



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 next Saturday 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.



FIRST RECONCILIATION



Yesterday almost 60 of our children made their First Reconciliation, a lovely moment for them as they encounter God's unending love through His forgiveness and mercy.

SHEILA DORSETT RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Dorsett who died recently. Sheila's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th February at 12 noon. We remember Sheila's family in our prayers at this time.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is presently taking place in Panama, from the 19th to 27th January. Pope Francis will be joining young people from all over the world from the 23rd to the 27th. Amongst the pilgrims is Aoife Morris, from our parish. We hope it is a time for all the

young people to be encouraged in, and to deepen, their faith.

THE BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER

Takes place next 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 merva@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.



After two years of hard and enjoyable work by the parish LiveSimply group, the Parish LiveSimply Action Plan is being assessed by CAFOD for their prestigious Award next Saturday 2 February. Evidence of all the actions that have been achieved (photos, minutes and reports of meetings, a rolling computer presentation, display boards etc.) will be on show in the Undercroft from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm for the assessors to see. If you are not familiar with the LiveSimply activities, why not drop in and take a look? It would be good to see you. And wish us luck! Meanwhile, the collection of UHT milk for the St Alban's and District Foodbank goes on. Please bring your carton(s) next Sunday 3 February and place in the crate in the church porch. Laudato Si

WALK IN THE PARK

Do join us for a bracing February walk in our special Rothamsted Park! The green shoots of daffodils are appearing as we start



looking for early signs of Spring. Meet outside Church at 10am on Wednesday 6th February for an hour's walk and then a coffee in a nearby cafe. If weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for future walks held first Wednesday of every month.

QUIZ THANK YOU!

Harpندن Spotlight on Africa would like to thank all who came to the recent Quiz in Lourdes Hall. Tickets were sold out! The £1777 made will benefit the Ugandan community it supports by providing better health, education, clean water and economic development. Do come to our Midsummer Ball on Friday 21st June in The Conservatory, Luton Hoو Walled Garden. Info ball@hsoa.org.uk

TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10th FEBRUARY - BOOK NOW

You are warmly invited to this event led by Katie Metcalfe and friends. Start: 3pm. End: 5.30pm. Venue: St Dominic's. Cost: £5 a child (from any school) or adult, £10 a family. For that there will be two workshops to A/ practise Brazilian drumming; B/ learn renowned South American songs; a quiz; tasty, light Brazilian snacks & coffee/tea for parents - and a finale concert! Proceeds to a Brazilian charity for musical instruments for children in the Brazilia favelas, via our Developing World Group. Please book by 31 January by emailing Katie at katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk or Julia at juliaandnigel057@gmail.com.



ST DOMINIC NURSERY

On the 4 February 2019, the application process for Nursery places will open for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016.



For further information please visit our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk or contact the school office on 01582 760047 to book an appointment to come along to one of our visit mornings on Thursday 7, Monday 11 or Tuesday 26 February at 10.00am. Applications close at 3.30pm on 4 March. To support your application, a Certificate of Catholic Practice form will need to be signed. A form signing session will take place in church on 5th February between 6pm - 7pm and 16th February between 11.30am - 12.30pm. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Signing is **ONLY AT THIS TIME**. Please note that 'practicing Catholic' means attending Mass every Sunday.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

In August 2019 a group of twelve from High Street and other churches in Harpenden will be performing at the Edinburgh Fringe. It all began when the group performed 'Passion Perspectives' on Maundy Thursday last year - a Passion Play with a difference, based on the premise that the people who came into contact with Jesus were real human beings faced with the same kind of political and economic pressures that our society faces today, with the same weaknesses and prejudices that we have. This will be a real challenge for us, not only because it is such a large and prestigious event, but also because we will be using the platform to speak about our own faith to an audience who may have little understanding of the Christian faith. As we make our preparations over the coming months we would greatly value your prayerful support that we will indeed be able to reach out effectively to a wide range of people. As there are many costs involved we would also appreciate any financial help you are able to give towards the costs of the production. Please donate to www.gofundme.com/harp-theatre-goes-to-edinburgh