

HAPPY FEAST

Today is the feast day of St Patrick. However as this coincides with the 2nd Sunday of Lent, it is the Lenten Mass that takes precedence, unless you are in Ireland. However, there is nothing to stop St Patrick being celebrated, and may those who do so have a happy day!



MARIA WIELGUT RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Wielgut who died recently. Maria's Requiem Mass will be on 3rd April at 11.30am. We ask that you keep Maria's family in your prayers at this time.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday was CAFOD's Family Fast Day and an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. 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. There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend, envelopes are available if you wish to gift aid your contribution.



CHILDREN'S MASS

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This year the raffle was again successful, all 70 books of tickets being sold, raising £280 for the SVP in England and Wales and £70 for use by our local Parish Conference. The draw will take place on 28th March. Many thanks to all those who took part in buying and selling tickets.



LENT 2019

LENT GROUPS

The Lent Groups have started and will continue 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.

LENT TRIVIA

- What is the original meaning of Lent?
- What is the last Sunday of Lent?
- Lent is said to be 40 days, even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season is 46 days why?

Answers on the Back Page

COFFEE MORNING

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



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.



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A big thank you to all who helped make the LiveSimply Award celebration last Sunday a success, especially the choir for their

wonderful singing. Take look at the tree plaque! Laudato Si.

LIVESIMPLY GUIDE TO LENT

22nd March is World Water Day. Think about your water use and how much is wasted. Reflect on those without clean water and plan better use yourself.



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.

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE?

An evening of prayer and conversation with like-minded people on Sunday 24th March 2019 at 6.00pm At St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION PILGRIMAGE

There will be a pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday 25th March 2019 to pray for the Sanctity of Life. The coach will be leaving from St Albans at 8am and will cost £20 per adult. For more information please contact Rosemary on 07723 546642 or email rosemary.roscoe@gmail.com

AFTERNOON TEA WITH OUR MP

You are warmly invited to join Bim Afolami MP for an Afternoon Tea with delicious homemade cakes on Saturday 23rd March, 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the Hewitt Room, Memorial Hall, Marford Road, Wheathampstead AL4 8AY. Donations to Harpenden Spotlight on Africa for a new borehole for their Clinic in Uganda.

