

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Today's second collection will support the Diocesan Priest Training Fund. 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 own Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

AUCTION OF PROMISES

Whilst a variety of Promises were received from parishioners, friends and local businesses there was a general lack of support from parishioners to attend the Auction and regrettably the event was cancelled. The Developing World Group would like to thank those who supported the Auction and everyone for their support in their other fund raising initiatives.

THE CALL AND THE CHALLENGE TO BE SIGNS OF HOPE

Reflection led by Sr. Regina and Monika Cleaver on Monday, 30 April, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm. The Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road.

WALK IN THE PARK

Spring has arrived at last and the bright green of new leaves and vibrant colour of spring



flowers are everywhere! Join a group of parishioners for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park on Wednesday 2nd May starting at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10am. There will be coffee after in a nearby cafe and if the weather is bad, it's straight to coffee. Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

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.



WE WANT YOU! New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed, or will complete their First Holy Communion this year are eligible to join. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.



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.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

The Dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will be holding the Annual Mass for Migrants on Monday 7 May (Bank Holiday Monday), hosted this year by Archbishop Peter Smith at St George's Cathedral Southwark. There is a special invitation for singers!

(Please see the posters in the porch.) This is a great opportunity to celebrate the rich contribution migrants make to the strength and diversity of our country and our church.

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.

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

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

On the last Saturday of every month we celebrate quiet prayer at St Clare's Convent 3 Abigail Close Luton, any time between 8.00am and 4.00pm. You are welcome to experience this Solitude, feel free to come and go at your convenience As parking at St Clare's is limited, you are asked to leave your car immediately inside Abigail Close and walk round to No. 3. The next Solitude Saturday will be on 28th April, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 10.00am and ends at 3.00pm. There is also opportunity for a Solitude Walk in the Prayer Gardens and time to pray in the Poustinia or Hermitage.

Slaves On Our Doorsteps – Tuesday 1st May 2018

Join us for an evening of practical advice on combatting human trafficking and modern slavery in your community. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul McAleenan, Mick Duthie from the Santa Marta Group, the Hertfordshire Constabulary, the Shiva Foundation and Caritas Westminster. The event will be held on **Tuesday 1st May, 7-9pm, at Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew's Hall, Hitchin, SG5 1QS.** Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or call on 0207 931 6077. Alternatively, you can confirm your attendance by going onto the Eventbrite page for the event <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slaves-on-our-doorsteps-tickets-44588457276>