

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who will be in year 3 in September, will be commencing after the summer. Parents who wish to register their children for this Sacrament should collect a form from Fr Chris Brennan after Mass this weekend.

Forms need to be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 3rd July.

REFRESHMENTS

Please note that refreshments will be served in the Undercroft after the 11:30am Mass this Sunday. Do pop down for a short time.

FLOWER GROUP MEETING

There will be a meeting for Flower Group members this Monday 3rd July at 7pm in the Undercroft.

WALK IN THE PARK

You are most welcome to join a group of parish walkers on Wednesday 5th July at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park. Summer has truly arrived and the roses in the Park are flowering! If the weather is warm enough, enjoy a coffee after in good company outdoors (but if the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee indoors). Look out for further walks held first Wednesday of every month.

RETIREMENT MASS

The Governors of St Dominic School invite parents, ex-parents and ex-pupils to a Mass to commemorate the retirement of our Headteacher Elizabeth O'Brien on Friday 14th July at

6pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Current St Dominic pupils will have their own liturgical celebration for Mrs O'Brien in the final week of school.

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.

ANNUAL APF MILL HILL MISSION THANKSGIVING MASS

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 2pm at St. George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark London SE1 7HY on Saturday 8 July 2017, followed by refreshments in the Amigo Hall. There is a poster on the notice board for anyone interested. Please RSVP by Friday 30 June to Catherine Scott, Missio Community Outreach tel 0207 821 9755 generaloffice@missio.org.uk.

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.

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

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

PARISH GOLF DAY & DINNER 21ST JULY

There was a splendid turnout for the 2016 event, let's make this one even better. It's a really enjoyable parish occasion for golfers and non-golfers alike so do sign-up on the sheet in the porch for dinner only or golf. All are welcome. Can't find anyone to accompany you? Don't worry you will be amongst friends so just sign-up.

ST JOAN

The High Street Players are performing a Rehearsed Playreading of St. Joan by G.B. Shaw at Shaw's Corner, Ayot St. Lawrence on Sunday 16th July 2pm & 3.30pm Part 1 and Sunday 20th August 2pm & 3.30pm Part 2.

THE PASSAGE GARDEN PARTY

There will be a Garden Party in aid of The Passage in the historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 21 July 2017 from 6.00 p.m. Visit the oldest cultivated garden in England with a back drop of the Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Tickets £40 from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL tel. 020 7592 1856 email tickets@passage.org.uk which includes buffet supper, wine, soft drinks, live music and a prize raffle. Tickets are also available through passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any concerns, or requires any information about safeguarding matters, one of the following can be contacted:

Parish Safeguarding Representative Sue Harkness:

sueharkness3112@gmail.com.

Westminster Diocese Safeguarding Service:

Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding:

Fr Jeremy Trood, 020 7529 8631.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Eva Edohen, 020 7798 9356