

NEW PARISHIONERS

Today after the 11.30am Mass, there is a gathering for those who are new to the Parish. This will take place in the undercroft. If you are new to the Parish do come along, you are very welcome.

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: next Tuesday 16th October, 6.00pm to 7.00pm and next 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 tomorrow 15th October at 10am. We remember Sarah's family in our prayers at this time.

THERE IS NO 9.15AM MASS ON MONDAY.

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!



LITTLE JOB OPPORTUNITY

There is a little job that has to be done after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. It takes about half an hour. If you can manage to assist you will only be required once every few weeks. Please contact Canon Dwyer.

9.45AM FAMILY MASS 21ST OCTOBER

Next Sunday the 9.45am Mass will be focused on our children. Children's Liturgy will not take place in the Undercroft during the Mass that day. Our young people will remain in the church to sing children's hymns and be invited to take part in different parts of the mass. Please come along.



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 **Today 14TH OCTOBER Please** email: - juliaandnigel057@gmail.com or phone 01582 760295

More information can be found on the Wintershall website.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY –

There is still time to contribute to the CAFOD Family Fast Day, please return your envelope to the second collection after all Masses this weekend. So far, we have raised £1,640.57, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.



Our parish LiveSimply Action Plan includes a promise "to live in solidarity with the poor", and we can do this by supporting the local Foodbank. They are in desperate need of UHT milk. They use litres of it every day! When you go shopping could you buy an extra carton of milk? If you bring it to church on the first Sunday of the month (4 November) the LiveSimply group will provide a crate for you to place it in and will happily take it to the Foodbank. It's a good way of supporting those in most need in our community.

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 today 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 ROSERY BEADS

The Catenians collect and re-distribute unused Rosary 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

LA TRAGEDIE DE CARMEN 17TH NOV 2018



Pop Up Opera's performance of La Tragédie de Carmen, Lourdes Hall 17th Nov. Ticket are selling fast and stand at 50% with five weeks still to go, so please order yours very soon to avoid disappointment.

This is a production by a professional touring opera company and its right on your doorstep so no train fares to pay for. Please email dennis29@virginmedia.com to reserve tickets at £27.50 per person. Profits go to the parish Developing World Fund project so your attendance is even more worthwhile.

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.



SUNDAY 2nd December 6.00pm

Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

THURSDAY 6th December 7.00pm

Christmas Concert

SUNDAY 23rd December 6.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

