

URGENT APPEAL: OPPOSE DOCTOR- ASSISTED SUICIDE

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 11 September 2015. It is urgent to write to MPs before 21 July, as that is the last day before the summer recess. After 21 July, many MPs will be away from the House of Commons until just before 11 September. 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.

PETER'S PENCE

The annual collection which took place last weekend raised £774.67. Thank you for your generosity.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served after the 11.30 mass this Sunday. Do pop in, even for a short while.

PARISH GOLF DAY 20th JULY HARPENDEN COMMON

COME ON GOLFERS! The sign-up sheet is now available. 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.

PROCLAIM 15

On Saturday 11th July, there will be a conference in Birmingham to celebrate joyfully and confidently our Catholic faith, and to explore how better to share it. Each deanery will be represented and the representative for our deanery will be Caroline Swanson. In each parish on that day there will be a Prayer Vigil. The Our Lady of Lourdes vigil will take place after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am, a Holy Hour to pray for the spread of God's word.

DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM 18th July 2015

Set in 150 acres of beautifully laid out park and maturing woodland this poignant and beautiful place is definitely worth a visit. Organised by Luton Catenain (Catholic) Association (who's

motto is faith, family, friendship) it will cost approx. £20pp return coach travel for adults (less for children) depending on numbers. You are invited to join us, so please email denniscooper238@btinternet.com to reserve places or to seek more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Alfred Charles Whitehead**, son of Lee & Nina and **Ralph William Horne**, son of Richard & Anna, 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.

LAND OF THE FREE

On Sunday 5th July, the Cantores will be taking part in a concert with the Lea Singers and other local choirs at St George's School Chapel at 7pm. An all-American programme of gospel, barbershop, spirituals and classical music. Tickets £15 (£10 under 18s and students) from KirstieAshdown 07734 753477 or tickets@leasingers.co.uk.

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.

GARDEN RETREAT MONDAY 6th JULY

A day of quiet reflection amid the beauty of the Niland Centre with Sr Laurentia OP and Sr Anne OP. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing for the garden. Suggested donation £12. Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. To book: 020 8950 4000 or <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/events/>

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about its work visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

TEN TEN THEATRE THIS FAMOUS THEATRE COMPANY HAS VACANCIES

HEAD OF SALES AND MARKETING - a part-time, fixed-term position starting September 2015. The successful applicant will play a crucial role in the exciting development of Ten Ten's brand and outreach.
EDUCATION RESOURCE WRITER - a freelance position working on an adhoc basis throughout the year. Successful applicants will produce outstanding teacher resources to a brief in collaboration with other creative contributors.