

CARDINAL CORMAC'S FUNERAL
Tuesday, 12th September, the reception of the Cardinal's body will take place at 10am at Westminster Cathedral with a short service.

The Cardinal's body will lie in the cathedral throughout the day and all are welcome to visit to pay their respects, pray and sign the book of condolence. At 5pm on the same day, Cardinal Vincent will preside at the Solemn Vespers of the Dead. The cathedral will remain open until 8pm for those who wish to pay their respects.

All are welcome at both of the above services.

On Wednesday, 13th September, the Requiem Mass and burial of Cardinal Cormac will take place at 12 noon. Cardinal Vincent will preside.

Admission for the Requiem Mass is by ticket only.

Each parish has been allocated two tickets for the funeral Mass on Wednesday 13th, if you would like one of the tickets please leave your details at the Parish Office, asap. If there are more than two requests the names will be put in a hat!

WEDNESDAY MASS

Next Wednesday, September 13th, Mass will be at the earlier time of 8.30am.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. Application forms are available from Canon Anthony after Masses throughout September.

Completed forms must be returned to the parish office by Sunday 1st October.

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 see notice and collect a form at the back of the church.

LITTLE JOB OPP

There is a little job that has to be done after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. It takes about half an hour. If you can manage to assist you will only be required once every six weeks. Please contact Canon Dwyer.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflection led by Margaret Drummond on 18th September, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road.

SPECIAL MASS

The annual Canon O'Leary Memorial mass held for people with Special Needs and their families and carers takes place next Saturday 16th September 2017 St Dominic Primary School, Southdown Road, Harpenden AL5 1PF at 2.30pm for Mass at 3.00pm There will be a tea party/picnic following the mass. The event is usually finished by 5pm. Everyone is welcome, please let anyone you think may be interested in attending know. So we have an idea of numbers, please RSVP to Ruth Webb on 01582 467989 or reply by email to ruth_dave@btinternet.com. If you are

able to help on the day, we would be grateful. Please let us know.

ENJOY A HARPENDEN NIGHT AT THE OPERA 4th NOVEMBER

In an ambitious move the DWG have booked for your enjoyment the Pop-up Opera Company to stage their production of Hansel & Gretel in Lourdes Hall – see the notice on the DWG board or visit

<http://popopopera.co.uk/whats-on>

A significant number of people have already indicated a desire to attend so please ensure you reserve your place by emailing

denniscooper238@btinternet.com.

These productions are really worth seeing. *"I honestly cannot imagine anyone, of any class or tastes, who would have been bored or unmoved"* – The Times

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am mass.

There are 2

groups, younger, aged 5 -7/8 and older, 7/8 – 10. We are always looking for volunteers to help. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available. If you would like to help from September, especially if you have children

who will attend, please get in touch with Jane Hyman:

jane.hyman11@gmail.com

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 6th to 8th October 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email: johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

For the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 17th September, led by Rt Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Coach leaves @ 7.30am from St. Bartholemew's, St Albans and 7.50am from Our Lady of Lourdes, Harpenden. Adults £15.00, children & students £7.00. for more information, please see poster and flyers. Contact details Emanuela 01582 655246 & 07749 881060.

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