

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR takes place **NEXT SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER IN THE LOURDES HALL FROM 10AM TO 1PM.**



We need LOTS more donations, especially bottles, gifts, books, toys, red & white items, cakes and items for our new 'Christmas' stall. Please bring them to church or deliver them straight to the Lourdes Hall where we will be setting up on Friday from 3.30pm-5.30pm and from 7pm-9pm. We now have enough helpers on the day but could really use help setting up on Friday and clearing up afterwards. **Father Christmas will be in his grotto and we REALLY need you to come along on the day.** Please contact [marva@cpoauk.com](mailto:marva@cpoauk.com) (H. 712364) if you would like to help with setting, or clearing up.

## WELCOME



Today, at the 11.30am Mass, we will be welcoming three new adult members into the family of the Church. Already baptised into other Christian Churches John, Linda and Craig will be

Received into the Roman Catholic Church, be Confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is a special day for them as they take this step on their faith journey; and a special day for our parish as we welcome three new members. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

## HOLY SOULS BOOK

During the month of November, we remember all the souls in purgatory, those who still have to conclude their journey to God. This week the Masses on Monday and Wednesday mornings will be offered for all the Holy Souls.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. A total of £2222.97 Has now been donated, and we will shortly be forwarding this to the Diocese.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place between Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Further information can be found in the church porch, or from Ellen at

[ellen@lyallyoungman.co.uk](mailto:ellen@lyallyoungman.co.uk)  
**If you are thinking about joining us please do get your forms in as soon as possible as the Hotel will require a confirmation of numbers very soon.**



## PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

If you still have a box of envelopes to collect, these are now available from the Parish Office.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Next weekend there will be a collection for flowers so that the church can be decorated for the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## ADVENT GROUPS

Beginning on Thursday 29th November there will be at least one group meeting to reflect on 'Holy Families- The Joy of Love, an exploration of Amoris Laetitia'. We shall meet 10.30-12 noon. If you are interested but cannot manage that day or time please get in touch and we could possibly form another group. (Julia 07891083251)

## 9.45AM FAMILY MASS 2ND DECEMBER

The 9.45am Mass will be particularly focused on the children. Next Sunday, there will not be a children's 'Liturgy of the Word'. The children will remain in Church and will participate in the Mass in



various ways. Please encourage your children to join in.

## ADVENT SERVICE - INCLUDING BRITTEN'S CEREMONY OF CAROLS

On Sunday 2nd December at 6pm We are ringing the changes this year with a performance of the well-known Ceremony of Carols, along with some more traditional pieces, accompanied by a harp. This is a beautiful work and will make a very uplifting start to the Advent season. There will be a gathering for refreshments afterwards in the Undercroft. **Put the date in your diary and bring family and friends.**



## WALK IN THE PARK ADVENT SPECIAL

On Wednesday 5 December we will be meeting outside Church as usual at 10am for our next walk/coffee in Rothamsted Park - but this will be a walk with a difference because we will start off with coffee, and end our walk with a festive lunch at Rothamsted Conference Centre. If you're unable to come on the walk itself you would still be very welcome to join us for lunch. We will need to confirm menu choices in advance, so to book and for further details, please email Sue at [martindsue@gmail.com](mailto:martindsue@gmail.com)

## HAND PRINTED LINOCUT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Many thanks to those who bought Christmas cards after Mass last weekend - so far we've raised nearly £150 for the church building fund. Cards are still available this weekend in a box at the back of the church, after that they will be in the repository. Or call Teresa on 766403. Cost £2 each or 3 for £5.



The feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is the day exactly one year ago that

the parish gave its support to us seeking to become a LiveSimply parish. One of our chosen activities is to support the Highfield Oval Foodbank. Please remember to bring a carton of UHT milk to Mass next Sunday (the first of the month) to help those without food in our community. Laudato Si

## TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY:

You are warmly invited to this event led by Katie Metcalfe and friends. Start: 3pm. End (provisional): 5.30-6.00pm. Venue: St Dominic's. Cost: £5 a child or adult, £10 a family. For that there will be two workshops to A/ learn renowned South American songs, and B/ practice Brazilian drumming; a quiz; tasty, light Brazilian snacks - and a finale concert! Proceeds to a Brazilian charity for musical instruments for children in the Brazilian favelas, via our Developing World Group. Book by emailing Julia at [juliaandnigel057@gmail.com](mailto:juliaandnigel057@gmail.com). Please come.



## ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

**Applications for places in Reception Class 2019-20** opened on Monday 5th November 2018. A Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed by a priest. Canon Dwyer will be available to **sign forms in church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm - 7pm & on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11.30am - 12.30pm.** There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Please note that 'practicing Catholic' means attending Mass **every** Sunday.

## ST DOMINIC SCHOOL - ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Governors are consulting on a proposed change to the Admission Policy for September 2020. The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Any responses should be sent to the Governing Body by the closing date. Please see the school website for further details - [www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions](http://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk/Our-School/Admissions)