

MOTHER'S DAY



Today, we celebrate the vocation of motherhood, as we acknowledge all those who are mothers, and wish them a very happy day.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday: No Mass at 9.15am as the funeral of the late Maria Wielgut will be taking place at 11.30am.

Thursday: Please note that Mass will be at the earlier time of 9.15am.

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 Wednesday 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 so far £2,834.71 has been donated. We still have available gift aid envelopes if you missed the second collection 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. For further information please 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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers will be needed for all the Liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Servers who can assist are asked to sign up on the lists in the Sacristy, and take home the memo sheet about practice times and dates.

LENT TRIVIA

- What is the liturgical colour of the 4th Sunday of Lent?
- What happened on Spy Wednesday?
- What is the alternative name for Holy Thursday?

ANSWERS ON THE BACK PAGE

GOOD FRIDAY

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Children's Stations of the Cross will be at 11.30am on Good Friday, 19th April. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to understand and take part in Christ's Passion. We are looking for children in years 3-6 to take part in the service. We need 12 actors (no speaking parts). We will have a rehearsal on Good Friday morning before the service so the children will need to be in the Church at 9.30am. If your child wants to be part of the service please email Ginny ginny.s.j@gmail.com or phone 01582 620322 by Monday 15th April.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

The Parish Flower Arrangers will have their annual Easter Flower Collection after all Masses this 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.



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 this 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.



PARISH BLUEBELL WALK

THE LIVE SIMPLY group are organising a bluebell walk in our local Heartwood Forest. Please keep the mornings of 6th and 13th April free. Details on a poster in the church porch



PARISH RECORD OF VOLUNTEERS

If you are volunteering in whatever capacity please collect a copy of the form from the back of the church. Once completed please hand in/post to Melanie in the Parish Office. Many thanks both for completing the form and, more importantly, for the valuable work you do in the parish.



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.

