

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.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place between Saturday 9th February and Tuesday 12th February 2019. Further information can be found in the church porch, or from Ellen at ellen@lyallyoungman.co.uk



PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

We would like to thank you for your continuing commitment and financial support to us over the last year, through the Planned Giving Scheme. The last envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is next week, when new boxes will be available for collection and use from 4th November.



There will also be the opportunity for those not in the Planned Giving Scheme to join, either by the use of envelopes or bankers standing order.

If you are currently using envelopes and would like to change to standing order there will be forms available for you. Gift Aid Declarations will be available for completion too.

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.

COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY.

The Ladies Group will be holding a coffee morning in the undercroft on Monday 29th October at 10 am (or after the 9.15 am Mass). Proceeds will go to Open Door and everyone in the Parish is welcome.



FUNDRAISING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY



A big 'thank you' to everyone who came to the concert last Sunday

evening, as well as to those who couldn't attend, but sent donations, to help Aoife Morris on her way to World Youth Day in Panama, £832.92 was raised. It was a very enjoyable evening of beautiful music from Aoife and her friends, as well as from our choristers



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY –

There is still time to contribute to the CAFOD Family Fast Day, please return your envelope to the Parish Office. So far, we have raised £1733.57 thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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!



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, this 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.



LA TRAGEDIE DE CARMEN 17TH NOV 2018

Pop Up Opera's performance of La Tragédie de Carmen, Lourdes Hall 17th November. Ticket are selling fast and now stand at 78 tickets sold with four 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.



LIVESIMPLY UPDATE

Twenty or so parishioners met on Saturday 22 September to view and discuss the DVD 'Global Healing' produced on behalf of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales and inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical on creation and ecology 'Laudato Si'. The film presented the spiritual values underpinning the message of the Encyclical and some very challenging ideas for practical actions. Everyone thought it very worthwhile. **Thanksgiving Mass on the feast of St Francis of Assisi:** "A truly memorable and uplifting

service. Everything was absolutely splendid. The singing of the choir was stunning", in the words of one parishioner. 60 pledges made by parishioners were presented at the Offertory along with delightful paintings and collages made by the children; and everyone enjoyed the refreshments afterwards. And a gentle reminder about the **collection of cartons of milk** for the Foodbank for the homeless and others in need at the Masses on 3rd/4th November. Laudato Si

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 St. 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

