

THE WORD TODAY

It's the Year of Mercy. A person can stoop low and still be forgiven by God. David's hypocrisy as well as his willingness to see a man killed so he can have access to that man's wife; Nathan describes a hypothetical case, of less gravity, and David says 'the man who did that deserves to die.' Nathan says, elsewhere 'You are the man!' In the Gospel it is our own possible hypocrisy which could be in question. If we were in the situation depicted, would we behave like Jesus or Simon the pharisee? Simon fumes inwardly, keeping quiet, until Jesus reads his mind and shows how the woman exceeds her host in politeness and concern. In return for her unasked-for kindness, Jesus forgives her sins without being asked. David is forgiven because he suddenly sees his sin and confesses it

PRAYERS PLEASE

Last week we learned of the deaths of two of our parishioners, Denise Iommi R.I.P. and Elizabeth Jako R.I.P. Please remember both ladies and their families in your prayers. The Funeral Mass for Denise Iommi will be celebrated on Friday 17th June at 1pm. The Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Jako will be celebrated +on Monday 20th June at 11.30am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children currently in Year 2 who wish to make their First Holy Communion next year should please collect an application form, in person, from Monsignor Turner. He will have the forms ready for collection from him after all Masses on the remaining

weekends in June. Please note that forms can only be collected after Mass. They will **not** be available from the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to FLETCHER JAMES ELIO DRANE, son of Simon & Elke, and EMILIA IMOGEN WATERS, daughter of Daniel & Sarah, who were both baptised into the Catholic Church last weekend. We wish them and their families every blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax back that you have paid on your donations in the year ended 5th April 2016. So, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and no longer pay Income Tax, please would you contact the Parish Office so that we don't ask for tax if you haven't paid it. We also need to know if you have changed your address. Therefore, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and have moved house in the last 12 months, please inform the Parish Office.

RED MISSION BOXES

If you have a MISSIO red mission box which requires emptying, please leave it with one of the Ministers of Welcome before or after Mass or take it to the Sacristy. The boxes will be emptied and left in the Vestibule for collection. Please ensure your details are on the label, this is particularly important if you have signed a Gift Aid form. The Missio quarterly magazine is also in the Vestibule for anyone who would like to

take one. **Any queries tel. 622215 Silvia, Carlo & Sara.**

EU DEBATE

On Wednesday 15 June, Catholic Voices have organised a debate, featuring a number of Catholics in prominent British public life, on the subject of the forthcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. The debate will take place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions). For further information and to book, please visit catholicvoices.org.uk.

PLANT SALE –

Saturday 18 June

Please come to Marion and Jon Carr's garden at 13 Roundwood Park between 10am and 2pm and bring your friends too. There will be all sorts of plants (bedding, perennials, tomatoes...) on sale, plus coffee, tea and cake. The proceeds will go to the Developing World Group's current project.

REFRESHMENTS

Our monthly get together in the Undercroft has been postponed until July.

CONVENT CHAPEL

Next Tuesday 14th June, there will be an Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Victims of Trafficking. Time 2-3pm at the Convent 18 Kirkdale Road.

RADICAL RENEWAL OR NOTHING NEW?

Pope Francis' teaching on Marriage and the Family by Dr Clare Watkins at the Undercroft, Our Lady of Lourdes

Church at 7:45pm on 16th June. All welcome. For more information call Maggy Swift on 01582 792136.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOMELESS

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in our kitchen during our breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prep food, tidying and washing up. We are looking for regular weekly commitment, please get in touch. Contact: volunteering@passage.org.uk; 0207 592 1863. Full details of these and other roles can be found on our website: www.passage.org.uk/volunteering.

GOLF DAY

12th August 2016

Every year the Catenian Association Circles of Bedford, Milton Keynes, Northampton and Luton, join together for this annual event. This year it is hosted by Luton Circle and visitors are especially welcome. The venue is Whipsnade Park Golf Club and the package price of £55 includes coffee and rolls on arrival, an afternoon round of golf, dinner and prize giving. Please contact Dennis Cooper, 01582 761371 or denniscooper238@btinternet.com

DAY FOR LIFE

Please support the crucial work of Day for Life through prayers and by generosity to the collection which is taken on this day. The proceeds of the collection enable the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition.