

## PETER'S PENCE

This weekend, the annual Peter's Pence retiring collection takes place worldwide in support of Pope Francis' charitable outreach to the suffering and marginalized around the world. By supporting this collection we become witnesses to charity and help Pope Francis reach out in merciful love to those who are in need.

## DAY FOR LIFE

Thank you for supporting last week's 'Day for Life' retiring collection. As a parish we donated £641.39.

## WEDNESDAY

**This Wednesday 29th June we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter & Paul. This is a Holy Day on which Catholics are obliged to attend Mass which will be celebrated at 9.00am and 6.00pm.**

## 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.

## WALK IN THE PARK

Our first Parish walks have been a great success and we would like it to become a regular event (first Tuesday of the month). You are most welcome to join us for an hour's walk in Rothamsted

Park on Tuesday 5th July. We meet outside the Church at 9.45am after the 9.15am Mass and, after a walk around the Park, the group will have coffee at a nearby coffee shop. Do come!

## SUMMER CONCERT

Our wonderful choir will be holding their annual Summer Concert this Sunday at 4pm in the church, followed by picnic tea in the garden. All are most heartily welcome.

## SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The Special Needs Mass will take place on **SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER** at **ST DOMINIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** at 2.30PM FOR MASS AT 3PM. The mass will be followed by a tea party/picnic. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Catriona Bartley if you are coming on the day or are able to help on 07505 491293 or [timesweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:timesweeney@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Is your child going into Year 3 next September?? If so, you can apply for them to begin preparation for First Holy Communion which will be celebrated next year. Please collect an application form, in person, from Monsignor Turner after Mass. He will have the forms ready for collection from him after all Masses on the remaining weekends in June.

**Please note that these will be the ONLY times you can pick up the forms. They will not be available from the parish office.**

## REWARDING ROLE

Each year we have an excellent group of applicants for Confirmation. Leading them to that point is a group of adults

from the Parish. What they do is inspiring and enjoyable. Could you join this group? You may feel it would be good to give something back in the light of what you have received from the Church. No previous experience required. Only apply if you are not already in some ministry in the Parish.

## 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](mailto:janerose@rcdow.org.uk) or [fernandez.acp@gmail.com](mailto:fernandez.acp@gmail.com) without delay!

## CAN YOU HELP?

There is a lady in the Parish who is looking to rent a one bedroom flat; she currently rents in Wheathampstead, but her landlord has sold the property, giving her very little notice to vacate by early July. As the lady is receiving Housing Benefit, finding new accommodation is proving very difficult and so if you are in a position to offer accommodation, or know someone who might be, please contact the Our Lady of Lourdes SVP (St Vincent De Paul Society) on 622215 Carlo or Silvia or the parish office 712245.

## SISTERS OF ST. CLARE

In early July (2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) the Sisters are meeting in Chapter to discern what God is asking of them at this particular time in history. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the whole Congregation. Let us also pray for the Sisters who serve in our own Pastoral Area that their ministry among us will continue for many more years.

## 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 Tel: 731371. Email: [denniscooper238@btinternet.com](mailto:denniscooper238@btinternet.com)

## PARISH PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who came to the plant sale especially to those who helped by making cakes, lending chairs/cutlery etc. There was a great turnout and atmosphere, despite mixed weather and £1,372.25 was raised. All of this money will go to the Developing World Group's latest project.

This is to fund the cost of one borehole and the protection of three natural springs in Uganda, thus ensuring clean water for around 3,800 people. Spring protection involves installing a metal pump built into a concrete structure, which allows villagers to obtain water not contaminated with animal faeces, insects, etc, as is the case now when the springs surface in muddy pools. The area contains many 'returnees', originally displaced by the Lord's Resistance Army. The Group will send £6,800 of the £7,500 it has promised in the next few days, via the charity International Refugee Trust. Full details to go on the parish website in the next fortnight.