

CAFOD FAST DAY

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, £2,016.88 was donated. If you still wish to contribute it's not too late to do so, you can drop your offering into the parish office.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, from 8th to 12th February. Please collect forms and information, which can be found in a plastic folder at the back of the church. **Please let The Parish office know ASAP if you intend to go hotel rooms are being booked.**

PRIESTS REFERENCE

It is that time of year when applications are being made for secondary school places in 2018. Canon Dwyer will be available to meet parents, with the 'Priest's Reference Form, in the church, next Tuesday, 17th October, between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Parents will need to have collected a self-assessment form, available after Masses today, and bring the completed form, with the 'Priest's Reference Form.'

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Anna Marie Stewart who died last week. Her funeral takes place Tuesday 17th October at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace.

A SOCIETY BASED ON JUSTICE & PEACE

"An authentic faith ... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to

transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it" (Pope Francis' encyclical Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) In June this year our Bishops quoted Pope Francis and called on us (to build) "a society based on justice and peace". 'Justice and peace' is a way of describing the Church's call to witness to gospel values in society. If you would like to know more about how we as a parish might show that witness today in our local community, nationally or internationally, **do please come along to the Undercroft at 7.30 next Tuesday 17 October.** Members of the Westminster Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission will be with us to share their knowledge and experience, and perhaps inspire us to great things! Everyone is very welcome.

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA 4th NOVEMBER

Reserved tickets have now reached 70 so please book as soon as possible. This is a professional production which everyone will enjoy. Not reserved a ticket yet? They are now available on line at tinyurl.com/lourdeshall or by emailing denniscooper238@btinternet.com – further details on the developing world group notice board

ALTAR SERVERS

New Altar Servers are always welcome. Training sessions for those who have made their First Holy Communion, and who would like to exercise this ministry will take place during October. Please sign the list in the vestibule.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed in church, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Since 8 September, parishioners have donated £146.13 via the wooden box, supplemented by a large donation (£250) arising from the Golf Day. In addition, Standing Order figures, which come in monthly, shows a record £432 receipts in September. The money will go towards medical equipment especially for mothers in childbirth (there are 5-10 deliveries a day) and very young children in Wau South Sudan. The hospital is the St Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital, which is run by the Comboni Sisters whom we have donated to before. Beneficiaries will include refugees (a third of the population) from the north and, in the absence of a functioning state health service, the poor who often travel from afar for treatment there. Due to exchange rate movements, we have a remaining £1,401 not £1,500 to pay to complete this project. We will relay feedback on the project later. Thank you for all your donations.

ST DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Dominic Catholic Primary School would like to add to their team of Midday Supervisory Assistants who ensure the safety and welfare of pupils during the lunchtime break. Each lunch session is from 11:50am until 1:05pm and the salary is £7.78 per hour. Flexibility over days can be offered which may suit those who are retired or work part-time. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and subject to an

enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and satisfactory references. For further details and an application pack, please contact the school office on 01582 760047 or email: admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk Visits to the school are welcome by arrangement.

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING & BUY. The Ladies' Group will be holding this annual event in the undercroft on Tuesday 24th October from 10-12 (or following the 9.15 Mass). Proceeds will go to Open Door. EVERYONE is invited.

CARITAS HARMONY CHOIR

Presents an evening of entertainment in support of Harpenden based charity, the A-T Society. Saturday 21st October, 7pm at Rothamsted Conference Centre, Harpenden, AL5 2JQ. The programme includes a medley of popular songs from musicals such as South Pacific and Kiss Me Kate, as well as other familiar pieces including Rhythm of Life and Bridge Over Troubled Water. Tickets £10 available from: Parker and Vine, Box Office 01582 599520, or www.atsociety.org.uk/caritas.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Theresa Jacinta James, (Nee Sheehy) , thank her family and friends most sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on 15th October @ 9.45 for your intentions.

