

PETER'S PENCE

Annual collection will take place after all Masses this weekend. 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.

SUMMER CONCERT

This Weekend

Our church choir and children from St Dominic's School Choir will perform a variety of sacred and secular music on **Sunday 28th June at 5.00pm** 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**.

STRAWBERRY FAYRE -

This Weekend

This very popular annual event will be held on **Sunday 28th June at 6.00pm** 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.

BISHOP JOHN WRITES

'Last weekend I used the newsletter to thank individuals who had been kind enough to send cards and gifts for my Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. This weekend I must thank the parish collectively for the most generous collection gift which came my way so

unexpectedly last Sunday. To each and every one of you I send my warmest gratitude. Such thoughtfulness touches me deeply.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Kimi Giovanni Densham**, son of Thomas & Valentina, and **Jack Anthony Conor Kennedy**, son of David & Elish, who were both welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish them and their families every blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

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.

THANK YOU

FROM BILL & MARY HAMMOND

Bill has had a recent stem cell transplant following intensive chemotherapy treatment and is now in an ongoing recovery period. We would like to

express our thanks to Monsignor Harry and Bishop John for their care and support through his illness. We also feel so supported by all the kindness shown to us by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and are very privileged to belong to such a lovely parish. Bill feels all the prayers offered on his behalf have so helped him through this difficult time. As a small token of our appreciation a thank you Mass is being offered for parishioners at 6pm on Saturday 4th July. God Bless you all. Bill & Mary Hammond.

GARDEN PARTY

LAST SATURDAY

Scores of parishioners and friends came to enjoy John and Sheila Horne's beautiful garden, not to mention the cakes, drinks and plants on sale. The remarkable total of £632 was raised, all of which will go to the Developing World Group's current project - to help rebuild a girls' secondary school in South Sudan (see separate Newsletter insert on both this and progress with the clean water project that we sponsored in Uganda). Many thanks to all who came despite the rain or donated anyway, to everyone who helped by baking cakes as well as on the day and, especially John and Sheila.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Date for your diary - Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 27th September, led by Bishop Philip Egan. Local booking details will be available early in September. For more information visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org

PLEASE ANSWER ME THIS

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

Those who put their names on the list to receive will be notified when the booklets are delivered.

DAY TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM 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. 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.

CHURCH LIBRARY TROLLEY

There are books ready to be borrowed! The library trolley is situated in the vestibule 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

BOLIVIA VOLUNTEER

Amy Menzel was I was touched by the generosity and kind wishes of the Parishioners today after Mass. You gave £340.20, which has allowed her to reach her total. Enormous gratitude.