

## PRAYERS PLEASE

Early last week we received the sad news of the death of Peter Lynch-Kelly. Many people will know Peter as for many years he was the Minister of welcome at 9.45am Mass and was in the Ministry of Reader. He was at Mass here last Sunday and died very suddenly and unexpectedly.

Please support his wife Carole and his family in your prayers.

Peter's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.**

## STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held in the Priest's House garden this Sunday 3rd July from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and will cost £5.00. This will include a welcome drink, scones, shortbread and strawberries and cream. Proceeds will go to the Developing World Group. **Everyone is welcome.**

## PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for supporting last week's retiring collection. As a parish we donated £639.49 towards Pope Francis' charitable outreach.

## SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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.

## WALK IN THE PARK

Our first Parish walks have been a great success and we would like it to become a regular event (first Tuesday of the month). You are most welcome to join us for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park on Tuesday 5th July. We meet outside the Church at 9.45am after the 9.15am Mass and, after a walk around the Park, the group will have coffee at a nearby coffee shop. Do come!

## 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](mailto:tinesweeney@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## REFRESHMENTS

Will be served in the Undercroft this Sunday after the 11.30 Mass. We do hope to see some of you there.

## 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.

## 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

22nd July

The sign-up sheet is on the notice board so please add your name to it and join in this annual very enjoyable event. Bring business colleagues, friends and family members to make it even more special, non-golfers are especially welcome to join in the dinner. It really is a lovely relaxed evening amongst friends. All profit goes to the DWG project. We are looking for an event sponsor, interested? Please contact Dennis Cooper  
Tel: 731371. Email:

[denniscooper238@btinternet.com](mailto:denniscooper238@btinternet.com)

## SISTERS OF ST. CLARE

In early July (2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) the Sisters are meeting in Chapter to discern what God is asking of them at this particular time in history. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the whole Congregation. Let us also pray for the Sisters who serve in our own Pastoral Area that their ministry among us will continue for many more years.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children Baptised in the parish over the last fortnight:

**Joseph William Sandham** and **Samuel James Sandham**, sons of Tom & Claire; **Oliver Ron Gilroy**, son of Graham & Emily; **Harry Paul Walter Sheffield**, son of Paul & Jayne; **Jim Creddy Charlotte**, son of James & Tina; **Ann-Marie Rooney**, daughter of Martin & Lully and **Philip Mark Carey Cash**, son of Myles & Bridget. We wish them and their families every blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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: 020 75921856. [mail:tickets@passage.org](mailto:tickets@passage.org) **.uk** See also [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk)