



The Church is open every day from 7.00am until 6.30pm (approx) for quiet prayer and contemplation, everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those young people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. Application forms are available after all Masses throughout September. Completed forms and copies of the Baptismal Certificate must be returned to the parish office by Monday 8th October.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy, has now recommenced and is an important ministry in our parish. It runs during term time in the Undercroft at the 9.45am Mass. It aims to explain the Gospel teaching to our younger parishioners in a way which is meaningful to them. The lesson is suitable for Reception age children and above. We are looking for new recruits to support running the sessions. More team members are needed if we are to be able to continue to run it weekly. Training is provided and you would be part of a team who take turns every 6-8 weeks. If you would like to know more please contact Michelle Lynch. martinmichelle74@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING PROGRAMME (SEPT/OCT)

To join the ranks of our altar servers please email fernandez.acp@gmail.com Training starts this month. Children who have completed their First Holy Communion are eligible to join.



FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Thursday 4th October at 7pm there will be a special Mass of Celebration on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on 4th October, all children are invited to produce an A4 poster on the theme of CREATION. These will be displayed in church. You can use any media and the poster should celebrate God's gift of creation or suggest ideas for protecting our world. You can put your poster in a box at the back of church on the week-end of 22nd/23rd September.

HOME MISSION

This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday when we are asked to pray particularly for the work of spreading the Gospel in England & Wales.

CHURCH CLEANING

In recent weeks we have been asking for volunteers to assist with keeping our Church clean. However, there has been hardly any response. If we are to keep the church clean, and worthy, for our liturgy then we do need more volunteers to assist. As there are a number of teams it's not a weekly commitment, if you can help please leave your details at the Parish Office.

FUNDRAISING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our parishioner, Aoife Morris (a former Head Chorister here), will be putting on a concert in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the late afternoon/early evening of Sunday, 14th October to raise funds to go to the World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019. The concert will feature harp pieces and other music. No tickets, but there will be a retiring collection for donations. The time of the concert will be confirmed in due course.



WALK IN THE PARK

Our next walk in Rothamsted Park will be on Wednesday 3rd October. Meet outside Church at 10am and after the walk, enjoy a coffee in a nearby cafe. If weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for future walks held first Wednesday of every month.



LIVESIMPLY' IN SEPTEMBER

We are now in 'Creation time' which is celebrated globally from 1st Sept – 4 Oct. As part of our parish celebration on we are showing the film 'Global Healing' – How faith helps us 'care for our common home' produced by Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) on behalf of the Bishop of England and Wales, and inspired by Pope Francis' challenge to us to restore our world. The film will be shown on Sat 22 Sept. at 11.00 am in the Undercroft, followed by discussion and a shared lunch. Come and see it. Everyone is very welcome.

FLAME 2019

Calling all our young parishioners (14 to 21) Saturday 2nd March 2019, Wembley

The biggest catholic youth event in England and Wales is back. 10,000 young people are expected to attend. Flame will take place in Wembley Arena on the 2nd of March 2019. There will be great speakers, incredible worship and fantastic music. The day is expected to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared faith on a grand scale.

We would like to organise a group of young people from our parish (year 10 and above) to attend with the Westminster Youth Ministry. In order to secure tickets at the early bird price of £20 (which also includes a T shirt), we would need an indication of the numbers as soon as possible. Cost of the transport will need to be covered separately. Further details will follow over the course of the next few months. Meanwhile, if you are interested in attending, please email Anne at anne.pesez@gmail.com before the end of September.

LA TRAGEDIE DE CARMEN 20TH SEPT – 17TH NOV 2018

Once again, the professional company Pop Up Opera will be staging this version of the well-known Carmen opera at Lourdes Hall, do make diary note. This is a DWG staged event so all profit goes to our current project.

ROSERY BEADS

The Catenians collect and re-distribute unused Rosery Beads and so far, have re-cycled 175,000 rosaries to other countries. If you have any that are not being used we would be pleased to collect and send on to those less fortunate than ourselves. Parishioner John Williams is the person to give them to. Thanks, in anticipation, LOL Catenians

HOW CAN I BE HOLY (WHEN I AM SO ORDINARY)?

Saturday 29th September, 10am - 12 noon: An open discussion led by members of the Newman Association's Hertfordshire Circle. All are welcome to share thoughts on Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate'. Venue: The Church of the Resurrection, 9 Henry Wells Square, Hemel Hempstead HP2 6BJ.

REFLECTION

The Grace of the Present Moment--a morning reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver. Give your spirit time as another month unravels and allow God's grace to sooth you. **Thursday, 27 September** (10.00 am - 12.30 pm). Suggested donation £6; registrations welcome. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Information: nilandcentre@gmail.com

FROM ATHEIST TO CATHOLIC

Come and hear the remarkable story of one woman's journey from Atheism to the Faith. Monday, 24 September, 2pm - 3pm. The Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road.