

## FIRST COMMUNION

Celebrations of First Holy Communion are among the special occasions of the parish year. Over the past two weeks 77 of our young parishioners have received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. This has been a lovely moment for the children, and their families, and we pray that they will all grow in their love of Jesus in the Eucharist. As this year's preparation comes to an end we thank the Catechists for their work in preparing the children, and also the choir, servers and flower arrangers for their contribution to the celebrations.



## SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

## BANK HOLIDAY

As tomorrow, Monday, is a bank holiday, Mass will be at the later time of **10.00am**.

## HOLY HOUR

Next Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In the afternoon there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, from 4.00pm, concluding with Benediction just before 5.00pm. This will be an opportunity for silent prayer, before the Blessed Sacrament, if you can't come for the

whole hour, do think about coming for a short while.

## THANK YOU

The Tate Family would like to thank everybody who supported them at Brian's funeral and those who donated to Cancer Research.

## WE WANT YOU!

New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed, their First Holy Communion are eligible to join. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.



## WALK IN THE PARK

Join a group of parishioners for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park. Our next walk will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June starting at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10.00am. 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.



## SHARE THE JOURNEY SATURDAY 16 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! Please see our Parish website for more details and sign up on the sheet in the porch.



## CALLING LAST YEAR'S CONFIRMATION PARENTS!

As you may know, it is customary in our parish for the parents of last year's Confirmation candidates to provide a small reception for this year's candidates and their families. This year, a large cake will be provided after each of the two Masses, and so we simply need a small group of parents to volunteer to help serve teas and coffees. We are very grateful to Ruth Bignell who has kindly offered to organise this for us. If you are able to offer help on the day, Saturday 16th June, after one of the two Masses, 11.00am or 3.00pm, please contact Ruth on [ruth\\_okeeffe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruth_okeeffe@hotmail.co.uk).



## CULTIVATE ARTS FESTIVAL HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER 21<sup>ST</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## PARISH GOLF DAY

There will be a Parish Golf day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, at Harpenden Common GC, for more information please email [denniscooper238@btinternet.com](mailto:denniscooper238@btinternet.com)



## JOY FOR THE WORLD

A day for everyone involved in Marriage & Family Ministry, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Vaughan House 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN. From 12noon to 4.00pm. A sandwich lunch is included. Contact Charlotte McNerlin at [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7931 6064 to register.

## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Echo Arena in Liverpool – which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims – will be the home to a six hour stage programme on the 8<sup>th</sup> September and will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers Bishop Robert Barron and Cardinal Vincent Nicholas, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact [adoremus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcdow.org.uk) or call 07738183829.