

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next Saturday there will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm as there will be the Service of Reconciliation for the Confirmation Candidates.

COFFEE MORNING

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



MARIA WIELGUT RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Wielgut who died recently. Details of the Requiem Mass to follow. We ask that you keep Maria's family in your prayers at this time.

JOHN RAWCLIFFE RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Rawcliffe who died recently. John's Funeral Service will be on Thursday at 2pm. We remember John's family in our prayers at this time.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Next Friday is CAFOD's Family Fast Day and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you have saved through your self-denial.



LENT 2019

LENT GROUPS

The Lent Groups will begin meeting week **beginning this Monday 11th 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A traditional Lenten devotion, the Stations of the Cross take us through the last events of Our Lord's life to his death on Calvary. On this journey we are assisted by the inspiring artwork of the Stations in church. Stations of the Cross takes place each Sunday, of Lent, at 6.00pm.

'MY DAY BY DAY'

Daily reflections for Lent are available in the 'My Day by Day' series. There are different reflections for adult, juniors and children. The booklets will be found in the porch and are priced £1.

SOME OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Prayer, Attending: Mass occasionally during the week, Sunday evening Stations of the Cross, Saturday evening Adoration. Reading a spiritual book, (Bible or another spiritual work). As a family grace before / after meals. Praying the rosary. Daily examen: online / smartphone resources (www.pray-as-you-go.org or www.universalis.com - each with their own apps).

PARISH RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS

Our Parish is very blessed with the large number of people who give up their time and skills to help out in many different areas of parish life. However, we have no proper records and to remedy this we are starting to compile a record containing brief details of each volunteer and the group or groups in which they help, eg Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, Ministers of welcome, Children's liturgy etc For the avoidance of doubt, this is not a safeguarding issue. Many of you therefore will have received emails from Melanie, our Parish Secretary, or Brigid the safeguarding rep. Although this is not a safeguarding matter, Brigid is helping to co-ordinate the record which will of course be kept confidentially. If you have not already done so, please complete the form and return it to the office for Brigid's attention. If you are volunteering in whatever capacity but have not had an email, please collect a copy of the form from the back of the church or ask Melanie to email or post one to you or collect one from the Office. Many thanks both for completing the form and, more importantly, for the valuable work you do in the parish.



CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Children's Mass will be on Sunday 24th March at 9.45am, there will be no children's liturgy in the undercroft that day.

ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH.

The Ladies' Group annual St Patrick's Day lunch will be held in the undercroft on Monday March 18th from 12 noon onwards. Tickets are priced at £10 and will include a

welcome drink, a traditional Irish meal and an Irish coffee with barmrack. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend and proceeds will go to Sister Margaret's Barcelona project in South Africa. All welcome.



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LIVE SIMPLY INVITATION

Today at 11.30am. Mass and Reception. To all Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners - Yes, we have done it! Thanks to so many of you, we have been given the **CAFOD Live Simply Award** and recognised for championing sustainable living as a Parish. To celebrate our achievement, all parishioners are invited to the celebration today at 11.30am when we will be presented with the Award and a memorial tree will be planted. This will be followed by a reception in the Undercroft. All are welcome. This is just the start of our Live Simply journey. To find out more, please visit:



<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36469> and our own Parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-groups/livesimply-group/

MILK FOR THE ST ALBAN'S AND DISTRICT FOODBANK -

Thank you for all those who contributed at Masses last Sunday. You donated 46 litres! The next collection will be on Sunday 7th April (the first of the month).

CARITAS - VOLUNTEERING

Caritas has a service to support and develop volunteering in the diocese. Please visit the website www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer where you can find a role for you.