



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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each time we come for Mass we receive, and worship, Jesus in the gift of the Eucharist. Outside of Mass, we can also worship Jesus in this precious gift. Starting on February 2nd the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church between 5pm and 5.45pm, each Saturday. A lovely opportunity for some peace and quiet; come along even if for a few minutes. Please respect the silence if you are arriving early for the Vigil Mass.



ON THE MEND!

Canon Dwyer appreciates, very much, the enquiries about his health, as well the good wishes, and support and prayers offered. He has had a quiet week recovering and is now feeling much better. Apologies to those at the 8.30am Mass, which had to be curtailed, but 'thank you' to all who came to assist him.

CONFIRMATION



Next weekend our Confirmation Candidates have an important experience, when they have a weekend retreat, at the Diocesan Youth Centre. We hope it will be a fruitful time for them as they continue to enter into their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in June. Please remember a prayer for them.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Next Saturday almost 60 of our children will make their First Reconciliation, a lovely moment for them as they encounter God's unending love through His forgiveness and mercy. It's a moment too when we are reminded of the essential place of Confession in our lives, the need we have to reflect on our lives, and to seek out the loving mercy of God.

CHOIR RECRUITMENT!

The two choirs at Our Lady of Lourdes will welcome anyone wishing to come and sing for a trial period.

Choristers:

Ages 8 - 18 (Year 4 to Year 13)

Girls and unbroken boys' voices 7-8pm Thursdays during term time.

Adult Choir:

Soprano, alto, tenor, bass - sight reading not essential as training given.

8-9pm Thursdays during term time.

Please email Katie Metcalfe:

katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk



SVP CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE

On behalf of the Women's Refuge and Open Door, heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Both charities expressed their gratitude at the kindness and thoughtfulness shown by the parish.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

In preparation for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, there will be time for quiet prayer in the Taizé tradition at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road tomorrow, Monday 21st January from 2pm-4pm. The focus of our prayer will be for Refugees and Migrants. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

Just a reminder there is a Meeting with Mary Crowley from the Diocese for all Parents of our First Holy Communion children in the Undercroft tomorrow, Monday 21st January at 8pm, please make sure at least one parent attends to represent your child.

THE BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER

Will be on Saturday 2nd

February in the Lourdes

Hall. Tickets for the 3-course meal with coffee/tea will be

£15 and will be on sale after all

the Masses THIS weekend. If anyone wants

to book a specific table or has dietary

requirements, they should contact

marva@cpoauk.com/H.712364. Proceeds

will be shared between the DWG's schools'

project in Nepal and Sister Margaret's

Barcelona Settlement in South Africa.



lives simply

Thank you to all parishioners who came yesterday to hear Pat Gaffney talk about peacemaking. Today is designated Peace Sunday. Pope Francis is an outspoken advocate for peace and tells us clearly that all of us share that call to be peacemakers everywhere. Pax Christi works on behalf of the Church in the UK and globally. You can find more information on their website <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/> Laudato Si



RECALL OF DWG GREEN BOXES ON 26/27 JANUARY

Please bring your Green Boxes to Mass on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January so they can be emptied and returned to

you - even if they are not yet full! DWG members collecting the proceeds will also

be able to give you a box should you want one for the first time. We are very grateful for your generous support whether in pence, other coins or notes. Boosted by the Green Boxes, our Parish funded seven projects last year, which will be described to you very soon in our 2018 Project Report.

TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10th FEBRUARY - BOOK NOW

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 (prepared by the DWG) - and a finale concert! Proceeds go to a Brazilian charity for musical instruments for children in the Brazilian favelas, via the Developing World Group. To book, please email Julia Roche soon at juliaandnigel057@gmail.com, so we know numbers.



MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th February 2019 at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by Bishops and Priests. Please let Melanie, in the Parish Office know if you will be attending in a wheelchair.

