

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood, in our Diocese of Westminster. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your donations help ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Tickets for the Auction on April 21st costing £5 will be on sale after masses this weekend. We have had some fantastic promises to date including

- A week's stay in a villa with pool in Corfu.
- Tour around a vineyard
- A one to one baby massage by Sleepthorough.co.uk
- Trip out to a garden centre or Dunstable Downs for afternoon tea
- Gardening session
- Lift to and from airport
- GCSE History & Physics revision course
- Walking your dog
- Supply food and cook a three course supper in your home for 8 people
- Four ball game of golf at Luton Hoo

To make the evening a success we need you and your friends to come as well as more Promises.

All the money raised will go to the new DWG project to provide a 5 day small business course and microfinance loans to 50 very poor

people, many HIV+ women, in Kisumu Kenya, to help them escape poverty (see information leaflet in the vestibule). If you wish to make a Promise please e mail it to noel.whittle@btinternet.com by Monday April 16th. Tickets for the auction may also be obtained from Noel on 07967476536.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK, THIS EVENING SUNDAY 15 APRIL IN THE UNDERCROFT

All are welcome to this talk by Pastor Bernd Rapp, the German Lutheran Chaplain at St Albans Abbey, who will offer a charitable, ecumenical yet challenging reflection on the topic of the Apostolic Succession. The talk will begin at 8pm, preceded at 7pm by the Association's AGM. Non-members are warmly invited to join us around 7:30 for wine, soft drinks and sundries.

PROGRESS ON 'LIVE SIMPLY' - INSPIRED BY 'LAUDATO SI'!

Now that the parish is certified by Cafod as seeking the LiveSimply Award, we have to implement the Live Simply Action Plan that parishioners agreed. We have therefore set up five 'Interest' groups : Liturgy, Environment, Practical/Resources, Justice, Peace and Care for Creation, and Communications. These are in the process of meeting soon to map out specific activities in the Action Plan. Many parishioners expressed an interest in being involved in the various activities. If you would like to be involved in any of these groups or would like more information, please contact graham-ryan@sky.com. You will be very welcome!

SAVE THE DATE – 16TH JUNE!

Join us in our lovely Rothamsted Park on Saturday 16th June to walk a mile! Pope Francis has called on us to 'Share the Journey', an act of solidarity for the rights of people on the move. Cafod is supporting groups from England and Wales and aims to 'collect' 24,900 miles – the



distance around the whole world! Families, singles, buggies, wheelchairs are all welcome from 11am till 1pm to each walk a mile to add to the national total and then enjoy a 'bring your own' picnic. More information to follow.

REFLECTION

"Do not be afraid." Mt.28:10

As people of the Resurrection we are called to be courageous witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel. What stops us? A reflection led by Sr. Regina OP and Monika Cleaver at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushy Heath, Herts. WD23 4EE. Thursday 26th April, 10.00am – 12.30pm. Suggested Donation £6.00.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



ROSARY ON THE COAST- Sunday 29th April at 3pm. Join one of over 100 locations around the coast to pray for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles. If you can't get to the coast, you can pray by yourself wherever you are or you could gather together with a few friends. For more information in regards to the event and locations, go to www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or contact Emanuela on 01582 655246.

HARPENDEN CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

The AGM for HCCC will take place on the 24th April 2018 at 8.00am at All Saints Church, Station Road, Harpenden. All are very welcome to attend, to support the work of the

Centre, learn more about its work and perhaps consider becoming members. Refreshments will be provided. The Centre is looking for one or two more Trustees to join the Management Committee. It is not an onerous task but very worthwhile: if anyone is interested, please contact Brigid Brennan on brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com, 07881 785299.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please telephone Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk. See [Marriage and Family Life Events calendar](#) Please visit our [Family Life Resource page](#)

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21st – 26th August. This gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk, and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

GOOD COUNCIL NETWORK

A Witness to Life in the Shadow of Death. A nine day novena of prayer and witness outside the abortion centre at 108 Whitfield St, London, W1T 5BE (nearest station Warren street). We ask you to come in a loving, prayerful attitude to bear a peaceful witness to life, 8 am to 4pm each day from Wednesday 18th April until Thursday 26th April (only 12noon until 1pm on Sunday the 22nd of April) www.goodcounselnetwork.com