

CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday 50 young people from our parish, as well as from Redbourn and Wheathampstead parishes, will be confirmed, during two Masses. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Paul McAleenan, and we keep these young people in our prayers as they take this important step on their journey of faith.

- Please note that, because of the Confirmation celebrations, there is no Mass at 10.00am, or confessions, next Saturday.



FIRST COMMUNION

The children, and their parents, who recently made their First Holy Communion will be attending the 9.45am Mass this morning, and having their last session afterwards. Now that they have made their First Holy Communion we hope, and pray, that they will grow in their love for Jesus in the Eucharist, as they receive him with us, Sunday by Sunday.



GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which took effect on 25 May 2018 has imposed significant responsibility on parishes to protect the personal data that the Church administers. This is an onerous task, one that requires us to, continue to, safeguard the personal data which is entrusted to the Church. We shall be implementing the measures required by the new regulations, and will be contacting all those whose roles bring them into contact with personal data. You can read our full

privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

FRANCES JUBB RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Jubb. Frances's Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 12th June at 11.30am. We remember John and all the family in our prayers at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

WALK IN THE PARK

Our next walk will be Wednesday 4th July starting at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10.00am.



SHARE THE JOURNEY

Next Saturday 16th June Responding to the Refugee Crisis: Rothamsted Park, Harpenden, 11am-1pm. Walk a mile with us in our lovely town park! Families, singles, buggies, wheelchairs – you are all welcome. Bring a picnic. Will you join us on this mile-long route it will be around the park or up and down the tree-lined avenue? And we can all enjoy a picnic together at the end – another shared experience!



ALTAR SERVERS

Our two Confirmation Masses will take place on Saturday 16th June at 11am and 3pm. We would be very grateful to have a team of altar servers for each Mass. Could any servers available for either Mass please contact the parish office or email Anna Painter on annapainter09@aol.com. Many thanks.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL.

This very popular annual event will be held on Sunday 17th June from 3.30 pm in the parish garden. Tickets will be



on sale after this weekend's Masses and cost £10 (family ticket £13). Everyone is welcome.

CULTIVATE ARTS FESTIVAL HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER 21ST – 24TH JUNE 2018

Arts events at churches throughout the town on the theme "Beauty, Abundance, Order". At Our Lady of Lourdes this will include live music in the church and an art exhibition in the Undercroft Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd and our Summer concert on Sunday 24th June. **For further details see flyers in the porch or contact Teresa Newham on 766403.**

CALLING CREATIVE CHILDREN

All children of the church are invited to produce a small motif, either a flower, bird or butterfly to be included in a display at our exhibition here at Our Lady of Lourdes church on the theme 'Abundance'. The artwork can be any size up to 20cm in any direction, 2D or 3D and in any media. Search online for ideas and have fun! Make sure everything is stuck together securely. I will leave out some boxes in the church entrance to collect the results on Sundays 27 May & 10th June.



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"JUSTICE, PEACE AND CARE FOR CREATION

On Saturday 7 July Ellen Travis of the Columbian Fathers IPCC team will be making a presentation on the links between caring for God's Creation and working for justice and peace in the world today. This is an important part of Our Lady of Lourdes Live Simply Award application and will take

place in the Undercroft at 11.00 am. There will be a shared lunch (please bring some food to share), then discussion and questions. All to finish by 1.30 pm. The LiveSimply group would love you to join us. Laudato Si!

PARISH GOLF DAY

Parish Golf Day 20th July, Harpenden Common GC. The sign up list is now on the notice board. Whether a golfer or someone who just likes having dinner on jolly occasions please do join in this fun parish event. Seating arrangement are organised so don't worry if you on your own, you will be amongst friends. Need more information? Email denniscooper238@btinternet.com



DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The DWG will receive £1835 back from HMRC later this year on Gift Aided donations in 2017/8. The surge in the last two years (from e.g. £787 in 2014/5) reflects increased donations by Standing Orders/ cheques, and more parishioners signing Gift Aid Declarations covering DWG donations. Thank you all on both counts.

If you too would like to set up a standing order to DWG or sign a Gift Aid Declaration, please call into the Parish Office for the forms, or print them off from the Parish website, alternatively contact Jon Carr at jonlcarr@gmail.com

JOY FOR THE WORLD

A day for everyone involved in Marriage & Family Ministry, on Saturday 23rd June at Vaughan House 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN. For more information contact family@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7931 6064 to register.