

### **CONFIRMATION 2018**

The application forms for Confirmation 2018 (for those going in to Year 9) will be available from the beginning of September. However, we would like to give advance notice to parents that the dates of the residential retreat, at the SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner, will be Friday 19th January (eve) until Sunday 21st January (early afternoon) 2018. This is an important and really enjoyable part of the Confirmation course and we ask that all our candidates attend so please do pop these dates in your diaries!

### **CONFIRMATION PHOTOS 2017**

The confirmation photos are ready for collection, please collect them from the back of the church.

### **THURSDAY**

This Thursday Mass will not be celebrated, instead there will be a Service of the Word, and Holy Communion, at 11.00am.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Next Sunday's newsletter will be the last one until September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any activities in September, that you would like to give notice about, you might like to include them in next week's newsletter. Items should be sent into the Parish Office no later than Wednesday morning.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

For the foreseeable future the Parish Office will open Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm. It will not open on Friday mornings.

### **OLOL PARISH WALK**

Be delighted and surprised by vibrant displays of wild flowers as you join fellow parishioners on an hour's walk through Rothamstead Park! Start at 10am outside

OLOL Church on Wednesday 2nd August and then afterwards, enjoy a coffee. If the weather is bad, it's straight to coffee! Look out for further walks on the first Wednesday of every month.

### **DAILY REVIEW: DISCOVERING GOD IN OUR LIVES.**

Reflection led by Helen O'Brien, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm – 3.00pm at the convent, 18 Kirkdale Road

### **SPECIAL MASS**

The annual Canon O'Leary Memorial mass held for people with Special Needs and their families and carers takes place on : Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 St Dominic Primary School, Southdown Road, Harpenden AL5 1PF at 2.30pm for Mass at 3.00pm There will be a tea party/picnic following the mass. The event is usually finished by 5pm. Everyone is welcome, please let anyone you think may be interested in attending know. So we have an idea of numbers, please RSVP to Ruth Webb on 01582 467989 or reply by email to ruth\_dave@btinternet.com. If you are able to help on the day, we would be grateful. Please let us know.

### **RECRUITING CHORISTERS & ADULT CHOIR for September 2017**

The choir is open to girls and boys from Year 4 and upwards to Year 13. The adult choir is open to singers of all voices - soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings and a termly schedule of Masses and rehearsal commitments is available in advance. Please contact Katie Metcalfe katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk to register your interest.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am mass. There are 2 groups, younger, aged 5 -7/8 and older, 7/8 - 10. We are always looking for volunteers to help. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available. If you would like to help from September, especially if you have children who will attend, please get in touch with Jane Hyman:

[jane.hyman11@gmail.com](mailto:jane.hyman11@gmail.com)

### **WE WANT YOU!**

New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed their First Holy Communion are eligible to join. The next training programme will be run during Sept/Oct. To register for training please email: [fernandez.acp@gmail.com](mailto:fernandez.acp@gmail.com)

### **MISSIO RED MISSION BOXES**

If anyone has a red mission box which needs emptying, please either take it to the Sacristy or leave it with one of the ushers before or after Mass. Please ensure that your name is on the box; this is particularly important if you have signed a gift aid form. Any queries tel. 622215. Thank you.

### **WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

For the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, led by Rt Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on

outside parish noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch.

### **SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE**

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

#### **HARPENDEN ARTS FESTIVAL 2018**

The Harpenden churches are planning an Arts Festival next Spring, with the theme "beauty, abundance and order". Different churches and other venues will host events. If you are interested in arts & crafts, photography, music, drama, poetry or dance and would like to be involved in some way, please contact Teresa Newham on (01582) 766403.

### **MEGA MAKERS!**

A crazy fun-filled time for ages 5-11. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 10.00 - 12.30 at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden. For further details please see noticeboard at the back on the church.