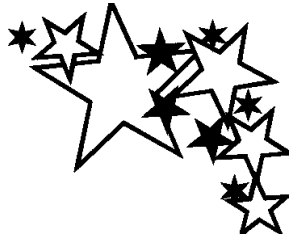


CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

Christmas was a powerful feast in our Parish and wonderful to see so many families and visitors to our church. The kindness that was shown by everyone was extremely moving and so much appreciated. I do hope all of you have had a very special celebration of the Christmas Feast. Bishop John also gives his thanks and greetings to everyone. Monsignor Turner



YOU ARE INVITED



This Sunday 4th January we invite you, after the 11.30am Mass, to refreshments in Our Lady's Hall,

(The Undercroft).

Please do accept this offer of hospitality by our team of helpers.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Last Sunday we listened to the letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols – our Archbishop about the next Synod of Bishops in Rome in October. He mentioned a pamphlet that the Bishops have prepared which is a basis for discussion and possibly response. Copies of the pamphlet are available. If these run out we can provide more.

GROWING IN FAITH MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS:

“After three years’ effort across the parishes of the diocese, our Growing in Faith Campaign is coming to a close. I want very much indeed to express my thanks to you for the attention and support you have given to its three key themes: strengthening parish life; supporting priests, in formation and old age; and Caritas, our work with the poor. I thank you for your prayers, the work done by the volunteers and I thank all who have made financial contributions. In total, with gifts and pledges, a sum of £37 million has been given. This great achievement will do so much to enable us to meet our needs and look forward confidently. This is a marvellous measure of your great generosity and love for the Lord and His Church. Thank you so much.”

ENJOY A GOOD SING?

Next 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.



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next 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.

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).

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.

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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The 12th Annual Theology of the Body lecture, entitled ‘Facing Difficulties in Christian Family Life: insights from Theology of the Body’ will be given by Dr Peter Khan, Director of Studies of the Liverpool University Higher Education Programme. It will take place on the 20th March 2015 at 6:45pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street London SW1P 1QN. Please register your interest at family@rcdow.org.uk. Tickets to be sold on the door, will be £10 or £5 concessions (OAP, students/unemployed)

THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE

Takes place at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2015 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 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).