

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual retiring collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

MONDAY

The Funeral Mass for P. J. Lynch-Kelly R.I.P will be celebrated this Monday **11th July at 11am**. Please continue to keep Peter and his family in your prayers at this time. (There will be no 9.15am Mass on this day.)

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The Special Needs Mass will take place on **SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER** at **ST DOMINIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** at 2.30PM FOR MASS AT 3PM. The mass will be followed by a tea party/picnic. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Catriona Bartley if you are coming on the day or are able to help on 07505 491293 or tinesweeney@hotmail.com. Thank you.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic

Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 10th September between 10am and 6pm.

So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

REWARDING ROLE

Each year we have an excellent group of applicants for Confirmation. Leading them to that point is a group of adults from the Parish. What they do is inspiring and enjoyable. Could you join this group? You may feel it would be good to give something back in the light of what you have received from the Church. No previous experience required. Only apply if you are not already in some ministry in the Parish.

HOUR OF PRAYER

This coming Tuesday at the Convent in 18, Kirkdale Road, there will be an hour of prayer following the lead given by Pope Francis in his letter LAUDATO SI. It is essentially related to our care of the environment and all that involves. Everyone is welcome to this hour of prayer from 2.00-3.00pm on Tuesday 12th July.

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a lady in the Parish who is looking to rent a one bedroom flat; she currently rents in Wheathampstead, but her landlord has sold the property, giving her very little notice to vacate by early July. As the lady is receiving Housing Benefit, finding new accommodation is proving very difficult and so if you are in a position to offer

accommodation, or know someone who might be, please contact the Our Lady of Lourdes SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society) on 622215 Carlo or Silvia or the parish office 712245.

PARISH GOLF DAY & DINNER Parish Golf Day and Dinner Friday 22nd July

Numbers are growing with parishioners and friends who don't want to miss this excellent golf day or just join the evening dinner party. Don't miss it; sign up now, the lists are in the vestibule of the church.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (UK)

The Catholic charity which supports Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need – is seeking a new **Press & Digital Media Officer**. Based in Sutton, the post's primary role involves producing high-quality written work for both print and online. Salary £23,000 per annum. For a full job description and to apply please visit our website

<http://www.acnuk.org/jobs-and-volunteering>. **Closing date:** Sunday 14th August 2016. **Interviews:** Friday 19th August 2016.

CHARITY EVENING

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray will join Susanna Stranders for an opera recital and presentation about Susanna's career path into opera, on Saturday 3rd September, 7.30 pm at Chidell Hall, Aldwickbury School, in aid of The Children's Society. Tickets £17.50 to include an interval drink, from 01582 767836, 766824, and harpendenchildrensociety@hotmail.com

THE PASSAGE

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 15 July, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets at £35 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper, prize raffle, and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 0207 5921856 Email: tickets@passage.org.uk See also www.passage.org.uk

CARE FOR CREATION WHERE NEXT?

Come and explore ways of caring for our planet in your personal and parish life. An Autumn series of events to discuss the local and global effects of climate change, the message of Pope Francis in Laudato Si, and practical ways for you to get involved.

There will be a range of exhibitors and talks, with addresses from CAFOD, Justice and Peace, and Caritas on different elements of the Pope's challenge. **HITCHIN**—Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew 24 September, 10am-1pm **CHISWICK**—Our Lady of Grace and St Edward 1 October, 10am-1pm **KENSINGTON**—Our Lady of Victories 15 October, 10.30 am—1.30pm