

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend 23 children made their First Holy Communion. Please remember the children, and their families and Catechists, on this special occasion in your prayers.



FR ROBERT DUDLEY RIP

The Requiem Mass for Fr Robert Dudley will take place here on Thursday at 11.00am. Fr Robert was a member of the Carthusian order, and he will be buried at their monastery in Sussex, with his brother Carthusians. Please continue to pray for Fr Robert for his eternal rest and peace, as well as for his sister and other relatives. May he rest in peace.

MARIANNE WILCOX RIP

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

ROSARY

The Rosary will be said after all weekday Masses during May.



COFFEE MORNING

There will be no Coffee morning for the next two Tuesdays.



PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place after all Masses this 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. 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.



REFLECTION

The Daily Challenge to be People of the Resurrection. Reflection led by Sr. Regina OP and Monika Cleaver at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road tomorrow, Monday 20th May 2pm-3.30pm. All are welcome.



LIVESIMPLY SURVEY

Pope Francis asks us all to care for the earth and all its creatures. We can do this by belonging to one of many

organisations that exists for this purpose. If you belong to any of the organisations listed on the Survey sheet in the porch, please put just a tick on it. If you don't belong to any, you might consider joining. There is some literature about some of them also in the porch for you to take.
Laudato Si



DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP MUSIC PROJECT IN BRASILIA

In February £1,000 was sent to purchase and maintain musical instruments for teaching the children of the *favelas* in Brasilia. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW to witness your contribution in action. You will also see the warm message of thanks from Instituto Reciclando Sons (Recycling Sounds Initiative) to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=t00ddctA7ZU



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

The ever-popular Strawberry Social will be held in the Presbytery garden on Sunday 23rd June from 4pm. Tickets will cost £5 (family ticket £15). Proceeds will go to the Child Contact Centre.



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 are now on sale £10 and £5 children - after each Mass or contact Katie Metcalfe katiemusic@yahoo.co.uk

VOLUNTEER YEAR AT SPEC, THE DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTRE

SPEC, the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/ or contact spec@rcdow.org.uk.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a talk given by Revd Dr Gabrielle Thomas on Receiving the Gift: Learning from Women in UK Churches at St John Fisher Church Redbourn on Sunday 9th June at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. For more details please see the poster on the noticeboard.