

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> October.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always happy to welcome new arrivals to our parish, and to take the opportunity to get to know them. One way in which we do this is at the gathering for new parishioners, which is being resurrected. Those who have completed a 'new parishioner' form should have received an invitation to this event which will be taking place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, after the 11.30am Mass, in the undercroft. If you haven't received an invitation, or are new to the parish, and would like to attend, please let the parish office know. Everyone who is new to the parish is most welcome to attend.

## SCHOOL FORMS

It's that time of year again when applications are being made for secondary school places next September. Canon Dwyer will be available in the church on these dates: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am to 12.30pm, to sign **forms for secondary schools**. Please make sure you bring the priest's/ministers reference form with you; Certificates of Catholic Practice, where needed, will be provided.

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This Gospel prayer will be prayed in church, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.



## CHURCH CLEANING

In recent weeks we have been asking for volunteers to assist with keeping our Church

clean. Thank you to those who have already offered, it would be helpful to have a few 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.



## *livesimply*

### LIVESIMPLY / LAUDATO SI

As part of the parish LiveSimply initiative we are asking parishioners to join with us in making a simple 'Pledge' to care for "our common home", as Pope Francis calls the earth, God's creation. You can write (anonymously) on a card on the table in the porch a promise to do something simple which will protect the animals, or land, or seas, or people of our common home (eg. by using less water or energy, or plastic). All the Pledges will be taken up as part of the offertory during the **Mass of praise and thanksgiving on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, next Thursday 4 October to which everyone is invited**. The Pledge is also part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and has been endorsed by Pope Francis. You can also add your name to the Laudato Si Pledge on-line at: <http://livelaudatosi.org/the-pledge/>

## THE NATIVITY AT WINTERSHALL

### SATURDAY 15TH DEC FOR THE 7PM

PERFORMANCE If there is sufficient interest, there will be a Parish trip to this event. Dramatic and intimate, the story begins in the open air with the shepherds round their fires. The audience then take their seats in the atmospheric barn. Running time 90 minutes.

COST:- ADULT £18 CHILD £9

FAMILY 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN £50

Plus coach fare to be confirmed when we know numbers. Tickets sell **VERY QUICKLY** for this event therefore all numbers are needed by **6th/7th OCTOBER**. Please email:- [juliaandnigel057@gmail.com](mailto:juliaandnigel057@gmail.com) or phone 01582 760295

More information can be found on the Wintershall website.



## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER

Next Friday is Family Fast Day, when CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda.

The area is so hot and dry, that people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can. Thank you

## 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 on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at **5pm** 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 and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Undercroft.

## CALLING ALL ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL PARENTS FROM 1980'S AND 90'S!!

Come to a Spotlight on Africa charity Coffee Morning in the Undercroft, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 10am till 1pm RSVP and info Colette 07974 241078. Donations will be for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in a primary school in Musoto, Uganda.



## FLAME 2019

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

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

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](mailto:anne.pesez@gmail.com) before the end of September.

## THE CATENIANS SUNDAY LUNCH

7<sup>th</sup> October Catenian Sunday Lunch. Local Catenians are booked in for lunch at Harpenden Common Golf Club at 1pm and have limited availability to extend an invitation to parishioner families who may like to join in this friendly gathering. To give the caterers time to prepare, the deadline is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept; for further details please email Dennis Cooper at [dennis29@virginmedia.com](mailto:dennis29@virginmedia.com)



## CHURCHILL WAR MUSEUM



OLOL Catenians invite you to join them on the visit to the Churchill War Museum, Westminster Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Uncover the

secrets of intelligence and espionage during WWII from a British perspective on this guided tour of underground London. Explore the bunker where Churchill and his aides plotted victory over Hitler, and venture out on an exploration of 10 Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Starting in the streets of Westminster, walk past famous venues including 10 Downing Street, the residence of the Prime Minister. Stroll past the Houses of Parliament, eminent Big Ben and splendid Westminster Abbey. As you come across the statue of Winston Churchill and the statue commemorating the women of WWII, gain insight into how the people of London coped during wartime, Entrance at 11-00am, price £16 per person. Meet at Harpenden Station, time tbc. Please email [dennis29@virginmedia.com](mailto:dennis29@virginmedia.com)