

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Yes, it's that time again! This great event will be on **Saturday 5th December** at the Lourdes Hall from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. This is the parish's MAIN fund-raising activity of the year and you can start bringing your gifts, toys, books, bottles, white elephant, raffle and tombola prizes NOW. Nearer the time, we will also need plants and items for the cake stall. Put your donations in the church entrance. **No clothes or jumble please.** A number of our stalwart helpers have an assortment of broken hips and other medical problems, so we REALLY do need some new volunteers. You would really enjoy helping on the day (or setting up on the day before) or if you would like something collected, **please contact Marva Hall on 712364 or marva@cpoauk.com.**



## THE TODDLER GROUP

Are you a local person with maybe a couple of hours to spare, a month or on a more regular weekly basis? OLOL toddler group are currently looking for volunteers to help at our lively and fun session on a Thursday at Lourdes Hall from 9.00am till 11:30 term time. **Please call Michelle on 07590 427 079 or Caroline on 07946 387 473.**

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During November we remember all our dead relatives and friends. We have our parish book of remembrance which is by the altar at every Mass during this month. If you wish to add names to the list in the book please do if you have not already done so.

## PRIEST'S REFERENCES

Primary school applications open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed immediately. Form signing sessions will take place in church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3pm-4pm and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4pm. No need to make an appointment, just turn up. **Signing is ONLY AT THESE TIMES. Please note that 'practising' Catholic means Mass every Sunday.**

## AND THEN THERE WERE 50!

There are **still** over 50 Planned Giving envelope boxes remaining, some for Parishioners who have requested boxes in the last month! This is **the last opportunity** for these to be collected from the entrance of the Church as they will be removed to the Sacristy after this week end, from where they may be collected after Masses. If, therefore, you have either requested a set of envelopes for the first time or have not yet collected your renewal box, please do so NOW. There are also outstanding Gift Aid Declarations, which should be returned as soon as possible in order that they can be registered with the Diocese.

## RED BOXES

If anyone has a Red Mission box which requires emptying, please take it to the Sacristy after mass or leave it with one of the Ministers of Welcome. Please ensure your details are on the label - this is particularly important if you have signed a Gift Aid form. Any queries tel. 622215 Antonioli Family. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

On sale after Saturday evening/Sunday masses 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November. Each card is a hand printed signed linocut featuring an Annunciation design by Teresa Newham. Cost £2 each or 3 for £5. All proceeds to the Parish Building Fund.

## SWEET STALL

The Children's Liturgy Group will be organising the sweet stall at this year's Christmas Fayre. We would be very grateful for all your donations of sweets, lollipops, chocolate, etc. There will be a box at the back of the church for donations at all masses on 21st/22nd and 28th/29th November. Thank you in anticipation from the Children's Liturgy Team.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The governors of **St Dominic Catholic Primary School** would like to appoint a caretaker for January 2016. The hours are 7.30 - 10.00am (9.30am on Fridays) and 1.15 - 6.15pm Monday to Friday. A job share will be considered. For further information and an application pack please contact the school office on 01582 760047

## BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Bursaries and Catholic Scholarships to St Edmund's College & Prep School, Ware available for Year 7 2016 entry. Application closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> November midday. Please call the Admissions Office on 01920 824247 for more information. Registration forms can be found at [www.stedmundcollege.org/admissions](http://www.stedmundcollege.org/admissions)

## MULTI CHARITY CARD SHOP

The Christmas card shop will be open from 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> December at Harpenden United Reform Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden. Mon - Fri 9.30am-4.30pm; Sat 9.30am-3.30pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **LILY VICTORIA GARCIA ORTEGA**, daughter of Juan & Kasia and **AVA ELENA GLADKOW**, daughter of Peter and Caroline, who we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish them and their family every blessing as they begin their new life in Christ.

## CAFOD MEMORIAL LECTURE

Join CAFOD to hear Cardinal Turkson speak about the Church's response to climate change. The theme of this lecture will be "Care for Creation: how to protect and sustain our common home". And will take place at St Mary's Church, Wyndham Place, York Street, London W1H 1PQ from 7-9pm on Friday 4th December. To book your free ticket call 0303 303 3030 or visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Events/Pope-Paul-VI-lecture](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/Pope-Paul-VI-lecture).