

CONFIRMATION

Children in Year 9 who wish to be confirmed next year should please collect an application form, in person, from Fr Brian Ward. He will have the forms ready for collection from him after all Masses on the weekends of 12/13 and 19/20 September. Please note that these will be the ONLY times you can pick up the forms. They will not be available from the parish office.

NEWMAN TALK

Fr. Henry Wansborough, a Benedictine monk and eminent Catholic theologian is to speak on 'No Salvation outside the Church?' on Monday 21st September at 8.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Undercroft, Rothamstead Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2HQ. Organised by the Newman Association everyone is very welcome.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

For the Sanctity of Life. Why not come along on Sunday 27th September? The day will be led by Bishop Philip Egan. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. Coach will leave Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 8am. For further details see the poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the vestibule or contact Maria (01582 624024) or Emanuela (01582 655246) or visit www.prolifelilepilgrimage.org

ABSEIL ST NIC'S

The Rector at St. Nicholas' Church invites you to join a special event raising funds for Christian Aid: Abseil down the tower of St Nicholas Church.

Members of all the Churches are invited to abseil and to come along and watch. There will be refreshments, a cake stall and hopefully children will be able to bring a teddy to abseil. There is a poster on the board outside the church. It promises to be a great community event and hope you will consider being a part.

DAY OF PRAYER

Divine Mercy Day of Prayer of Intercession for the Persecuted Church, the Peace of the Middle East and the whole World - invoking the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham. Saturday September 26th 2015 9.30am to 4.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Mass at 10.30pm. All are welcome for all or part of this Day of Prayer. The urgency of this present moment and the need for our prayer and fasting cannot be emphasised enough. See you there! Details of Programme available from - Antonia Moffat - antonia4161@gmail.com

MISSIO TALK

Bishop Wenceslao Padilla from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia will be a guest speaker at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday 10 October 3-5pm. This will comprise of refreshments, a welcome from Missio's National Director Mgr Canon James Cronin, a film, Bishop Wenceslao Padilla's talk, tea and Missio/Red Box promotion. He will also preach at masses in the Cathedral on Sat 17 & Sun 18 October (World Mission Sunday). If anyone would like to attend the talk on Saturday 10 October please let Silvia Antonioli tel 622215 know before 2 October.

QUESTIONS TO THE PULPIT

22 September 7:30pm at Austin Forum, Augustinian Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, W6 8AU
Topical debate in which Catholic Priests from the Westminster Diocese answers questions posed by members of the public at Austin Forum. This is your chance to ask any question to a panel of priests about Church teaching and aspects of the Catholic faith. Questions can be submitted in advance of the event to claire@austin-forum.org or message via the Austin Forum Facebook page.

TEEN RADIO DAY

On Sunday 27 September (2-6pm)
Westminster Youth Ministry are hosting a fun and informative session at their centre in London for all budding broadcasters from within our teenage parish community. Radio Immaginaria, Italy will lead the day – they have extensive experience in broadcast media and in particular focusing on episodes for broadcast that are developed and delivered by teenagers. A quick search on youtube will show dozens of examples of their work. For more information or to book a place contact Phil Ross on 0207 5298633 or email philross@rcdow.org.uk

LORETO OPEN EVENING

The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to the College for 2016 will take place on Tuesday 29th September 2015. The College opens at 6pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. Guided tours will be organised from 6pm to 7.45pm. The Headteacher will address parents at

6.15pm, 7.15pm and 8.15pm. Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the College. Tours during the school day will take place between the 5th to 16th October (by appointment only). Appointments can be made from 30th September 2015 by calling 01727 856206.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION

The 18th Pan-African Annual Mass will be held on Sunday 20th September 2015, at 3pm followed by a Reception at the St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark SE1 7HY. The main celebrant is Bishop Patrick Lynch, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Migrants. Seven African Community Choirs will be in attendance and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

FURTHER TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

As many new recruits were unable to attend due to summer holidays, further courses have been arranged. Part one and part two must be attended to complete the course. For those who have completed part one already, you only need to attend part two to complete your training. Please register your attendance at the start of each training session with the organiser. Training dates are:
Part ONE Training: Saturday 19th September after 6pm Mass OR Saturday 26th September after 6pm Mass.
Part TWO Training: Sunday 20th September after 11.30am Mass OR Sunday 27th September after 11.30am Mass.