

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend 34 children made their First Holy Communion.

Please remember the children, and their families and Catechists, on this special occasion in your prayers.



SATURDAY MASS

Next Saturday, the third of our First Holy Communion Masses will take place at 11am. There will be no Mass at 10.00am, or morning confessions.

FR ROBERT DUDLEY RIP

As you will be aware Fr Robert Dudley died peacefully on Friday 3rd May. His funeral arrangements have still to be finalised. In the meantime, we continue to thank God for his long life and ministry, and to pray for his eternal rest and peace. May he rest in peace.

MARIANNE WILCOX RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marianne Wilcox who died recently. Marianne's Requiem Mass will be on 21st May at 10am. We remember Marianne's family in our prayers at this time.

BRIAN PROCTOR RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Proctor who died recently. Brian Funeral Service will be on 22nd May at 2.20pm at the Crematorium Garston. We remember Brian's family in our prayers at this time.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee and tea will be served in the Undercroft on Tuesday morning after the 9.15am Mass, everyone is welcome.



CHILDREN'S MASS

Next Sunday May 19th at 9.45am there will be a family mass and children are to stay in church for the Mass.



PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your donations help to ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

As you may remember, it is customary for the parents of last year's Confirmation candidates to provide a simple reception for this year's candidates and their families. This will be held in the Undercroft. There are two confirmation ceremonies this year, on Saturday 22nd June at 11am and at 3pm, so we will require two small groups of parents to help out. Please contact Anna Painter if you are able to help in any way, Tel. 07940 500648 or email annapainter09@aol.com



Do remember that this act of generosity was performed for you last year. So, it would be great if you could return the favour. Thank you.

SUMMER CONCERT 23RD JUNE

This year the choir are performing Haydn's Nelson Mass and Monteverdi's Beatus Vir on



Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm

Our choir will be joined with singers from other churches in

Harpenden as part of the Cultivate Arts Festival 2019.

Soloists include Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray and a string ensemble from the Royal Academy of Music.

It will be a wonderful occasion so please save the date and get your tickets!

Tickets will be on sale from this weekend £10 and £5 children - on sale after each Mass or contact Katie Metcalfe katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk



ST DOMINIC NURSERY 2019-20

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016? Are you still considering nursery provision for him or her? If so, you may be



interested to know that there are still a few places available in the Nursery class at St. Dominic Catholic Primary in Harpenden.

St Dominic Nursery offers provision in a happy, secure and caring setting. We aim to create a stimulating environment where all children are encouraged and motivated to explore, discover and learn.

Our Early Years provision enables parents to access 30 hours free childcare with Nursery morning sessions running Monday-Friday, 8.45-11.45am and an optional Lunch Club and afternoon Pre-School run by *Friends Together* running until 3.30pm. Wrap around care offered by *Friends Together* also means that care is available for children between 7.50am and 6pm, should this be required. For further information please visit our website www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Nursery, please ring us on 01582 760047 or email admissions@stdominic.herts.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

DWG BARN DANCE WITH PETE SKIFFINS

Join us next Saturday 18th May from 7.30pm - 11pm in Lourdes Hall for our Barn Dance.



Tickets cost £15 pp and includes Godfrey's Fish and Chips supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Please book your places with

Julia on 07891083251 or email juliaandnigel057@gmail.com



'INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND HEALTH':

A talk by The Rev'd Professor Nick Goulding - Diocese of St Alban's, Advisor for Faith and Science. Saturday, 18th May, 11 am, St Nicholas Church Hall. Over the last 20 years, intercessory prayer as a treatment for illness has been studied scientifically and there have been some remarkable claims. Nick Goulding will explore this fascinating and controversial area and address the question, "What happens to the human body when we pray for healing?"