

DAY FOR LIFE - TODAY

Day for Life is an annual celebration in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to upholding the dignity of all human life. This year, it will explore how the wonder of human life and God's creation are intimately connected. The following is a prayer to deepen our wonder at the gift of life from Laudato si':

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, That we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Amen.

A second collection will be held in all parishes this weekend to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition. For more information please visit www.dayforlife.org

MONDAY

The Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Jako (RIP) will be celebrated on Monday 20th June at 11.30am. There will be no 9.15am Mass on this day.

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 AFTER MASS will be the ONLY time you can pick up the forms. They will not be available from the parish office.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING For New Recruits

A training programme is now underway for new altar servers. You must have completed your First Holy Communion to be eligible. If you want to join please email janerose@rcdow.org.uk or fernandez.acp@gmail.com without delay!

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. If you have any queries contact Silvia, Carlo or Sara on 01582 622215.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held in the Priest's House garden on 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.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

On the last Saturday of every month we celebrate QUIET PRAYER at St Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton. You are welcome to experience this solitude – feel free to come and go at your convenience. The next Solitude Saturday is on 25th June. Tel: 01582 424518.

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.

MARY McALEESE EVENING

Thursday 23rd June, 7-9pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall. This evening will explore the vision of the Church which Pope Francis is urging us to embrace. Pope Francis has said, "I want a happy Church with the face of a mother, who understands, accompanies, caresses." Former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, will be in conversation with author, broadcaster and journalist Clifford Longley to explore the role of the laity in realising this vision. RSVP to ACTA Southwark, actasouthwark@yahoo.com. A donation of £10 on the day will be welcome. The hall is located behind the Cathedral, with the entrance on Ambrosdon Avenue, SW1P 1QH.

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

Day Workshop organised by the LGBT Catholics Younger Adults Group of the Westminster Diocese. Is focussing on self-acceptance and reflecting on our journeys. Mount Street Jesuit Centre, Saturday 2nd July, 10am to 4pm. Suggested donation of £10 will include lunch. More information and to register please contact lgbtcatholicsyag@gmail.com, website www.lgbtcatholicsyag.org.

GET FIT FOR SUMMER-RUN FOR CARITAS ST.JOSEPH'S

Caritas St Joseph's Pastoral Centre who work to support people with learning disabilities is looking for runners to take part in the London 10k on Sunday 10th July 2016. For more information contact thushari@stjoseph.org.uk or maggie@stjoseph.org.uk or visit www.stjoseph.org.uk or call 020 8202 3999.

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 T: 731371. E: denniscooper238@btinternet.com