



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

Every Saturday from 5pm, during which confessions will be heard.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Catechesis is an important ministry, important because it helps people to grow in their journey of faith. We are presently looking to find some more Catechists for our Confirmation programme, to assist our young people in preparing for this Sacrament. The commitment is not too onerous, and support will be given. If you would like to know some more about this please have a word with Canon Dwyer.



Catechism

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: ONLINE TRAINING

Some of you will have heard Brigid Brennan speak at the Masses in mid-December, soon after she had been appointed as the new Parish Safeguarding Representative. One of the things she mentioned is that the Diocese is encouraging as many people as possible, whether volunteers in the parish or not, to undergo the online training that is on offer through Educare, to help in widening a culture of safeguarding. A leaflet about the training is in the porch and this is the rather long link: <http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/safeguarding%20forms%202014%20branding/westminster%20towards%20a%20culture%20of%20safeguarding%20-%20c21.pdf>. We



hope that many of you will take advantage of this for the benefit of both parish and community.



Today there is the usual first Sunday of the month UHT Milk collection for the St Albans and District Foodbank based at Highfield Oval. Please put your cartons in the crates in the church porch. This is an important part of our parish LiveSimply Action Plan. Many thanks. Laudato Si.



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.

WALK IN THE PARK

Do join us for a bracing February walk in our special Rothamsted Park! Meet outside Church at 10am this 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.



TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10th FEBRUARY -BOOK NOW

You are warmly invited to this event led by Katie Metcalfe and friends, next Sunday. While we have a good turnout already for it, there is room for more of you. Start: 3pm. End: 5.30pm. Venue: St Dominic's. Cost: £5 a child (from any school not just St Dominic's) or adult, £10 a family. There will be two workshops - on Brazilian drumming and singing renowned



South American songs; a quiz; tasty, light Brazilian snacks/drinks, & coffee/tea for adults - and a finale concert! Proceeds to a Brazilian charity for musical instruments for children in the Brasilia favelas, via our Developing World Group. Please book by Monday 4 February if possible, by emailing Katie at katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk or Julia at juliaandnigel057@gmail.com. Thank you.

DWG GREEN BOXES



Thank you to everyone who returned their Green Boxes last weekend for the proceeds to be counted and to those who became Green Box collectors for the first time. The collection raised £1070.24 which will go towards funding the projects of the Developing World Group in 2019. If you forgot to bring your Green Box please could you drop it into the Parish Office where it will be emptied and returned to you. Equally if you would like to have a Green Box please collect one from the Parish Office.

2019 SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Annual Youth Conference of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place from 15-17 March 2019, at Kents Hill Park Training and Conference Centre, Milton Keynes. For young people aged 16 upwards. See poster and flyers in the porch for more information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 1st March. There will be two services in Harpenden: 10.30am at St John's, Southdown and 7.45pm at St Mary's, Kinsbourne Green - this year written by the women of Slovenia with the theme "Come - Everything is Ready!". The World Day of Prayer raises around £250K each



year in the UK for distribution to charity - visit www.wwdp.org.uk for details. For more information on the Harpenden services please see the postcards in the porch or call Teresa Newham on (01582) 766403.

FLAME - THE BIGGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT IN ENGLAND AND WALES IS BACK!

Saturday 2nd March 2019, the SSE Arena, Wembley - 10am-5.30pm. 10,000 young people are expected to attend. There will be great speakers, incredible worship and fantastic music. The day is expected to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared faith on a grand scale on the theme of significance. If you are interested and would like to attend, you can either contact Anne at anne.pesez@gmail.com (07786 703 760) or book directly with the Westminster YouthMinistry dominicunliffe@rcdow.org.uk. Tickets with the diocese are £20 each

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. 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.

