

GOLDEN JUBILEE RECEPTION

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food, etc for Monsignor Turner's Golden Jubilee Reception. We will be setting up at St Dominic's School on Saturday from 1-3 and would be grateful for any help you can provide. **In particular, we need a couple of able-bodied individuals to help us carry chairs from the Lourdes Hall to the school (infant chairs are a bit small for some of our older parishioners) – OFFERS PLEASE -** e-mail marva@cpouak.com. Please bring your food donations to St Dominic's School on Sunday between 1 and 3. Many thanks.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **JESSE JAMES DOHERTY**, son of Bernard & Jemma, who we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last Sunday at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish him and his family every blessing as he begins his new life in Christ.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in their kitchen during breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prep food, tidying and washing up. They are looking for regular weekly commitment, please get in touch. Contact: volunteering@passage.org.uk; 0207 592 1863. Full details of these and other

roles can be found on our website:
www.passage.org.uk/volunteering.

PLANT SALE

Saturday 18 June

Please come to 13 Roundwood Park for your plants (bedding & perennials) plus coffee, tea and cake. You are welcome any time between 10am and 2pm. The proceeds will go to the Developing World Group's current project.

WALK IN THE PARK

Our first Parish walk in May was a great success and we would like it to become a regular event (first Tuesday of the month). You are most welcome to join us for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park on Tuesday 7th June. We meet outside the Church at 9.45am after the 9.15am Mass and, after a walk around the Park, the group will have coffee at a nearby coffee shop. Do come!

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 2016. 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.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR 5TH JUNE

It will be important to have a good team of our altar servers for the Mass on 5th June at 4.00pm. Fr. Andrew Gallagher will be conducting a rehearsal at 6.00pm on Friday 3rd June. It won't take long but important to be there.

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 engaging. Copies on sale in the Repository Shop – only £4.95.

EU DEBATE

On Wednesday 15 June, Catholic Voices have organised a debate, featuring a number of Catholics in prominent British public life, on the subject of the forthcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. The debate will take place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions). For further information and to book, please visit catholicvoices.org.uk.

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 their First Communion is eligible. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.**

REFRESHMENTS

Will be held after 11.30am Mass on 12th June in the Undercroft.

NOTE FROM BISHOP JOHN

Due to a longstanding retreat engagement, I am unable, alas, to be with Monsignor Turner and the parish community for his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood Celebration next Sunday. I will certainly be united with you all in thought and prayer for such a special occasion of thanksgiving.

NURSERY PLACES

There are still a few places available at St Dominic Nursery for the Academic Year 2016-17. If your child was born between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013 and you are interested in making an application or would like to visit the Nursery, please contact the school office on 01582 760047 for more information. The Nursery hours are Monday-Friday 9.00am – 12 noon, term time only.

AN EVENING WITH MARY McALEESE

Thursday 23rd June, 7-9pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall. This evening will explore the vision of the Church which Pope Francis is urging us to embrace. Pope Francis has said, "I want a happy Church with the face of a mother, who understands, accompanies, caresses." Former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, will be in conversation with author, broadcaster and journalist Clifford Longley to explore the role of the laity in realising this vision. RSVP to ACTA Southwark, actasouthwark@yahoo.com.