

CAFOD FAST DAY

Harvest Fast Day was last Friday, CAFOD invite us to join us in remembering our brothers and sisters who do not have what we have. This Fast Day we focus on El Salvador, working with farmers like Edelmira and Martir to provide training and reintroduce native seeds that were used generations ago. These seeds are strong and able to grow in the warm, rainy climate, ensuring that farmers are able to harvest crops, and with that, the surety that they will be able to provide for their families. Your donations will help CAFOD offer long term support to local communities to enable them to stay on the land they love. Anything you were able to saved will be collected after Mass today.

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.

RETREATING

This coming week Canon Dwyer will be away on retreat.

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, on 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 Veronica Narduzzo who died this week. Her funeral takes place tomorrow 9th October at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

A SOCIETY BASED ON JUSTICE & PEACE

Tues. 17 October – 7.30 pm

"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 on 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.

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Next Friday, October 13th, is the feast day of Blessed John Henry Newman. To mark the feast there is Mass in St Alban's Abbey, at 12noon. Everyone is 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

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Harpenden Catenians appreciated the opportunity of updating parishioners about the association at last weekend's masses. To follow this up, it would like to invite men of the parish, single or married (and though them their wives) to be guests at a future monthly meeting & dinner to find out more. This is a 'no commitment' invite just an opportunity to take a closer look.

Please accept by emailing

denniscooper238@btinternet.com or calling 01582 761371, alternatively a one-to-one social meeting can be arranged if preferred.

CONVENT CHAPEL

HOUR OF Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00-3.00pm (Payer for Peace in our troubled world). Monday 9th October at the convent, 18

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

Upon receiving more information on our latest project in South Sudan, the Group sent £3,615 towards it on 4 October. This is to fund essential medical equipment for safe deliveries in childbirth (notably caesareans), at the St Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital in Wau, South Sudan: namely nebulisers (to aid respiration), and equipment to monitor the foetus in delivery and patients in the operating room. The International Refugee Trust with whom we often work, is overseeing the project. We now have £1,500 to raise to complete the project. Thank you for all your donations towards it via the DWG.

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.

HARPENDEN SENIORS FAIR

Next Thursday 12th October at the Public Hall Harpenden, from 10-30am to 2.00pm, Free Entry and many new stands and organisations this year.

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.