

CONFIRMATION

This weekend 42 of our young people will be confirmed at two Masses, one on Saturday, the other on Sunday, by Bishop Paul McAleenan. This is a special moment, an important moment, for our young people as they take this important step, on their journey of faith. We pray that the gift of the Spirit will strengthen their faith, so that their lives will be fruitful, and that they will wholeheartedly witness to their faith.

MISSION APPEAL

This weekend Fr Mark Minihane OSA will be making the annual Mission Appeal at all the Masses, on behalf of the Augustinians. He will be speaking about their work on the missions, and seeking our prayers and support.

WELCOME

Last weekend we had the pleasure of welcoming three new adult members into the family of the Church, and the parish. We welcome Catherine de Gregorio, James Webb and Cindy McGrath, and also Petr Kuna who was Baptised the previous week. We congratulate them, and keep them in our prayers, and pray that the Spirit who called them will deepen their faith and commitment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Usually when Mass intentions are accepted we endeavour to indicate the date when the Mass will be said. From time to time such arrangements have to be changed, such as when a funeral is arranged. When this happens the Mass is always transferred to another date, we trust you understand why it is necessary from time to time, to make such changes.

FUNERAL

Please pray for Paul Durkin whose funeral takes place on Thursday 15th June at 2.00pm. May he rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served today, Sunday, after 11.30 Mass in the undercroft, everyone is welcome.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held in the Parish Garden on Sunday 25th June from 5 pm (or at the conclusion of the concert). Tickets will be on sale after next weekend's Masses and will cost £6 for adults, £3 for school aged kids and free for pre-schoolers. EVERYONE is welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DAIRIES

Sunday 25th June 4pm
A beautiful afternoon of music sung by the choirs of Our Lady of Lourdes, The children of St Dominic School and the Bella Mamas! Please bring family and friends for an hour or so of music followed by a picnic tea in the garden !

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
Further details will be published in the Newsletter in September.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At the convent 18 Kirkdale Road.
Monday 12th June 2.00pm – 300pm. Prayers for the victims of terrorism

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax back that you have paid on your donations in the year ended 5th April 2017. So, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and no longer pay Income Tax, please would you contact the Parish Office, so that we don't ask for tax if you haven't paid it. We also need to know if you have changed your address. Therefore, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and have moved house in the last 12 months please inform the Parish Office.

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.

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life led by Cardinal George Pell – Sunday 17th September. Adults £15, children & students £7. Pick up point from Harpenden 7.50am. Monsignor Harry Turner is coming on the Pilgrimage. For more information, please see poster. Contact details Emanuela 01582 655246 / 07749881060 / emanuela.coy@outlook.com

THE LEA SINGERS

The Lea Singers are performing Haydn's The Creation on Saturday 24 June 2017 at St John's Church, Southdown, AL5 1DJ at 7.45pm pm (pre-concert talk at 7.00pm) Tickets are £15 (£7 concessions) from Brigid Brennan on 07881 785299, from Rollings Wine in Station Road and Stage Door in Southdown, or online at leasingers.co.uk.

A TALK ON ICONS

We invite you to join us for a talk on Icons by Michael Beshonges at the Greek Orthodox Church in Brookman's Park 10.30am- 12 on Saturday 17th June. This will include viewing the frescoes from Mount Athos. (The Liturgy starts at 9.30 if you wish to attend that too) Contact Janet Evers for further details or if you would like a lift on 01582 621960. Arranged by the Newman Association.

AGED 16-25

ECHO is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25. It is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what is to be human, and how we can be happy. More information: rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk / <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

