

## WORLD MISSIONS

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection, as a parish we raised **£840.83**. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755.

## UNITED NATIONS SERVICE

**Sunday – the annual ecumenical service takes place - 25th October at 6.30pm. This year our church is the host. Please note the time and date. There will be a special speaker included.**

## MASS COUNT

Each year we have to count the Mass attendance in October. Last weekend's total was:

**6.00pm - 175; 8.30am - 112; 9.45am - 357; 11.30am - 183; 6.30pm - 50  
TOTAL - 877.**

## SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend every parish makes a collection for 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 Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, please take one home and bring it back next weekend. They've been here for us; let's be there for them.

## 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 a 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 back of the Church next week.

## REFRESHMENTS

We invite you to refreshments which will be served **next Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> November after the 11.30 Mass. Do drop in, even for a short time.

## LADIES GROUP

Many thanks to all who supported last week's Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy. It was a very enjoyable occasion and we were able to raise £200 for the Developing World Group.

## NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

Although the leaves are still on the trees, the annual Christmas Fair is only 6 weeks away. Put Saturday December 5th in your diary and start gathering up your unwanted gifts and other donations.

## DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS

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

## CREDIT UNION

Come along this weekend, Sunday 25th October at 8pm and find out all about the important part community based Credit Unions play in our society. The talk will be given by Anthony Baker, a founder member of the St. Albans branch. It will be held at SS Mary and Joseph Parish Hall, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1NR and has been arranged by the Newman Association. If you need a lift contact Janet Evers on 621960.

## QUIET PRAYER

The Sisters of St Clare invite you to their next Solitude Saturday on 31 October at their Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. (t.01582 424518)

## AT OUR CONVENT

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 3 November – an opportunity for remembrance and prayer for the Holy Souls.

## 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.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **DARBY SOPON GREANEY**, daughter of Michael & Selena **and LIBBY SUSAN STRINGER & MICHAEL DAVID STRINGER**, children of Martin & Nichola, all of whom we welcomed in to the Catholic Church last weekend at the sacrament of Baptism. We wish them and their families every blessing as they begin their new life in Christ.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> November. The list is in the vestibule**