



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

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't yet picked up your Photographs they are in the church next to the Repository.



### 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Preparation for First Communion in 2019 starts today Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, with a meeting for the Parents of all children who are being prepared. Attendance at this meeting is important, and it takes place in the undercroft at 6pm (please note the time change from last week's newsletter.)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy, recommences this weekend 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](mailto:martinmichelle74@gmail.com)

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING PROGRAMME (SEPT/OCT)

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



### CAN YOU HELP?

It's true to say that our church is always clean and well maintained. This is due to the fact that we have a dedicated group of people who ensure that all is well in God's house. Currently we are in need of some more volunteers to help with this important work. It's not particularly time consuming, so if you could help please have a word with Canon Dwyer.



### FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### HOME MISSION SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday. The money you give to this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics throughout England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. For more information about the Home Mission Office please visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:nilandcentre@gmail.com)



### CAFOD SPEAKER FROM ZAMBIA WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2.30PM, OAKWOOD NORTH LONDON.

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information afternoon with a special guest speaker, Sr Clara, who has first-hand experience of delivering our work in Zambia. Listen to the inspiring Sr Clara explain, how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. The meeting will take place from 2.30 – 4.30pm at CAFOD's volunteer center, 1st floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e mail [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk)