

COLLECTION FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Today's second collection is for the annual Sick & Retired Priests Fund of the Diocese of Westminster. The Fund ensures elderly and infirm priests are not alone in their senior years, after a lifetime of service. Your gift helps defray the costs the diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men for their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs. Please be generous. If you do not have an envelope, plenty are still available through November, or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

NEW FACE

Monsignor Turner will be away this weekend. Fr. Luís Tomás of the Consolata Fathers will be here to celebrate the Mass at 9.45am and 11.30am. Do make him welcome.

HOME HELP REQUIRED

Home help required for a delightful elderly gentleman on Fridays. Duties include lunch preparation and some light household duties. The role will also include regular, and ad-hoc, visits to medical appointments. Salary negotiable. Please speak to Katharine if interested – mobile 07455 828777 or email keldred1@hotmail.com

REFRESHMENTS

We invite you to refreshments which will be served this Sunday, 1st November, after the 11.30 Mass. Do drop in, even for a short time.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Although the leaves are still on the trees, the annual Christmas Fair is only 5 weeks away. Put Saturday December 5th in your diary and start gathering up your unwanted gifts and other donations.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please collect your new box for the forthcoming year from the back of the Church today - the envelopes are in alphabetical order by surname.

Please write your name on the list alongside the boxes if:

- You are expecting a box and it is not there.
- Your name or address is incorrect, in order that the Parish records may be amended.
- You do not currently use envelopes but would like to commence using them.
- You would like to change to Bankers Standing Order.
- You are an Income Tax payer who has not yet signed, but would like to sign, a Gift Aid Declaration.

The relevant forms for Bankers Standing Orders and Gift Aid will be sent to those requesting them during the forthcoming week.

New boxes requested will be at the entrance of the Church next week.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS

These have been published recently and are available to see. They are in the rack with the newspapers in the vestibule.

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

St Columba's College is holding their Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 12th November from 6.30-9.00pm.

Academic and sports scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Mrs Cathy Lovett, Admissions Officer, on 01727 892012, or visit our website www.stcolumbascollege.org.

QUIET PRAYER OPP.

The Dominican Sisters at 18 Kirdale Road, Harpenden invite you to join them for an hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 3rd November – an opportunity for remembrance and prayer for the Holy Souls.

CARING FOR CREATION

Pope Francis says we are not to leave behind for future generations a world that is a pile of rubbish! But what can we do?

Come and take part in a workshop organised by **CARITAS**. We may be able to link in with Sustainable St. Albans.

Do you care about creation? Put your name down to attend the workshop – 8.00-9.00pm. on Tuesday 24th November. The list is in the vestibule

MINISTERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

We are blessed with having a great group of people who look after the cleaning of our church. Would you like to join this friendly group? It's not an arduous task, and enjoyable company. Please have a word with Mgr. Turner.

MULTI CHARITY

CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP

The Christmas card shop will be open from 23rd October – 12th December at

Harpenden United Reform Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden. Mon - Fri 9.30am–4.30pm. Sat 9.30am–3.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am mass. There are 2 groups, younger, aged 5 -7/8 and older, 7/8 - 10. We are always looking for volunteers to help. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available.

If you would like to help, especially if you have children who attend, please get in touch with Jane Hyman jane.hyman11@gmail.com - thanks.

DINNER DANCE

Saturday 21 November Harpenden Golf Club.

Ticket sales are going well with parishioners taking tables of ten so they can bring friends, who are not necessarily parishioners; it's good for others to see that Catholics can enjoy themselves. Reserve your table now, if that's not possible then book tickets individually by emailing; denniscooper238@btinternet.com. The evening includes a three course dinner, wine and dancing at £50 per head, all in aid of the Developing World Group project in South Sudan.