

## CONFIRMATION PARENTS

As you may remember, it is customary for the parents of last year's Confirmation candidates to provide a simple reception for this year's candidates and their families. This will be held in the Undercroft and take the form of tea, coffee and cakes. There are two confirmation ceremonies this year, on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm, so we will require two small groups of parents to help out. Please contact Anna Painter if you are able to help in any way, Tel. 07940 500648 or email [annapainter09@aol.com](mailto:annapainter09@aol.com) Do remember that this act of generosity was performed for you last year. So it would be great if you could return the favour.

## FLOWER POWER

The parish Flower Group will be holding a meeting on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Undercroft. New members are most welcome to join. If you'd like to come along to the meeting, please email Breda at [bredalanger@gmail.com](mailto:bredalanger@gmail.com)

## UKRAINE COLLECTION

Last weekend we were asked by His Holiness Pope Francis to hold a special collection for the people of the Ukraine. We raised £1,544.97. Thank you for your generosity.

## SERVING AT MASS

In a big parish like ours there should be no shortage of people to serve when Mass is celebrated. After the First Holy Communion this year we will begin

some training sessions. But we will need some offers of help. Please give this some thought. Anyone who has received the First Communion is eligible. We will have a list to sign in May.

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This year will be a special one when I give thanks for having served 50 years in the priesthood. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass to which everyone is warmly invited, on **SUNDAY 5th JUNE at 4.00pm in church followed by a reception.** This Mass fulfils the Sunday obligation. **Mgr. Turner.**

## THE JOY OF LOVE

Pope Francis has produced his reflections in the light of the Synod in Rome on marriage and the family. His work has been much reported and his style of writing is engaging. **You can get a copy for yourself in the Repository Shop for only £4.95**

## WALK IN THE PARK

One of our Parish Lent Groups has been inspired by their study of Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudate Si': care for our Common Home, to arrange a walk in Rothamstead Park. You are warmly invited to join them on Tuesday 3rd May, outside the Church at 9.45am after the 9.15am Mass. After a walk around the Park, the group will have coffee at a nearby coffee shop! Pope Francis calls us to consider the importance of our environment, to care for it and the people who live in it, and then to respond.

## SPOTLIGHT

### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BALL

Harpenden Spotlight on Africa celebrates its 10th Anniversary of working to help a poor community in Uganda by holding a Black Tie Ball at Sopwell House, St Albans, on Friday 20th May 2016, 7.15 to 12.30. Tickets are £65pp, with tables of 8,10 or 12 to include Drinks Reception, 3 Course fine dining, Live and Silent Auctions and dancing to The Soulmates Band. Please come to this special occasion and at the same time raise funds for HSoA to continue their work in education, clean water, health care and economic development. Contact Colette on [mailto:colette.usher@hsoa.org.uk](mailto:mailto:colette.usher@hsoa.org.uk)

## SPIRIT IN THE CITY

1-4 June 2016  
Catholic festival of Mercy in the West End of London. Join the programme of prayer, talks, celebrations in Notre Dame de France and the all day festival in Leicester Square gardens on Saturday. For details visit: <http://www.spiritinthecity.org/> or T: 020 7440 2663 Full programme: [www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016](http://www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016)

## FULL OF GRACE

A new Catholic film about Mary's last days on earth. Join the opening night of Spirit in the City festival for this cinematic prayer experience in the Prince Charles Cinema on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 6.30 pm followed by panel discussion Tickets: £15 (£12 conc.) book online: [www.bit.ly/bookfullofgrace](http://www.bit.ly/bookfullofgrace) or in the cinema box office: 020 7494 3654

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

18-19TH JUNE 2016

High Leigh Christian Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 8SG  
2 days £110 per couple (+ optional overnight supplement)

For all ages and stage of marriage – refreshing insights and powerful strategies help you turn your good marriage into a great one. For more information, visit

[www.smartloving.org/marriage](http://www.smartloving.org/marriage).

Date for Diary: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Celebrate Love/SmartLoving Conference with HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols at the Grand Connaught Rooms, Central London.

## WANT TO GET INTO TEACHING?

Use your expertise to inspire and change lives. London Regional Recruitment Fairs for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Teacher Training are being held on two dates this year; 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 10:00 – 13:00 at The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, 89 Addison Road, London W14 8BZ (email [cpdteam@cvms.co.uk](mailto:cpdteam@cvms.co.uk) to book your free place) or 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 17:00 – 20:00 at Sacred Heart High School, 21 Hammersmith Road, London W6 7DG (email [adijkhuis@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:adijkhuis@sacredh.lbhf.sch.uk) to book your free place).

## SOLITUDE SATURDAY

will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> May at St. Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. Telephone (01582) 424518.