



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

### PRAYERS PLEASE

Since last Thursday until today senior bishops have been attending a meeting in Rome called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide in the light of the abuse suffered by them within the communities of the Church. Cardinal Nichols, is attending this meeting, and has written to ask for our prayers for the positive outcome of this meeting and for all survivors of such abuse. He particularly asks that we remember the participants on Saturday evening when a Penitential Liturgy is celebrated, and on Sunday as they celebrate Mass together. More information can be found at: [www.pbc2019.org](http://www.pbc2019.org).

### LENT GROUPS

The Lent Groups will begin meeting week **beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March** for 6 weeks. This year we will be drawing our reflections from 'Divine Renovation - from Maintenance to Mission', by Fr James Mallon. In his writing Fr Mallon reminds us that the very nature of the Church is to be Missionary, to go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please do join a group if you can, they are very friendly and relaxed with no pressure on anyone to speak and faith sharing in this way is very fulfilling. For further information please pick up one of the Invitation leaflets which



will be available after all weekend masses, or contact Rachel Lee [rachellee987@gmail.com](mailto:rachellee987@gmail.com)

### COFFEE MORNING

Coffee and tea will be served in the undercroft on Tuesday morning after the 9.15am Mass.



### RONNIE WIELGUT RIP

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

### SECOND COLLECTION APPEAL AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Last weekend's second collection amounted to £ 1064.67 along with £123.50 received at their sales table and £166.30 donated at the sales table many thanks for your continued generosity.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The time has come around for the SVP 2019 National Raffle. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5 tickets. There are 23 prizes to be won ranging from £3,000 to £10. We have 70 books of tickets which will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. The draw will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> March.



### 'ENERGISING YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE'

One of the important aspects of our successful LiveSimply Award is "living in solidarity with the poor", which is also a key part of the Church's teaching on social justice. Cardinal Nichols is setting up a 'Forum for Social Justice and Peace' in the Westminster diocese, and is urging young

people to get involved. So parishioners, catechists, and especially young people are invited to the First meeting of the Forum on Saturday 16 March at Our Lady of Victories, 235a High Street, London W8, from 10.30 to 1.30. There will be speakers from CAFOD, SPEC, and MILLION MINUTES. It also reflects the young people's own manifesto on Care For Creation from World Youth Day on 26 January with Pope Francis in Panama. If you might be interested and would like to know more, please contact [graham-ryan@sky.com](mailto:graham-ryan@sky.com)

### FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March until 10<sup>th</sup> March. We are all encouraged to buy Fairtrade goods, available in many of Harpenden's supermarkets, so that those who grow and produce them get a fair return for their labour. Please look out for them and make a special effort, for two weeks at least! Laudato Si.



### WALK IN THE PARK

Hooray for Spring! Begin your Easter journey by joining us for our March walk to enjoy the snowdrops, crocus and daffodil displays in our special Rothamsted Park! Meet outside Church at **10am on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**, 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.



### ST DOMINIC NURSERY

The application process for Nursery places for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 is open. 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](http://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 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February or Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, both at 10.00am.** Applications close at **3.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

### PILGRIMAGE

Fr Kevin Moule Parish Priest in our Deanery is leading a pilgrimage to Vienna and Mariazell from 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the Green booklet from PAX Travel in the porch for more information and booking details.

### COME AND SEE

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two-hour meeting from 10am to 12noon at Vaughan House, Victoria on Saturday 2nd March, St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green on 6th April, or Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar on 11th May. No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details, contact Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019

This year's World Day of Prayer will take place next 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 - For more information please see the postcards in the porch or call Teresa Newham on (01582) 766403.