

WORLD

COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Is celebrated today, Ascension Sunday. The theme is communicating the Family: A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love. On this day we are encouraged to pray for communications professionals, especially those who work in the media. Please support the second collection, which provides the funding for the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office is the central point for media enquiries and plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church. It is possible to donate online at www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations. Some commemorative prayer cards for this day have been printed and are available to take away. Please support the CCN through your prayers and generosity.

GIFT AID AND 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 2015. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **JOSEPH JOHN HORRIDGE**, son of Giles & Alison, who we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish him and his family every blessing as he starts his new life in Christ.

DEVELOPING WORLD

20 April-9 May: Donations amounted to £233.89. They included £165 from the excellent St George's Day Sunday lunch (24 April) arranged by the Ladies Group. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

SHOP ASSISTANT

Would you like to try your hand at serving behind the counter? We need someone to man our little shop in church after Mass. If you can, and it is enjoyable. Please call the parish office.

COURTESY PLEASE

There have been complaints about members of our congregation parking across people's driveways and on double yellow lines near the church. This brings the Catholic community into disrepute. It is not fair to the householder or to the Catholic Church either. Please note that you can be towed away for this kind of behaviour and you can be fined for being on a double yellow line! Please park carefully and with awareness.

PROCLAIM '15

Building Missionary parishes: Cardinal's call to prayer & new resources

Proclaim '15 is the name of a national Bishops' Conference initiative to support parish evangelisation. Cardinal Nichols invites every parish in England and Wales to offer prayer on 11 July for the work of **PROCLAIM 15**. To watch the Cardinal's video message and for all the materials highlighted please see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15
Also: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/National-Network>

NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC

In the aid of the Nepal Earthquake Victims on Thursday 21st May from 8pm at Charlie's Restaurant and Bar (Luton Road, Kinsbourne Green). Local musicians including Southdown Jazz Jets, Emma McGrath and Louisa Phillips will be performing. All for £5.00 on the door plus raffle. All proceeds to DEC: Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

On the last Saturday of every month we celebrate QUIET PRAYER at St Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton. You are welcome to experience this solitude – feel free to come and go at your convenience. The next Solitude Saturday is on 30th May 8am to 4pm. Tel: 01582 424518.

THE GIFT OF LIFE & GOD'S COMPASSIONATE LOVE

Friday 5th June, in the Parish Hall of SS Alban & Stephen Church, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RB. Talk by Robert Colquhoun, International Outreach Director, 40 Days of Life. Through his pro-life work Robert has travelled extensively and regularly featured in the media. He is the author of 'A Pure Heart Create For Me: Theology of the Body Today'. www.robertcolquhoun.com

FINDING SILENCE DAY

Saturday 6th June, at SS Alban & Stephen Parish Centre, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RB. 10.45am – 3.15pm. Inspired by the BBC TV series 'The Big Silence', the monastic tradition of finding silence can teach us about the importance of silence and meditation. The day will include time in silence. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. ALL WELCOME. For further info email krystyna@faithknowledge.org

OPEN DAY

Welcome to the Catholic Worker Farm on June 20th 3pm – late. Snacks 3pm, international buffet 6pm, live music & poetry, bonfire, networking, face painting, badminton & trampolines.

PARISH GOLF DAY

This very enjoyable annual event will take place on MONDAY 20TH JULY. Golfers please encourage your golfing friends from near and far to join us for this.