



### EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection at all Masses over the Easter weekend is your personal donation to the Priest. It goes together with Christmas to provide for his personal upkeep for the year.

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This week, Monday to Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. Friday there will be The Service of the Word with Holy Communion at 10.00am

### EASTER CROSS

Churches Together in Harpenden have placed an Easter Cross, on the green near the War Memorial. You are invited to place flowers on the cross on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate Christ's Resurrection

### EASTER QUIZ

1. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
2. Who were the two men who helped prepare the body of Christ for burial?
3. What was the inscription above the cross?

(Answers on the back page)

### COFFEE MORNING

There will be no coffee morning this week, it will resume next week.



### CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

Thank you for the contributions to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day £2,824.71 was donated and has been sent off to CAFOD.

### LENTE ALMS

Thank you for your contributions for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal £1,317.55 was donated. We still have available gift aid envelopes if you missed the second collection last weekend.



### WALK IN THE PARK



Celebrate 1st May by joining us for a one hour walk in our lovely Rothamsted Park hopefully to see a lovely display of bluebells behind The Manor House. We leave at 10am outside our Church and go for a coffee after in a nearby cafe. If the weather is bad, it's straight to coffee! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

### DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

After funding a project in Brazil in February, the Group donated £3800 in April to provide a primary school playground in Uganda benefiting the school and local area. We have also agreed to donate £3433 for a motorbike to help staff delivering the Step Up programme in Uganda, to train farming families in improved crop yields, sanitation etc. We are now considering a school IT project in South Africa. Please see the DWG Spring Update in the Parish Newsletters section of the Parish website for more details, and for photos of Step Up. It also sets out the



dates of the next four social events we are holding to raise project finance, to which you are all very welcome.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Parishioners will be aware from the secular and Catholic media and press that Pope Francis has recently held a summit on child protection and clerical abuse and has called on Catholics around the world to work together to erase "this abominable crime from the face of the earth". The Catholic Church in England and Wales has established systems and training for both priests and lay people to try to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are now safe within our communities and that the sort of abuses which have happened in the past cannot happen again.

Every parish has at least one PSR (Parish Safeguarding Representative). Ours is Brigid Brennan whose contact details are on a SG poster in the Porch.

The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) also provides advice for anyone who has suffered abuse, and again information leaflets are available in the Porch or by contacting Brigid.

Linked to this is that the Diocese is encouraging as many people as possible, whether volunteers in the parish or not, to undergo the free online training that is on offer through Educare, to help in widening a culture of safeguarding. A leaflet about the training is in the porch and this is the rather long link: <http://rcdow.org.uk/att/files/safeguarding%20forms%202014%20briding/westminster%20towards%20a%20culture%20of%20safeguarding%20-%20c21.pdf>. We hope that many of you will take advantage of this for the benefit of both parish and community.

If you wish to know more please contact Brigid at [harpendsng@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpendsng@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

### HARPENDEN CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

Is holding its AGM at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at All Saints Church, Station Road, Harpenden. The meeting will last about 40 to 60 minutes: the guest speaker is Ann Green, Director of Purple, who will talk about her experiences of working with families. If you know you are coming please emails the secretary, Janet, on [jmcameron@ndirect.co.uk](mailto:jmcameron@ndirect.co.uk), or just turn up to learn more about the important work the Centre does in our community. If anyone might be interested in becoming involved in its work please speak to Brigid Brennan on 07881 785299 or email her on [brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com](mailto:brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com).

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### WINE EXPERIENCE EVENING

St Dominic School are hosting a Wine Experience Evening in partnership with wine merchants Corney & Barrow in the school hall from 7.30pm - 11pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a selection of 20 wines on offer to try, with food platters



(charcuterie, cheeseboard, veggie board) available to purchase in advance. Tickets are £25 per head purchased in advance inclusive of wine tasting, and the chance to win a case of champagne selected by C&B. All proceeds go to St Dominic School PTA. Please contact [beckyrussell337@gmail.com](mailto:beckyrussell337@gmail.com) or call 07920 455109 for more information and tickets.

### A DAY WITH MARY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019** A day of instruction, devotion and intercession. Please see the poster in the porch for all the details.