



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 Saturday evening the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in church from 5.00pm, concluding with Benediction at 5.40pm. This is a lovely peaceful time for personal prayer. Do think about coming along even if it is just for a few minutes.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday. Confessions are heard between 10.30am and 11.00am, and between 5.00pm and 5.30pm.

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

OUR FEAST DAY

Tomorrow, Monday, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Parish feast day. We are blessed to have Our Lady as the patron of our parish, a wonderful inspiration and example for us. A feast day is a time to



celebrate, and we celebrate the many blessings bestowed on our parish, as well as thanking God for the generosity and goodness of everyone who makes our parish the happy and vibrant place it is. A group of parishioners, with Canon Dwyer, will be celebrating the feast day in Lourdes, and will be praying for everyone in the parish.

ST ALBAN'S DEANERY

Our parish is one of the 16 parishes that form St Alban's Deanery. After three years as Dean Fr Dominic McKenna, has completed his term of office. Canon Dwyer, in addition to his parish duties, has been appointed, by the Cardinal, to take on the role of Dean.

RONNIE WIELGUT RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronnie Wielgut who died this week. Ronnie's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 7th March at 11.30am. We ask that you keep Ronnie's family in your prayers at this time.

THE GRACE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

Reflection led by Sr. Regina and Monika Cleaver on Monday 18th February from 2pm - 3.15pm at the Convent 18 Kirkdale Road. Everyone is welcome.



LIVESIMPLY PARISH!

The CAFOD LiveSimply assessors were really impressed by all that the parish has achieved in the last year and more through the LiveSimply Action Plan endorsed by parishioners in November 2017. All our efforts to live more simply, more sustainably with creation, and more in solidarity with the poor, have enabled us to gain the prestigious CAFOD LiveSimply Award, one of only 6 of the 200 parishes in the diocese. The Award will be formally presented at the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 10 March and a tree planted to mark the

event. There is a fine write up in Independent Catholic News at <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36469> So thank you to all who have supported our LiveSimply journey in so many ways, and which we hope to continue in the spirit of Laudato Si! Thank you also to those of you who continue to contribute UHT milk for the St Albans and District Foodbank which has now moved to Coalharbour Lane, Harpenden. This week we collected another 60 litres! Laudato Si'



SECOND COLLECTION APPEAL AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Next weekend John Ravi, area secretary for Aid to the Church in Need for the diocese of Westminster will speak during all Masses. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical charity which works in 140 countries, helping persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world through prayer, information and action. At the moment it is involved in the front-line works in Syria and Iraq where displaced families are still living under threat of violence and unable to return to their homes. Aid to the Church in Need is asking us to support these families in Syria and Iraq with Survival Packs - emergency aid to help them until it is safe for them to rebuild their lives and communities. If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be a parish representative, please contact John on 07727442510, 020 8642 8668 or online www.acnuk.org.

OASIS is a small group which meets at 10.15am for 10.30am on the 2nd Thursday of each month with a 12 noon finish.



The group reads, reflects on and discusses the readings for the masses the following weekend. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th Feb (coffee/tea at 10.15) We would welcome new members. If you might be interested please email:- juliaandnigel057@gmail.com for more details.

ST DOMINIC NURSERY

On the 4 February 2019, the application process for Nursery places opened for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. Our Early Years provision enables parents to access 30 hours free childcare with Nursery morning sessions running Monday- Friday, 8.45-11.45am and an optional Lunch Club and afternoon Pre-School run by Friends Together running until 3.30pm. Wrap around care offered by Friends Together also means that care for children is available between 7.50am and 6pm, should this be required.



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 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 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.