

CONFIRMATION

Last weekend 41 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Confirmation is one of those special moments in the parish year, and we rejoice with, and congratulate, those who were confirmed. Thank you too to those who have supported them on their journey so far, especially their parents, but also the catechists who give their time so generously to prepare them for this special day. And thank you too to all who assisted with the liturgy, particularly the choir and servers, as well as the flower arrangers.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for children who will be in year 3 and above, who wish to make their First Communion next May, will be commencing in September. Parents who wish to enroll their children should collect a form, in person, from Canon Anthony, and return it to the Parish Office by 2nd July 2017

GRENFELL TOWER

All of will have been shocked and saddened by the awful disaster at Grenfell Tower. We will surely keep all who are affected in our prayers. With encouragement from the Cardinal a donation has been sent, from the parish, to the Caritas Westminster fund for the victims. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can do so to Caritas Westminster, who are also collecting other essential items for those who have lost everything, for more information contact: caritaswestminsterrcdow.org.uk, or call 020 7931 6077.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed this coming week.

SAFEGUARDING

If anyone requires any information about safeguarding matters, or has any concerns, 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

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Loretta Ramswell and family would like to give thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts and words, valued support in so many different ways, and for their faithful prayers at this difficult time.

FUNERAL

Please pray for Violet Doreen Ann Kelliher whose funeral takes place on Thursday 22nd June at 12.30pm May she rest in peace.

THE DAILY CALL TO TRUTH

Reflection led by Sr. Regina and SR. Teresa at the convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, Monday 26th June 2.00pm -3.30pm

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

This very popular annual event will be held in the Presbytery 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!

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 - katiemmusic@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.

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.

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.

DAY FOR LIFE

This weekend we celebrate the Day for Life. The Bishops of England and Wales are asking us to spend some time reflecting and praying

for the sanctity and protection of human life from conception to natural death.

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
Tickets are £15 (£7 concessions) from Brigid Brennan 07881 785299, from Rollings Wine, Station Road & Stage Door in Southdown, or online at leasingers.co.uk.

HOUSEKEEPER REQUIRED

In Harpenden, 4 hours per day, 5 days a week, Monday to Friday.
Please contact Mrs Wolsey on 07811 208580.

