

URGENT APPEAL: OPPOSE DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Assisted Dying Bill would allow doctors or other health professionals to provide help such as lethal drugs for dying people to commit suicide. Assisted dying gives the message to sick, disabled and elderly people that they don't have lives worth living. Vulnerable people can feel under pressure to choose death. There is evidence of how this has happened in other countries where assisted dying has been legalised.

Please write to our MP, Peter Lilley **today**, asking him to oppose the Assisted Dying Bill. Address: **House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA** or email **lilley@parliament.uk** For further details www.notoassistedsuicide.org.uk There will be a vote in the House of Commons on 11th September 2015. It is urgent to write to MPs before 21st July, as that is the last day before the summer recess. After 21st July, many MPs will be away from the House of Commons until just before 11th September,

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Date for your diary - Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 27th September, led by Bishop Philip Egan. Local booking details will be available early in September. For more information visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

We are having staffing problems. But, the time has come! We have been preparing for the training of the new altar server recruits. The training sessions will be –

First Training Session

Saturday 25th July after 6.00pm Mass
OR

First Training Session

Sunday 2nd August after 11.30am Mass

NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A considerable number of the children in our parish have never received Catholic teaching as they have never attended a Catholic school.

It is very difficult for them fully to grasp what the Church tries to live by and why and also to have a strong Faith.

To get a clearer idea of the needs, we have provided a question card. If you complete that before leaving Mass, that would be most helpful.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

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 collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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PARISH GOLF DAY LAST CHANCE

20th JULY HARPENDEN COMMON

COME ON GOLFERS! The sign-up sheet is filling up. Join the golf club's Lady Captain and parishioner Ginny John St Glew on this enjoyable day by adding your name either to the golfers package or for dinner only if you are a non-golfer and would like to join this happy, social event. Don't worry about coming on your own, as you will be amongst friends and are especially welcome. This is the first time we have run this event on a Monday so you can start the week in the fresh air before returning to work fit and relaxed. Do come.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Elsie Alexandra O'Kelly**, daughter of Daniel & Sophie and **Dominic Christopher Ashcroft**, son of Christopher & Angel, who were both welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish them and their families every blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

TUESDAY 14th JULY

Dominican Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, 2-3pm. Prayer for Peace, Exposition and Reflection. All welcome.

DEVELOPING WORLD

11 June-6 July: cash donations, half from the wall safe at the back of the church, amounted to £113.73. Standing

order donations totalled £303 a month in June (only monthly figures are available). All of this money will be used to pay for a dormitory and sanitation block for forty girls at a girls secondary school in Mupo, South Sudan, for which we promised to raise £7,100. Thank you for your generosity.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Will be celebrated at 18:00 hours on 16th July at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, Westminster W1K 3AH. All welcome; please be in place by 17:45; civilian dress. Contact james.caulfield851@mod.uk.

ST. JOHN BOSCO CAMP

The SVP St John Bosco Children's Summer Camp (held at Aldham, Essex) is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 25 July - 1 August for Boys

Week Two Saturday 1 August - 8 August for Boys

Week Three Saturday 8 August - 15 August for Girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Transport available from various parts of London. Should you require an application form or more information then please contact (between 6pm and 9pm) the boys' camp on 01708 509790 or the girls' camp on 01634 311350. More information can be found on the website www.svpboscocamp.org.uk (The Harpenden SVP is able to assist with the cost should there be eligible candidates.)