



EASTER

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Thank you very much for your generous offerings on Easter Sunday, which form part of this Parish Priest's income. Thank you too for the other gifts and greetings which were received.

HOLY PLACES

Thank you for your contributions for the Holy Places on Good Friday, £815.62 was donated.

Your contributions will be used to help maintain sites in the Holy Land, connected with the life of Christ.

AUCTION OF PROMISES SATURDAY APRIL 21st 2018 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 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 Wednesday April 12th. Tickets for the auction may also be obtained from Noel on 07967476536.

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Diocesan Education Service are now offering a Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) course, run in collaboration with specialist tutors from St. Mary's University. Each module will last for five weeks and run on Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm. The first two modules will be completed before the end of July with assessment by

group presentation in the final week of each module. Further information can be found by emailing CCRS@rcdow.org.uk or CCRS Website: www.rcdow.org.uk/ccrs

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](#)

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

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)

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.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

St Thomas More School, Berkhamsted is currently recruiting a new Head teacher. For further information see www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.headteacher46438.htm

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

HARPENDEN HISTORY

The Harpenden History group has written about the founding of our Church, Our Lady of Lourdes and of the priest Fr Martin, for more information visit their website www.harpenden-history.org.uk/page/our_lady_of_lourdes_catholic_church_harpenden

11.30AM COFFEE

Refreshments will be served after the 11.30am Mass today in the undercroft.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, on Tuesday 10th April, 2.00pm – 3.00pm. You are welcome to come for the hour or a short visit.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK, 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.

