

ALL SAINTS

Next Wednesday is the feast of All Saints, and is a holyday of obligation, one of the few days when we are obliged to attend Mass during the week. Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.00pm.

ALL SOULS

On Thursday next, and throughout November, we remember all the souls in purgatory, those who have still to conclude their journey to God. Mass on Thursday is at 11.00am. During November the Masses on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be offered for all of the Holy Souls.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

First of all a sincere thank you for your ongoing, and generous, support of the parish. As you will have noticed the last envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is today. New boxes for the forthcoming year are at the back of the Church awaiting collection –the envelopes are in **alphabetical** order by surname. Please collect your set **to-day**. If you are expecting one and it is not there please write your name on the list alongside the boxes.

Please also write your name on this list if:

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

(alternatively, collect and complete a Gift Aid Declaration, see below)

The relevant forms for Bankers Standing Orders and Gift Aid will be sent to those requesting them during the forthcoming week.

New requested boxes of envelopes will be at the back of the Church next week for collection and immediate use.

Gift Aid

Whilst the majority of Parishioners who use Planned Giving envelopes or give by Bankers Standing Order, have signed Gift Aid Declarations, there are many who have yet to sign.

Please remember that signing a Gift Aid Declaration means that the Church can recover one quarter of the value of each person's offertory. In the tax year to April this year, this refund amounted to approx. £25,000. Potentially it could be as high as £35,000 if everyone who donated their Offertory by Planned Giving envelopes or Bankers Standing

Order, signed a Declaration. Anyone can sign a Declaration provided they pay Income Tax. Gift Aid Declarations are available at the back of the Church. Please hand completed forms to the Parish Office or place in an envelope in the collection plate next week.

If you are unsure as to whether you have already signed a Declaration, please contact the Parish Office who have a list of Declarations. (Alternatively complete a Declaration, as any duplicated Declarations will be destroyed).

REFLECTION ON THE DAILY CALL TO SERVE

Led by Sr. Regina and Monika Cleaver. Monday 30th October, 2.00pm – 3.30pm at the Covent, 18 Kirkdale Road.

50 YEARS ON

This weekend the Bishops of England and Wales, with the Bishops of Scotland, have issued a statement to mark the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967. Copies of the statement can be viewed at: <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/50-Years-of-the-Abortion-Act/Joint-Statement-on->

Abortion, and there are copies available in the porch. Please continue to pray that the gift of life may be valued from the first moment in the womb until the last moment of natural life.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL

Applications for places in Reception Class open on Monday 6 November 2017. The Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed by a priest. Canon Dwyer will be available to sign forms in church on Saturdays 2nd and 9th December between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is **ONLY AT THESE TIMES**. Please note that 'practising Catholic' means attending Mass **every** Sunday. Parents should also collect a 'self-assessment' form, which will be available after the Masses from Sunday 12th November.

CONCERT SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 7.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes

We have a visiting string ensemble from Sweden joining our church choir! The concert will include

Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Laudate Dominum amongst other beautiful and uplifting music. The string ensemble are being joined by other professional local musicians for what will be a wonderful evening. Please support our choir, their visitors and our Harpenden musicians! Put the date in your diary and invite your friends and neighbours. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend £10 full price and £5 concessions.

HARPENDEN EVEING FLORAL GROUP

Invite you to a floral demonstration (Festive Highlights) by Coral Gardiner on Thursday 9th November @ 7.30pm at Harpenden Public Halls, Southdown Road, AL5 1PD Ticket enquiries 01582 761277. Please see notice in the back of the church.

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA 4th NOVEMBER IS SELLING OUT

This Developing World Group organised event of this famous opera performed by The Pop up Opera Company is on Nov 4th 7-15pm at Lourdes Hall and is fast approaching a full house with only eleven tickets left. Please don't leave it until the last minute, get your tickets at £25 by emailing: denniscooper238@btinternet.com before it's too late.

OLOL PARISH WALK

Join our group of walkers for an hour's stroll to see and enjoy late Autumn colour in and around Rothamsted Park. Meet next Wednesday 1st November at 10am outside OLOL Church. There is coffee after in a nearby cafe but if weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

BOOK THE DATE BARN DANCE 20TH JANUARY 2018

To raise funds for our next project in the developing world

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.

