

ANNUNCIATION

Tomorrow, Monday is a major feast, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Although, not a holyday of obligation, it is an important feast, and so a good day to attend Mass, and to celebrate the Good News of Our Lady accepting God's invitation to be the mother of His Son.



FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Children and babies are an important part of our parish, as the future of the Church they are especially welcome. Small children and babies can sometimes have a habit of making their presence heard, at such times

there is a place for them.

The 'Reconciliation Room'

just off the church

porch, also doubles as a 'crying' room, it is still possible to see what is happening, and there is a speaker which enables what is happening at Mass to be heard.



MARIA WIELGUT RIP

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 LENT FAST DAY

Thank you for your contributions for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day £1,694.71 was donated. We still have available gift aid envelopes if you missed the second collection last weekend for CAFOD.



COFFEE MORNING

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



LENT 2019

LENT GROUPS

The Lent Groups have started and will continue during Lent. 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

- Which devotion has a special place during Lent?
- Why is Easter a different date every year?
- The 4th Sunday of Lent is also called Laetare Sunday what does this mean?

Answers on the Back Page

PARISH RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS

If you are volunteering in whatever capacity 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. Once completed please hand in/post to Melanie. Many thanks both for completing the form and, more importantly, for the valuable work you do in the parish.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

The Parish Flower

Arrangers will have their annual Easter Flower Collection after all Masses next weekend 30th/31st



March and 6th/7th April. In addition, a lily may be purchased (at £3.50) in memory of a loved one. Please write the name of the loved one on an envelope, place the £3.50 inside and hand it in with the flower collection after Mass.

Their names will then be added to a remembrance book which will be displayed at the back of the Church during the Easter season.

ST PATRICKS LUNCH

On behalf of Sr. Margaret and the people in Barcelona Settlement, a huge thank you to all who came to the St Patrick's Day lunch last Monday, which raised the incredible sum of £1,130.00. With cheques handed to me at the lunch the final total is £1,900.00! A special thank you to our wonderful Ladies' Group who created and hosted such an enjoyable parish event. Sr. Margaret and I remember you in prayer. Sr Regina.



WALK IN THE PARK

Spring has officially sprung and Rothamstead Park has displays of daffodils and blossom and the first show of new leaf on the trees. You are most welcome to join our group on Wednesday 3rd April at 10am outside Church for a one hour walk with a coffee after in a nearby cafe. If the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for future walks on the first Wednesday of every month.



INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE?

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

LENT DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION -

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Reflections on the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ with the Dominican Sisters. Wednesday, 3 April (9.30 for 10.00 until 3.00) Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £14. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. To register events@nilandconferencecentre.co.uk or ring 07746 707 247

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP SAVE THE DATE(S)!

Barn Dance on Saturday 18th May in Lourdes Hall; Our Open Garden Day on Saturday 1st June; The Parish Golf Day on Friday 5 July. This year it will be at the Mid Herts Golf Club in Gustard Wood. You and your friends are very welcome to come to any/all of these social events. The proceeds will go to the Developing World Group's current project.

