

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 after Masses today. **Completed forms must be returned to the parish office by next 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 collect forms and information, which can be found in a plastic folder at the back of the church. **Please can you let know asap if you intend to go as I am booking the hotel rooms.**

FIRST COMMUNION 2018

Preparation for First Communion in 2018 starts tomorrow, Monday, with a meeting for parents of all the children who are being prepared. Attendance at this meeting is important, and it takes place in the undercroft at 8.00pm.

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 Saturday October 7th, between 11am and 12noon, and on Tuesday 17th October between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Parents will need to have collected a self-assessment form, available after Masses next Sunday, and bring the

completed form, with the 'Priest' s Reference Form.'

AT UNIVERSITY?

A number of our parishioners will be starting at university in the coming weeks, we wish them well, and hope it will be a happy and fruitful experience for them. Those who are starting, as well as those further ahead, may want to make contact with the Catholic chaplaincy, to do so please visit: cathchaps.co.uk.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This Gospel prayer will be prayed in church, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.

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.

PARISH WALK

Autumn is coming and we are hoping for glorious colour in the trees in and around Rothamsted Park. You are most welcome to join a group of parishioners for an hour's walk followed by a coffee on Wednesday 4th October meeting at 10am outside OLOL Church. If the weather is rainy, it's straight to coffee! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

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.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – SPONSORED BIKERIDE 'N HIKE

Thank you to those who took part and sponsored participants. This Church was visited by 16 walkers or cyclists. Would those who took part please hand the sponsorship money received to the Parish Office by Friday 6th October.

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA 4th NOVEMBER

Ticket reservations are storming ahead with over 60 reserved so far leaving only 40 left, so if you would

like to see the Pop-up Opera Company stage production, do email denniscooper238@btinternet.com to stake your claim.. See the notice on the DWG board or visit <http://popupopera.co.uk/whats-on> for more information. Pop-up Opera are a professional touring company so it promises be a great evening right on your doorstep.

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

With Sister Anne Walsh OP. This term's theme is **The Call of God: Discipleship in the Old Testament**. Beginning Thursday 28 September at 7.30 - 9.00 pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Refreshments from 7.00 pm. Suggested donation £5. Details and further dates, email or telephone <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programme-of-events/> or 020 8950 4000.

THANK YOU

"The family of the late Ann Twomey would like to make a long overdue and heartfelt 'Thank You' to all Ann's friends for their great kindness and friendship to her over the years. Also a thank you for the generous donations made to the MNDA, this raised over £100 for such a great cause. "