

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2016

Next weekend our parish will take up a collection to help support the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick & Retired Priest Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church - please take one home, read about this important work and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you're able.

They've been here for us; let's be there for them.

HOLY SOULS

During November we are encouraged to remember, and pray for, the Holy Souls, those who have still to complete their journey to God. Each Wednesday, during the month, the 9.15am Mass will be offered for that intention. Everyone already included in the November Dead List will be remembered, if you wish to include anyone else please add their names in the book which will be found in church.

MONDAY

The Funeral Mass for Susan Jennings RIP will be celebrated this Monday 7th November at 12noon. Please remember Susan and her family in your prayers at this time. (There will be no 9.15am Mass on this day.)

REFRESHMENTS

Will be served in the Undercroft after the 11.30 Mass this Sunday 6th Nov. Do drop in, even for a short time.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our annual parish Christmas Bazaar is only 5 weeks away. Put Saturday 10th December in your diary and start gathering up your unwanted gifts and other donations.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday we assemble with the other churches at the war memorial to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. The ceremony begins at 10.50am. It would be very good if our church is well represented. Those leaving 9.45am mass would be well placed to take part in the ceremony which does not last all that long.

RED MISSION BOXES (MISSIO)

If your Red Mission box requires emptying please bring it to mass and either leave it with one of the ushers or take it to the Sacristy. Please ensure your details are on the label particularly if you have signed a Gift Aid form. Any queries tel. 622215 Antonioli Family. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Blake Vincent Coleman**, son of Wilson & Jolene, who we welcomed into the Catholic Church recently at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish him and his family every blessing as he begins his new life in Christ.

CONVENT CHAPEL

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with **Prayer of Remembrance**, 2-3pm next Tuesday 8th November at the Convent Chapel, 18 Kirkdale Road.

PRIEST'S REFERENCES

Primary school applications open on Monday 7th November. The Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed immediately. Form signing sessions will take place in church on Saturday 19th November 11.30-12.30 & Saturday 26th November 11.30-12.30. No need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is **ONLY AT THESE TIMES**. Please note that 'practising Catholic means attending Mass every Sunday.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE RENEWAL

The first envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is today. New boxes for the forthcoming year are at the back of the Church awaiting collection - the envelopes are in alphabetical order by surname.

Please collect your set today.

New boxes requested last week are included.

If you are expecting one and it is not there please write your name on the list alongside the boxes.

Please also write your name on this list if:

- 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 a

Bankers Standing Order

• You are an Income Tax payer who has not yet signed, but would like to sign, a Gift Aid Declaration. (Alternatively, collect and complete 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 requested boxes of envelopes will be at the back of the Church next week for collection and immediate use.

GIFT AID

Whilst the majority of Parishioners who use Planned Giving envelopes or give by Bankers Standing Order, have signed Gift Aid Declarations, there are many who have yet to sign.

Please remember that signing a Gift Aid Declaration means that the Church can recover one quarter of the value of each person's offertory. In the tax year to April this year, this refund amounted to approx. £25,000. Potentially it could be as high as £35,000 if everyone who donated their Offertory by Planned Giving envelopes or Bankers Standing Order, signed a Declaration.

Anyone can sign a Declaration provided they pay Income Tax. Gift Aid Declarations are available at the back of the Church. Please hand completed forms to the Parish Office or place in an envelope in the collection plate next week. If you are unsure as to whether you have already signed a Declaration, please contact the Parish Office who have a list of Declarations. (Alternatively complete a Declaration, as any duplicated Declarations will be destroyed).