

### **CONFIRMATION 2018**

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those young 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 OFFICE OPENING**

The regular opening times for the Parish Office are Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.0pm.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018**

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. More information, including precise dates, will be available very shortly.

### **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.

### **OLOL PARISH WALK**

Time to enjoy the last of the summer and join fellow parishioners on an hour's walk through our lovely Rothamstead Park. Start at 10am

outside OLOL Church on Wednesday 6th September and then afterwards to a nearby cafe. If the weather is bad then it's straight to coffee! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

### **SPECIAL MASS**

The annual Canon O'Leary Memorial mass held for people with Special Needs and their families and carers takes place on : Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](tel:01582467989) or reply by email to [ruth\\_dave@btinternet.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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://popupopera.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](mailto: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](mailto:jane.hyman11@gmail.com)

### **SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE**

A reminder that this annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place next Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 10 a.m. and 6p.m. So walkers and cyclists please prepare yourselves. Sponsor forms

and lists of visitable Churches are now available from the Parish Office. Walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

### **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](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

### **WALSINGHAM ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

For the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Email: [emanuela.coy@outlook.com](mailto:emanuela.coy@outlook.com)