

## NOVEMBER BOOK

During November, we remember all the souls in purgatory, those who have still to conclude their journey to God. During November the Masses on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be offered for all of the Holy Souls. If you would like anyone to be remembered in these Masses please add their names to the 'November Dead List' which you will find on the ledge near the repository.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when we remember, and pray for, all those who died in the two world wars of the last century, and the other conflicts since then. All those who died will be remembered at the war memorial on Church Green, in a short service, commencing at 10.45am.

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Have you ever considered whether God is calling you to become a Catholic? Is it a niggling feeling you have had for some time? Do the barriers, obstacles, objections or doubts always seem too great; the bigger issues ever muddying the personal path? Perhaps you feel there has never been a 'right time' or 'clear window' in your life. Perhaps you even feel daunted by the enormity of the unknown. If so, you are having exactly the same feelings as all those who have ultimately taken that first tentative step, walked the journey of faith week by week, and have never looked back. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Canon Dwyer.

## SICK & REIRED PRENT'S FUND

Next week there will be a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure that priests, who have given their lives to the church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in a emergency. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all our clergy - active, retired and ill.

Parish Office or place in envelope in the collection plate next week.

If you are unsure as to whether you have already signed a Declaration, please contact the Parish Office who have a list of Declarations. (Alternatively complete a Declaration, as any duplicated Declarations will be destroyed).

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the late Andrew Butler, who died recently as well as his family. His funeral takes place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 12.45pm. May he rest in peace.

## REPOSITORY

We now have our Christmas cards, Advent Calendars & candles in stock.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

This very popular annual event will be held on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lourdes Hall from 10 am to 1 pm and we need YOUR help. Please bring your donations of bottles, gifts, toys, books, raffle prizes, crafts, cakes, plants and bric-a-brac (no second hand clothes please) which you can put in the box in the church porch from next weekend. AND we also need volunteers to help 'man the stalls' and to set up the day before. We particularly welcome new parishioners to get involved. Please contact [marva@cpoauk.com](mailto:marva@cpoauk.com) or on 01582 712364 if you would like to help, even if it is only for an hour or two.

## STREET PASTORS 8th NOVEMBER

A talk about the work of the interdenominational Ascension Trust, whose volunteers engage with people living on the streets to care for them, listen to them and help them. This is a Newman Association event, 7:30 for 8pm at the Lindop Building, University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield AL10 9AB. Free parking available on campus; no need to book attendance in advance. All welcome.

## DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Parishioners donated £835.29 to the Group between 5 and 30 October. A large part was given the weekend that Sister Mary Joachim spoke about her work in Ethiopia - which we have supported recently. In addition, the amount raised includes money from the wall safe and a full Green Collection box. Your

donations, together with the profit from Hansel and Gretel at Lourdes Hall on 4 November, will enable us to complete our current project - the purchase of £5,016 of essential medical equipment for safe deliveries in childbirth especially caesareans, at the St Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital in Wau, South Sudan. A paper update on the project and our previous project in Ethiopia (with pictures) is available in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

## ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL

Applications for places in Reception Class open on Monday 6 November 2017. The Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed by a priest. Canon Dwyer will be available to sign forms in church on Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is ONLY AT THESE TIMES. Please note that 'practising Catholic' means attending Mass every Sunday. Parents should also collect a 'self-assessment' form, which will be available after the Masses from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## CONCERT SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

7.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes  
We have a visiting string ensemble from Sweden joining our church choir! The concert will include, Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Laudate Dominum amongst other beautiful and uplifting music. The string ensemble are being joined by other professional local musicians for what will be a wonderful evening. Please support our choir, their visitors and our Harpenden musicians! Put the date in your diary and invite your friends and neighbours.

Tickets will be on sale after each Mass this weekend £10 full price and £5 concessions.

## HARPENDEN EVEING FLORAL GROUP

Invite you to a floral demonstration (Festive Highlights) by Coral Gardiner on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm at Harpenden Public Halls, Southdown Road, AL5 1PD  
Ticket enquiries 01582 761277. Please see notice in the back of the church