

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This Lent Fast day our parish raised **£3,021.57** for CAFOD. Thank you for your support. This incredible amount will help more hardworking people like Florence in Zambia to turn something as small as a tiny fish in to something amazing, like education for her children.

LENT

Lent is now underway, hopefully we are all marking this season in a positive way. If you have started but stopped you can of course begin again, and if you have yet to start, it is not too late to do so. What is important is to use this opportunity, to truly let it become a time of grace. Don't forget some of the opportunities in the parish:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion takes place each Sunday of Lent at 6.00pm. It is an opportunity for us to journey with Jesus, and to remember his Passion, and death on the Cross at Calvary.

MY DAY BY DAY

There are still some Daily reflections for Lent available in the 'My Day by Day' series. There are different booklets for adults, juniors and infants. They are available, price £1 in the porch.

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Each Sunday we attend Mass as an expression of our faith, and a sign of our belonging to the Church. During Lent we might want to think about attending Mass, perhaps once or twice during the week. It's a good Lenten practice, and also shows a love for the Mass.

LENTEN ALMS

It is a tradition in the Church to donate what we save through self-denial to Lenten Alms. This year the Cardinal

has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this. Envelopes are available at the back of church today – you can make a Lenten Gift by placing your offering in the designated box near Our Lady's Altar, or by using one of the envelopes, and returning it to the Parish Office.

FLOWER GROUP MEETING

The Flower Group will meet on Monday 20th March at 7pm in the Undercroft.

FLOWER COLLECTION

The Parish Flower Group will have their annual Easter Flower Collection after all masses on 1st / 2nd April. In addition, a lily may be purchased (at £4) in memory of a loved one. Please write the name of the loved one on an envelope, place the money inside and give to the collection at the back of church after Mass.

DWG DIARY DATES

Tea, Plant & Cake Sale In The Garden on Sat 10th June, 10am-3pm.
Golf Day on Fri 21st July.

HEAD TEACHER VACANCY

Due to the retirement of our current Head, Mrs O'Brien, the governors are seeking a new Head Teacher from September 2017 .

Please see www.teachinherts.com for further details, or email governor@stdominic.herts.sch.uk.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Corazon Alero Berta Da-Silva, Leonardo Matthew Adewale Da-Silva & Savannah Josephine Marianna Da-Silva**, the children of Francisco & Edina, who were all Baptised into the Catholic Church last weekend. We wish them and their family every blessing as they start their new lives in Christ.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY 2017

Saturday 3rd June 3-5.30pm

At Westminster Cathedral.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017.

If you qualify, please give Canon Dwyer the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number, if no email) by Friday 24th March.

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

The next Solitude Saturday will be held on 25th March at St. Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. Tel 01582 424518. The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10am and ends at 3pm.

TREASURER

St Albans & District Foodbank is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of treasurer. The main tasks are:
-Maintaining the cashbook.
-Acting as the primary account contact with our bank (CAF Bank).
-Attending evening trustee meetings about 6 times per year.

-Preparing a set of annual Receipts and Payments Accounts as at the 30th September each year.

We estimate the commitment required to be about 5 or 6 hours per month. If anyone would be willing to help or for further info, in the first instance, please contact the Manager on 01727 613019.

BUILDING MANAGER

The High Street Methodist Church are looking to recruit a paid, part time Buildings Manager working 15 hours a week. The job profile is available from their church office or via office@highstreetmethodist.org.uk The closing date for applications is Friday 24 March 2017.

ORTHOPAEDIC BED

A family in the parish have a fully functioning, electrically operated, orthopaedic bed available should there be anyone in the parish who would like it/requires one. They are just after a good home for it rather than money. It has served 2 elderly parishioners to date but their needs have changed. Transport can be arranged! If interested please contact the parish office.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Fevin Moule, from one of our neighbouring parishes, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Sun 3rd - Thurs 7th December this year. This short pilgrimage visits all the important sites associated with the life of Our Lord in and around both Jerusalem and the Galilee. For more information, pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.