

### **SS PETER & PAUL**

Next Thursday is the feast of SS Peter and Paul, and is a holyday of obligation, a day when we are obliged to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated at **9.15am and 6.00pm.**

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Preparation for First Holy Communion, for children who will be in year 3 in September, will be commencing after the summer. Parents who wish to register their children for this Sacrament should collect a form from Canon Anthony. **Forms need to be returned to the Parish Office by today, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

Our strawberry social takes place, to-day in the presbytery Garden from 5 pm (or at the conclusion of the concert).

### **CONCERT**

**4.00pm today**

A beautiful afternoon of music sung by the choirs of Our Lady of Lourdes, The children of St Dominic School and the Bella Mamas!

### **SAFEGUARDING**

If anyone has any concerns, or requires any information about safeguarding matters, one of the following can be contacted:

Parish Safeguarding Representative  
Sue Harkness:

[sueharkness3112@gmail.com](mailto:sueharkness3112@gmail.com).

Westminster Diocese Safeguarding Service:

Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding:

Fr Jeremy Trood, 020 7529 8631.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Eva Edohen, 020 7798 9356

### **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Paul has written to say how much he enjoyed the recent Confirmation celebrations here. He writes: '.....The Confirmandi were a joy, confident and mature. The Liturgies, as I mentioned, were excellent, you must have one of the best music providers in the Diocese.....' Encouraging words, again congratulations to the Candidates, and thank you to all who contributed to these lovely celebrations.

### **ORDINATIONS**

This weekend seven men will be ordained to the Priesthood, for our Diocese. This is a great blessing for the Diocese, and we pray for these new priests that they will truly have the heart of the Shepherd, and be fervent ministers of the Gospel.

### **MISSION APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal two weeks ago by Fr Mark Minihane OSA, on behalf of the Augustinian Missions. £685.52 was donated. Fr Mark distributed a number of envelopes, and these can be returned to the parish office.

### **THE DAILY CALL TO TRUTH**

Reflection led by Sr. Regina and Sr. Teresa at the convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm - 3.30pm

### **WALK IN THE PARK**

You are most welcome to join a group of parish walkers on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park. Summer has truly arrived and the roses in the Park are flowering! If the weather is warm enough, enjoy a coffee after in good company outdoors (but if the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee indoors) Look out for further walks held first Wednesday of every month.

### **RECRUITING CHORISTERS & ADULT CHOIR FOR September 2017**

The choir is open to girls and boys from Year 4 and upwards to Year 13. The adult choir is open to singers of all voices - soprano , alto , tenor and bass. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings and a termly schedule of Masses and rehearsal commitments is available in advance. Please contact Katie Metcalfe - [katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk) to register your interest.

### **WE WANT YOU!**

New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed their First Holy Communion are eligible to join. The next training programme will be run during Sept/Oct. To register for training please email: [fernandez.acp@gmail.com](mailto:fernandez.acp@gmail.com)

### **PARISH GOLF DAY & DINNER 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

There was a splendid turnout for the 2016 event, let's make this one even better. It's a really enjoyable parish occasion for golfers and non-golfers alike so do sign-up on the sheet in the porch for dinner only or golf. All are welcome. Can't find anyone to accompany you? Don't worry you will be amongst friends so just sign-up.

### **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life led by Cardinal George Pell – Sunday 17th September. Adults £15, children & students £7. Pick up point from Harpenden 7.50am. Monsignor Harry Turner is coming on the Pilgrimage. For more information, please see poster. Contact details Emanuela 01582 655246 / 07749881060 / [emanuela.coy@outlook.com](mailto:emanuela.coy@outlook.com)

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

A member of High Street Methodist is concerned about the lack of affordable housing in Harpenden and is interested in forming a group with a view to setting up a community land trust (see <http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk> for more information). If you have any expertise in this area and/or are interested in being part of this group, please contact Deacon Angie Allport on 01582 713773 or [angie.allport@methodist.org.uk](mailto:angie.allport@methodist.org.uk)