

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday is the feast of The Ascension of the Lord, and is a holyday of obligation, one of the few days when we are obliged to attend Mass during the week. Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.00pm.



## FIRST COMMUNION

Over the last two weekends, at three Masses, 57 of our children have received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. We have had three lovely celebrations and thanks are due to all who contributed in any way. In particular thanks are due to the Altar Servers, the choir and our flower arrangers; and also, to the Catechists who give their time to prepare the children so well. Congratulations to the children who we hope, and pray will grow in their love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

## ROSARY

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



## BANK HOLIDAY

As tomorrow, Monday, is a bank holiday, Mass is at the later time of 10.00am and the Parish Office will be closed.

## COFFEE MORNING

There will be no Coffee morning on Tuesday after Mass.



## THANK YOU

A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the 'Priest's Training Fund' last weekend. This is a very important collection as it pays for the training of those preparing to serve as priests in our Diocese. £1,889.91 was donated. If you haven't yet made a contribution the fund remains open for a few weeks more.

Contributions can be handed into the parish office. If you wish to 'Gift-Aid' your donation please use one of the envelopes.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11am and at 3pm, so we still 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](mailto: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.



## DWG OPEN GARDEN

Plant Sale/Cake Sale and Tea In The Garden In aid of DWG latest project Saturday 1st June from 10.30 am to 4 pm at 23 Sibley Avenue AL5 1HF Easy, free parking in the road.



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**Eco - Survey:** if you belong to one of the many organisations that 'care for the earth', please put a tick on the Survey sheet in the porch, or take one of the magazines (they are free!) to find out more about them. **Food poverty:** as you know Cardinal Nichols focussed his Lenten Appeal on food poverty and food sustainability in the UK. Each month we as a parish continue to contribute UHT milk to the St Albans and District Foodbank. Please remember to

bring a carton to Mass next Sunday (always the first of the month). Make it your contribution. Laudato Si

## WALK IN THE PARK

Bluebells, wisteria and roses were the delight of the walkers last month! Do join us for an hour's walk around Rothamsted Park and Manor House on Wednesday 5th June meeting at 10am outside our Church.



We go for a coffee after and if the weather should be bad, its straight for coffee in a nearby café! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

## VINTAGE TEA AFTERNOON

Another call to all St Dominic's Parents from 1980's and 90's! You are warmly invited to a Vintage Tea Afternoon in the Undercroft, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Friday 14th June, 2 till 4pm. If you are a Bake-Off fan, please bring a homemade cake, but if not, no worries. Donations will go towards the Polycystic Kidney Disease Charity in memory of Dick Knapman, one-time active parent at the School.



There will be a Cake Sale after - if there are any left! RSVP and info Colette 07974 241078

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

The ever-popular Strawberry Social will be held in the Presbytery garden on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katiemmusic@yahoo.co.uk)

## ST DOMINIC NURSERY 2019-20

Do you have a child born between



1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 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](http://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](mailto:admissions@stdominic.herts.sch.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.