

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.

TUESDAY MASS

This coming Tuesday Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 8.30am.

NEWSLETTER

This is the last Newsletter until Sunday 3rd September. Any items you wish to be included should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday morning before.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING

The regular opening times for the Parish Office are Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.0pm.

PARISH GOLF DAY RESULTS

28 golfers and 49 dinner guests enjoyed a wonderful day on Friday 21st July. The winners, 1st Adam Winchester off 16 h/c (son-in-law of Terry & Joan Guy) 37 points. 2nd 12 h/c Gerry Doherty on count back with 35 points. 3rd 19 h/c Dennis Cooper also with 35 points. The team prize was won by Adam Winchester, Terry Guy and Derek Goodwin (guest). Nearest the pin 18th hole, Steve Toms (son in law of Nigel & Julia

Roche) and Kin Wang (his first ever golf prize) N/P 16th hole. The best result of the day was the £1128 profit made plus a generous £250 donation, all of which goes to the DWG project. A very big thank you to all who took part, donated raffle prizes and helped to make the day a huge success.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is on February 11th. More information, including precise dates, will be available during September.

LITTLE JOB OPP

There is a little job that has to be done after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. It takes about half an hour. If you can manage to assist you will only be required once every six weeks. Please contact Canon Dwyer.

LOLO 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 next 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.

SPECIAL MASS

The annual Canon O'Leary Memorial mass held for people with Special Needs and their families and carers takes place on : Saturday 16th 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

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

SPONSORED CYCLE

At the end of August Charlie Harden, a parishioner, is cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of the National Osteoporosis Society. About 3 million people in the UK have Osteoporosis and in 2 women/1 in 5 men over 50 will break a bone as a result of it, which can result in life-changing pain and disability. NOS are committed to helping and supporting those with Osteoporosis and to undertaking vital research, not least into early diagnosis and prevention. Charlie would be thrilled if you would support him and NOS by going to justgiving.com/Charlie-LEJOG and sponsoring him. Thank you

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 17th 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 9th 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.

