

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for Robert Baird R.I.P. will be celebrated here in church this Monday 23rd November at 12 noon. There will be no 9.15am Mass on this morning.

CHANGE OF TIME

Please note that the morning Mass on Wednesday 25th November will be celebrated at the earlier time of **8.30am**.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Service after all Masses this weekend.

MANY THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards after mass last weekend, raising more than £200 for the restoration fund. Cards are still available - please email Teresa Newham at marbretherese@googlemail.com if you would like some.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

Being a member of the Catholic Church imposes the obligation of attendance each Sunday at Mass. Catholic schools require a certificate of verification of this attendance.

If you do not attend Sunday Mass regularly then it is a matter of integrity and common sense that a request for this verification should not be made.

If you have recently moved to the area, then you should seek a priest from your previous parish to sign, which I will then countersign. Certificate signing sessions will take place in Church on

Saturday 21st November 3-4pm & Saturday 28th November 3-4pm. No need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is **ONLY AT THESE TIMES**.

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 people have kindly offered to help for this. Many thanks indeed to them all. If you have items to be collected **please contact Marva Hall on 712364 or marva@cpoauk.com.**

SWEET STALL

The Children's Liturgy Group will be organising the sweet stall at this year's Christmas Bazaar. 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.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **WILLIAM JAMES HARBEN**, the son of Paul & Louise, whom we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish him and his family every blessing as he begins his new life in Christ.

ARE YOU BOVVERED?

Pope Francis has made his concerns about the care of our planet very clear. What quality of planet earth will we leave to our successors? To have a look at our responsibilities, there will be a one hour workshop in the parish **THIS TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**. Are we "bovvered"? Only one person has added their name so far.

....AND PRAYER

There will be an hour of Reflection and Prayer for the Climate Change Conference taking place in Paris. Please come on Tuesday 1st December at 2.00pm at the Convent, 18, Kirkdale Rd.

THANK YOU

The SVP Harpenden would like to thank the anonymous donor for the very generous amount of £100 which will be used to help the needy here in our parish.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

As Advent approaches, there is a different but simple way we can support Cafod's work to fight poverty through *World Gifts*. Catalogues are available at

the back of the church or order from cafod.org.uk/world_gifts or by calling 0808 14 000 14.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday 5th December 2015 10am-4pm at St. Bartholomew's Church, 47 Vesta Avenue, St. Albans AL1 2PT to be led by Fr Adrian Walker. The day will conclude with Mass. Tea and coffee available throughout the day but please bring a packed lunch. No charge for this day.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

On the last Saturday of every month we celebrate QUIET PRAYER at St Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton. You are welcome to experience this solitude – feel free to come and go at your convenience. The next Solitude Saturday is on 28th November 8am to 4pm. Tel: 01582 424518.

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S

The University of Hertfordshire launches its first season of dance classes for people with Parkinson's and their carers, friends and family. Every Friday 11am-1pm. For more information call 01707 281127 or email j.robinson8@herts.ac.uk

COURTESY PLEASE

Courtesy is of God. It is not courteous to arrive late for Mass. In fact it is unfair to those who have arrived on time. It is true parking is difficult and accidents do happen. It may be necessary to make allowance for such an eventuality. **Let's be a courteous parish!**