

CHANGE OF TIME

On Monday morning I have to go to London to celebrate the anniversary of a priest. I therefore need to change of the time of the Mass to 7.30am. Apologies for the disruption. Mgr. Turner

BISHOP JOHN WRITES

Thank you everyone for making the celebration of my Jubilee such a joyful occasion. I am especially grateful to those parishioners who played such a generous part both in the organisation of the beautiful liturgy and in preparing the lovely party we enjoyed afterwards. I feel very blessed and thank you of course for all the multitude of cards and gifts. It's good to be here among you.

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 questions we may get. We may have questions ourselves already. Where can we get answers?

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

PETER'S PENCE

Annual collection will take place after all masses next weekend. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

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. 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Last weekend we were visited twice by Bishop John Sherrington who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation for our young people.

The ceremony was the culmination of a time of preparation during which our Catechists did a marvellous job. They gave up their time so generously to assist the young people. To Anna Painter and her team very many thanks. The young people have conducted themselves very well all during the run up to the celebration of the Sacrament. We are very proud of them and hope that they will continue to offer their

service to the parish in the weeks and months ahead.

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.

PARISH GOLF DAY & 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 St John-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.

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.

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 27th June 8am to 4pm. Tel: 01582 424518.

LORETO REUNION 2015

Saturday, 27th June, 2.30 -5.30pm. Once again the doors of the school are open to any past pupil and it is a wonderful opportunity to see how the school has changed, hear from the present Head Mrs Maire Lynch about the future and to catch up on the news of your friends who you went to school with. We serve afternoon tea at 3.30pm (for which we ask a contribution of £5 per person). Why not use this as an opportunity to contact as many girls who were in your year and meet up for a chat. Looking forward to seeing you.