

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Fr John Zampese joins us this weekend for the Mission Appeal in Aid of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers.

RACIAL JUSTICE

Last weekend we held a second collection for Racial Justice Sunday, raising £576.16. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone involved in last Sunday's Mass for People with Special Needs. Your food, music and time were greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There are some important ground rules for Children's Liturgy. **Only those at school may attend – NOT at nursery.** We do not have enough volunteers to deal with the very young. Also the children who attend need to be old enough to grasp the meaning of the session.

Adults are not to attend with their children. There are issues of Child Protection that we have to observe regarding the adults who are present at the sessions.

Thanks for the support you give to Children's Liturgy and a big 'Thank you' to those who lead our children

at these important moments of worship,.

MIGRANTS

A dedicated area has been set up on the Bishops' Conference website providing a list of resources. The site will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. The link to this area is:

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Refugee-Crisis-Open-Your-Hearts>

MISSIO (RED BOXES)

Bishop Wenceslao Padilla from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia will be a guest speaker at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Saturday 10 October 3pm - 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 Saturday 17 and Sunday 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.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST - SPONSORED BIKE 'N' HIKE

Thank you to those who took part and sponsored participants. This Church was visited by 31 walkers or cyclists, a decrease of 7 from the previous year. Would those who took part please hand the sponsorship money received to the Parish Office by Friday 9th October.

HARVEST CAKE SALE

On Sunday 4th October, we will celebrate this year's Harvest. We will be holding a Charity Cake Sale at the end of 9.45am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. We would be very grateful for all your donations of cakes and biscuits. We will collect offerings prior to that Mass. **All proceeds go to Cafod.** Thank you in anticipation, from the Children's Liturgy Team.

MASS CELEBRATION

for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers at Westminster Cathedral (SW1P 1EP) on September.

PARISH 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.
25th at 7pm.

ABSEIL AT ST. NICK'S. FOR CHRISTIAN AID

The Rector at St Nicholas Church invites you to "Abseil down the tower of St Nicholas church". Members of all churches are invited to abseil and/or come along to watch. There will be refreshments, a cake stall and hopefully children will bring a teddy to abseil. There is a poster outside the church. It promises to be a great community event and hope you will consider being a part.

The organisers need to gather a master list of participants from across the various churches and scouts, especially as there is a set a maximum number of 40. So please send an email to St Nicks Parish Office - office@parishofharpenden.org

VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUP

For adults (18-30s) meets on Friday 25 September 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Dom Dominic Taylor, OSB on the Benedictine charism. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

On the last Saturday of every month we celebrate QUIET PRAYER at St Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton. You are welcome to experience this solitude – feel free to come and go at your convenience. The next Solitude Saturday is on 26th September 8am to 4pm. Tel: 01582 424518.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

The last couple of photographs from this year's Confirmation are still at the back of the church waiting to be collected.

DIVINE MERCY

DAY OF PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

for the persecuted and suffering Christians and people of Syria, Iraq, the Middle East and parts of Africa and Asia is to be held at Westminster Cathedral on 26 September 2015 9.30am-4.30pm (Mass at 10.30am). For more details email antonia4161@gmail.com

TEEN RADIO DAY

27 SEPTEMBER 2-6PM

at hosted by the Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, London

NW1 1TA for all budding broadcasters from within our teenage parish community. The day will be lead by Radio Immaginaria - a quick search on YOU tube will show dozens of examples of their work. For more info contact Phil Ross on 0207 5298633 or email philross@rcdow.org.uk

OPEN EVENING

For prospective pupils applying to Loreto College will take place on 29.09.2015 at 6pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. Please note that there are no parking facilities available at the College. Guided tours from 6pm-7.45pm. Head teacher will address parents at 6.15pm, 7.15pm & 8.15pm. Tours during the school day will take place between 5-16 October (by appointment only). Appointments can be made from 30.09.15 by calling 01727 856206.

LOURDES PETITIONS

Bishop John writes, "I go to Lourdes on 30th September and would be happy to place any petitions at the Grotto on arrival."

ST. COLUMBA'S OPEN MORNING

FOR BOTH PREP & SENIOR SCHOOL 03 October 2010 9.30am-12.30pm. Parents and boys are warmly invited to visit the school. Tours will run throughout the morning and the Headmaster will speak at 10am, 11am & 11:45am. Refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend the Open

morning, it is possible to have a personal tour of the school. For more information and to request a prospectus, please email admissions@stcolumbascollege.org

THE JUSTICE & PEACE ANNUAL STUDY DAY

at St John Vianney Parish Centre, 386 West Green Road, London N15 3QL on Saturday 17 October 10.30am-4pm on 'Laudato Si' On Care for our Common Home. For more information contact 0208 8884222 or email justice@rcdow.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 3RD-11TH NOVEMBER

We will be making the 5th Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Price £1495 per person sharing; £275 single supplement. Full Board. For more info contact Gerald Daly 020 7798 9173 or email geraldaldy@rcdow.org.uk

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

SUSTAINABLE ST ALBANS WEEK

This takes place during 21st – 28th November. If you would be interested

in getting involved on behalf of the parish please let Monsignor Turner know. More info can be found here <https://sustainablestalbans.wordpress.com/>

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

Gen Verde, a performing arts group of the Focolare Movement, will be in the UK from October to December 2015. They will be visiting Welwyn Garden City from 16th to 18th October leading a series of workshops and a collaborative concert, organised by Westminster Youth Ministry. For young people aged 14-25. For further information, please contact Mil Zomack on 07733 232896 or milzomack@gmail.com

MISSION ANIMATION EVENT

Saturday September 26th All interested in the Global Mission of the Church are welcome at a Mission Animation Event organised by Missio-APF and the Mill Hill Missionaries. This will begin with Mass at 12 noon followed by light refreshments and a presentation on the mission implications of the recent encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We will be gathering at St Augustine, Hoddesdon (EN11 8DS). You will find the church where High Street, Hoddesdon meets Charlton Way.