

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 tomorrow Monday 8th 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 next Sunday 14th 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 16th October, 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Saturday 20th 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.



SARAH CULLINANE RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah Cullinane who died recently. Sarah's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 15th October at 10am. We remember Sarah's family in our prayers at this time.

CALLING ORGANISTS OR PIANISTS! (GRADE 5+)

Would you like to play the organ at 6pm or 9.45am mass occasionally? Don't worry, you won't have to sight read on the day (!) – you'll have enough notice of the hymns ahead of time. Please contact Caroline at caroline.swanson@me.com if you would like to give it a go!



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 **14TH OCTOBER**. Please email:- juliaandnigel057@gmail.com or phone 01582 760295
More information can be found on the Wintershall website.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice.

Last Friday was Family Fast Day, please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend, with your donation and contribute to the second collection which will take place at all Masses. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. For further information see www.cafod.org.uk

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 next Sunday, 14th 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 Thursday 25th 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.



THE CATENIANS CHURCHILL WAR MUSEUM



OLOL Catenians invite you to join them on the visit to the Churchill War Museum, Westminster Monday 8th 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

LA TRAGEDIE DE CARMEN 17TH NOV 2018

Pop Up Opera's performance of La Tragédie de Carmen, Lourdes Hall 17th Nov. This professional touring opera company are staging a version of the very popular 'Carmen' right on your doorstep. Tickets are already selling and we expect a full house. Please email dennis29@virginmedia.com to reserve tickets at £27.50 per person. Profits go to the parish Developing World Fund project



THE DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

'The Developing World Group would like to thank Vince and Suzanna Tickel for commissioning their daughter Harriet to design this logo, for the charity, as a donation to the parish. Harriet recently graduated from Hertfordshire University with a degree in Graphic Design.'

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Kevin Moule will be blessing graves on Sunday 4th November 2018. Fr Kevin will be at London Road Cemetery, St Albans, at 12.45pm; and then he will then go on to the Cemetery by S. Peter's Church in London Colney for 1.30pm. At 1.45pm Fr Kevin will be at the Cemetery in Shenley and at 2.15 in Christchurch Cemetery in Radlett (please meet in Christchurch carpark).

AUTUMN, ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN OUR PARISH



DATES FOR YOU DIARY

SATURDAY 10th November 7.30pm
Choral concert given by our choirs. Will include Allegri's Miserere and a variety of settings of the Ave Verum, amongst other music. We are joined by Alison Langer, our ex- Head Chorister, for what will be a beautiful evening of choral music.