

COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On this feast of the Ascension of Our Lord we reflect on the mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications. A particular prayer intention is for those who communicate on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. The CCN is the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It seeks to support the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few.

Please help CCN continue this work through contributing generously to the 2nd collection today. Some prayer cards commemorating the day are available and resources are online at:
<http://catholicnews.org.uk/wcd15>

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE,

4pm – A Date for the Diary
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.** Mgr. Turner.

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 Do remember that this act of generosity was performed for you last year. So it would be great if you could return the favour.

GOLDEN JUBILEE RECEPTION

As you will have read, we will be holding a reception at St Dominic's School after Monsignor's Jubilee Mass on Sunday 5th June. To assist with the catering, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up indicating how many of your family will be attending and what you would like to bring. If you will not be able to attend the reception, but would like to contribute, you can make a donation to pay for the wine, soft drinks and other supplies. You can contact Jane in the **Parish Office or e-mail marva@cpouak.com.**

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

NOTE FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY

Many of you have indicated that you would like to make some contribution to mark Monsignor Turner's Golden Jubilee. Although he will find it embarrassing to read this note, it is the only way that we can reach the whole parish. If you would like to make a donation, we will hold a retiring collection after masses next weekend 14th/15th May. If you won't be around then and wish to contribute, please pass to me in the Parish Office or put it in the Sunday collection in an envelope marked Monsignor's Golden Jubilee. Many thanks in advance, Jane Rose.

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.

DOMINICAN SISTERS

There will be an hour of prayer (in union with Saints of the Dominican Order) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday 10th May** from 2pm to 3pm in the Convent Chapel, 18 Kirkdale Road. All are welcome to come and join us.

SPOTLIGHT 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 Contact Colette on <mailto:colette.usher@hsoa.org.uk>

SPIRIT IN THE CITY

1st-4th 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

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 or in the cinema box office: 020 7494 3654

THE JOY OF LOVE

Pope Francis has produced his reflections in the light of the Synod in Rome on marriage and the family You can get a copy for yourself in the Repository Shop for only £4.95