

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 **lilleyp@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,

APOPSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The annual collection which took place last weekend raised £711.92. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed during the school holidays from Friday 24th July. Normal hours will resume on Friday 4th September.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Confirmation photographs are now available to collect at the back of the Church – near the Repository Shop.

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

BAPTISM

Our Church in all its Parishes tries to prepare people well for this wonderful sacrament. We have an excellent team that helps people to explore the meaning of the event and its implications. If you are expecting a baby it might be a good idea to register for the baptism preparation now rather than wait till the baby arrives, with all that involves! Please ring the Parish office this week.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N' HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 12th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

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.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The mass is on Sunday 13th Sept 2015 at St Dominic's School, Southdown Road, Harpenden. The service will start at 2.30pm with hymns followed by mass at 3pm (and will end at approx 5.30pm). Everyone is welcome and if you know of anyone who would like to come, please let them know about the mass. To assist with catering numbers, we would be grateful for RSVPs to Lorna Harris on 01582 769754 or lorna.harris80@ntlworld.com

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Arthur Henry Hutton**, son of Richard & Helen, whom we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish him and his family every blessing as he begins his new life in Christ.

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

NATIONL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE

Will take place at Walsingham on Sunday 26th July, from 11.00 am till 6pm. A day of faith and fun for all the

family. For more information visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org Or call 01328 560333.

ARE YOU THE TYPE?

We have a team of people who help to type this Newsletter each week. They take it in turns and it only works out about once every few months. It's not difficult or demanding but a great help to the parish.

Can you help? If so please let Mgr. Turner know after Mass on Sunday.

TAKE THE PLUNGE

When families in our parish are preparing for the baptism of their child we provide sessions for them. The purpose is to get the parents thinking about what Baptism means and what are the implications for parents of those being baptised.

Could you help those parents? It's not difficult and is very enjoyable. Give your name to Mgr. Turner after Mass or email the parish office.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet at 8.00pm on Monday evening.

ANY PETITIONS

Monsignor Turner will be going to Lourdes next week. If you have any petitions you would like placed at the Grotto, please write them, place in sealed envelope. You can pop these in the letter box of the priests' house. They will be in Lourdes by next weekend.