

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This 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.

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 H. 712364 or marva@cpoauk.com.**

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.

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 on Tuesday 24th November. Are we "bovvered"? Only one person has added their name so far.

PRIEST'S REFERENCES

Primary school applications open on Monday 9th November. **The Certificate of Catholic Practice** form will need to be signed immediately. Form signing sessions will take place in church on Saturday 21st November 3pm-4pm and Saturday 28th 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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

On sale after Saturday evening/Sunday masses 14th and 15th 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.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Priests in the Diocese thank everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests collection last weekend which raised £1,348.72. It's not too late to

make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the church entrance or by contacting the Parish Office. This important collection helps cover the expenses of frail, elderly, infirm and chronically ill priests. Thank you for your prayers for all our priests and especially for those concluding a lifetime of service to the church. For more information, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

A worsening security situation has delayed the work on the Mupo girls secondary school in South Sudan, that we promised to contribute to in our current project. In particular, work on the dormitory for forty girls and sanitation block, to which we committed £7,100, will not start this month as previously scheduled. The funds we have already provided for this purpose remain with the International Refugee Trust (IRT) which is jointly leading the overall project with an Italian charity.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Willoughby James Vaughan** and **Benedict Joseph Atticus Vaughan**, the sons of Dominic and Alexa, who we welcomed into 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 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/worldgifts or by calling 0808 14 000 14.

TOWARDS ADVENT

- Festival of Catholic Culture is to be held on Saturday 28th November in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Doors open at 10am, free entry, refreshments available. Books, DVDs, statues, devotional items, Christmas cards, gifts and much more on sale. Come and meet friends, make contacts, learn more about the Faith. 30 different organisations will be there. In addition there will be three workshops for a small fee. Please see flyer for more information.'