

SAD NEWS

We learnt this week of the deaths of two of our parishioners. PAMELA CLEGG RIP and LORRAINE MEEKS RIP. Please remember a prayer for them and their families.

BISHOP JOHN'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Bishop John writes: This weekend I am in my former diocese of Middlesbrough marking my 50th anniversary of priesthood in the cathedral. Next Friday 19th June I look forward very much to celebrating my Golden Jubilee at 7pm. You are so welcome both to the Mass and to the Reception afterwards in St Dominic's School hall.

FOOD DELIVERY

Those people who kindly offered to prepare a dish for the Reception on Friday 19th should please deliver the item to St. Dominic School from 3.30pm onwards.. Many thanks indeed for your help.

PLEASE ANSWER ME THIS

“You're a Catholic. Can you tell me the answer to this question?”

As Catholics we need to know how to deal with the questions we may get. We may have questions already ourselves.

Where can we get answers?

The Catholic Truth Society has produced 20 answers – on atheism; on end of life issues; on abortion, on faith and science; and on the real Jesus.

There is a series of five booklets with 20 questions on each subject. The cost is £10 for the five. Don't miss out. Put your name on the list in the vestibule

and we can order for you. **Get the answers!**

STRAWBERRY FAYRE

This very popular annual event will be held on Sunday 28th June at 6pm in the garden of the priest's house, following the free concert in church. Tickets cost £5, which includes a welcome drink, strawberries & cream, scones & jam and will be on sale after all of this weekend's Masses. Everyone is invited to this very enjoyable event.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to the following children and their families. The children were all baptised in our parish over the last couple of weeks:

PATRICK JOSEPH CASH, son of Myles & Eileen;

ALESSIA MARIA BRAMALL, daughter of Jon & Sarah;

ELLIOT JAMES JOHN WEBB, son of James & Lisa;

ELIZABETH KATARINA KUNA, daughter of Petra & Vladimira;

JESSE MAX RAYMOND

STEADMAN BATES, son of Dominic & Alex;

MAGNUS CASIMIR GRAY, son of Iain & Lala.

CHURCH LIBRARY TROLLEY

There are books ready to be borrowed! The library trolley is situated in the foyer before and after mass each Sunday and is available at other times inside the door to the organ loft. Please take a look! Books are arranged in categories to make browsing easier - just sign out on the clip-board with your name and contact number. If you have

suggestions or donations of books to add to the collection please see Katie Metcalfe.

SUMMER CONCERT

Our church choir and children from St Dominic's School Choir will perform a variety of sacred and secular music on Sunday 28 June at 5pm in the church. It is an occasion for the whole family with something for everyone. Please bring family and friends along for an hour of beautiful music. This event will lead nicely in to our annual Strawberry Fayre in the presbytery garden starting at 6pm.

OPEN GARDEN

You are invited to an Open Garden on 20th June at 1 Lavendon, Aplins Close, Harpenden in the afternoon. There will be opportunities to buy plants and to enjoy tea and cakes in the garden and even to buy a cake to take home. Do join us if you can. The beneficiary of John and Sheila's hospitality will be the Developing World Group.

PARISH GOLF DAY AND DINNER

20th JULY HARPENDEN COMMON
The sign-up sheet is now on the notice board in the porch. 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.

THE ALBAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the crowds in St Albans as the city comes together to celebrate Britain's first saint, Alban on Sat 20th June. The Procession starts at 11.00am at St Peter's Church. Further info: www.stalbanscathedral.org

WHAT ABOUT A DAY TRIP? TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM STAFFORDSHIRE 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. It's a place in which to remember, learn, enjoy the walks, perhaps have a picnic, but whatever you do don't miss it. 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.

DEVELOPING WORLD

9 May- 10 June: you donated £88.34 via the vestibule box at weekend masses and the wall safe at the back of the church. Adrian Hatch (international Refugee Trust) has just come back from Arua, Uganda and we will report on how he found the clean water project that we are sponsoring next week. Thank you for your generosity in funding it.