

COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Last Sunday we held a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network which raised £481.75.

Thank you for your generosity. For more information or to donate online visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd15.

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.

BISHOP JOHN'S JUBILEE

Bishop John's Golden Jubilee Mass and Reception is on 19th June. The Head of St Dominic's has kindly offered us the school hall for the reception following the Mass at 7.00 pm. There is a sheet in the church porch for anyone who would like to attend to sign up, listing the number in their family and what they would like to bring. IF you would like to make a contribution but CANNOT come to the reception, you might wish to make a cash donation to pay for wine, soft drinks and miscellaneous supplies. You can put your donation in the box provided or give to Marva Hall (H. 712364). Details of when and where to

hand in the food donations will be given next week.

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.

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. Parking is a problem, but 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.

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. Non-golfers do come and join us for a meal in the evening. More details to follow. Please book the date.

OPEN GARDEN

You are invited to an Open Garden on 20th June at 1 Lavendon, Aplins Close, Harpenden in the afternoon. There will be opportunities to buy plants and to

enjoy tea and cakes in the garden and even to buy a cake to take home. Do join us if you can. The beneficiary of John and Sheila's hospitality will be the Developing World Group.

SHOP ASSISTANCE

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**

SUMMER FETE

St Dominic's Summer Fete is on Sunday June 14th from 12 noon to 4pm. It is expected to be a great day out for the family. This year includes a Bike Festival within the grounds of the school with lots of activities organised for little ones right up to grandparents so the whole family can join in! There will be a BBQ, cream teas, raffle prizes and donkey rides and much more. Please come along and support this great event.

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2015

CAFOD is looking for people from our parish to take part in our annual family-friendly sponsored cycle ride in the Lee Valley Country Park, North London / Hertfordshire. Ride either 10 or 19 miles, with all money raised going to help the world's poorest communities. The ride is suitable for nearly all skills and abilities, and costs £6 per rider to register. Register online www.pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk, or contact CAFOD Westminster on 0208 449 6970 .

THE ALBAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the crowds in St Albans as the city comes together to celebrate Britain's first saint, Alban on Sat 20th June. The Procession starts at 11.00am at St Peter's Church. Further info: www.stalbanscathedral.org

CORRECTION

The St George's Day Sunday lunch (on 24 April) donated £185 to the Developing World Group, not £165 as reported last week. All this money will go towards the water project we are sponsoring in Uganda (to which we have already contributed most of the £12,800 we promised at the outset).

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

SPIRIT IN THE CITY

Welcomes Saltmine Theatre's production of THREE WITNESSES - a remarkable play based on the Gospel of St Luke for its London premiere at Notre Dame de France church on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7.30 pm. Tickets: £7 book online: www.bit.ly/3wtickets or T: 020 7440 2663, email: info@spiritinthecity.org www.spiritinthecity.org