

## HARVEST FAST DAY CAFOD

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please return your envelopes from last week, donating as much as you can to CAFOD.** Your support this Harvest, will ensure millions of people around the world are able to grow enough food to eat. Signing up to 'Hands On' in Niger, you will be supporting an entire community of people in Niger with the tools and knowledge to not only survive the most extreme droughts, but to flourish. See your envelope for more on giving at Harvest Fast Day and how to take part in this life-changing opportunity.

### HARVEST CAKE SALE

Today we will celebrate this year's Harvest and we will be holding a Charity Cake Sale at the end of 9.45am Mass. All proceeds go to Cafod. Thank you in anticipation, from the Children's Liturgy Team.

### CATECHISTS MEETING

The next Catechists Meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm in the Undercroft. This is a change from our usual day so if any of the group leaders cannot attend, would they please arrange for another member of the group to attend.

### LADIES GROUP BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on Wednesday 14th October in the Undercroft immediately following the 9.15 Mass until noon. Proceeds will go to the Developing

World Group. EVERYONE is welcome.

### REFRESHMENT MOVE

Because of a clash in our timetable the after Mass refreshments will now take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November after the 11.30am Mass.

### DOMINICAN SISTERS

will be an Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for Refugees and Migrants at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, You are welcome to come for the hour or whatever time you can between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Tuesday 6th October.

### FORM SIGNING

Monsignor Turner will be available to sign verification of church attendance forms for Secondary School Applications on **Saturday 17th October 1100am -1.00pm in the church.** No need to make an appointment, just turn up. This will be your **only opportunity**, so don't miss out!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am mass. There are 2 groups, younger, aged 5 -7/8 and older, 7/8 - 10. We are always looking for volunteers to help. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available.

If you would like to help, especially if you have children who attend, please get in touch with Jane Hyman  
jane.hyman11@gmail.com – thanks

### DINNER DANCE

21st Nov Harpenden Golf Club. Ticket sales are going well with parishioners taking tables of ten so they can bring friends, who are not necessarily parishioners; it's good for others to see that Catholics can enjoy themselves. Reserve your table now, if that's not possible then book tickets individually by emailing;  
**denniscooper238@btinternet.com.** The evening includes a three course dinner, wine and dancing at £50 per head, all in aid of the Developing World Group project in South Sudan.

### CELEBRATE WEEKEND 2015

Nicholas Breakspear School, St. Albans, Saturday 31 October 2015, 9am to 9pm to Sunday 1 November 2015, 9 am to 3.30 pm.

A host of excellent speakers guaranteed to challenge and enrich us all. Our theme this year is 'Your Word is a Lamp to Guide my Feet and a Light for my Path' Psalm 119: 105 (NLT). There will be praise and worship sessions and daily Mass with Fr Simon on Saturday, and presided by Bishop Sherrington on Sunday. Additionally, there will be opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer ministry. As always, there will talks, streams and workshops for all ages and levels of exposure to 'Charismatic Renewal' enabling everyone to

experience the Holy Spirit in a new way as we are led ever closer to the Father through Jesus. Contact  
<http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/stalbans/>; Tim Stevens on 07875 848138; Email:  
stalbands@celebrateconference.org

### CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Georgie Florence Hand**, daughter of Michael & Victoria and **Molly Teresa Tuohy**, daughter of Malachy & Tara, both 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.

### FOODBANK DRIVERS

Caritas Westminster have been redistributing surplus food items from the St Albans foodbank to our supported foodbanks in East London, and are looking for drivers to make this journey on an occasional basis. Volunteers would need a car with good boot space or a small van. **Please contact Edward de Quay (edwarddequay@rcdow.org.uk or 07525 812511) for more information.**

### UNITED NATIONS SERVICE

This annual ecumenical service takes place on 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.

### REFUGEE CRISIS

Thanks for offers of help. The names have been sent off. Any more offers?. List is in the church vestibule