

FIRST COMMUNION

The children, and their parents, who recently made their First Holy Communion will be attending the 9.45am Mass this morning, and having their last session afterwards. Now that they have made their First Holy Communion we hope, and pray, that they will grow in their love for Jesus in the Eucharist, as they receive him with us, Sunday by Sunday.



ALTAR SERVERS

Our two Confirmation Masses will take place on Saturday 22nd June at 11am and 3pm. We would be very grateful to have a team of altar servers for each Mass. Could any servers available for either Mass please contact Melanie in the



parish office or sign up on the sheets in the sacristy. Thanks!

GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the tax back that you have paid on your donations in the year ended 5th April 2019. So, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and no longer pay Income Tax, please would you contact Melanie in the Parish Office, so that we don't ask for tax if you haven't paid it. We also need to know if you have changed your address. Therefore, if you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration and have moved house in the last 12 months please inform Melanie in the Parish Office.



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, next 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



PARISH STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend for the ever-popular Strawberry Social. This will be held in the Presbytery garden on Sunday 23rd June from 4pm. Tickets 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



CULTIVATE ARTS FESTIVAL

23rd - 30th June 2019
Harpenden Churches Together
Arts events at churches
throughout the town on the



theme of "Generosity". At Our Lady of Lourdes this will include our Summer concert on Sunday 23rd June; also, live music from the Bella Mamas on Thursday 27th June, followed by a poetry reading. See the flyers in the church porch or visit www.cultivate.me.uk for more details.

COFFEE MORNING

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



MARGARET OLIVER RIP

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Oliver who died recently. Margaret's requiem Mass will be on 19th June at 12 Noon. We remember Margaret's family in our prayers at this time.

PLANT SALE AND TEA IN THE GARDEN

Very many thanks to all those who supported this event and to those who bought remaining plants on Sunday morning. We are delighted to report that £953 was raised for the parish's developing world group (DWG) projects. We look forward to seeing some of you at our next fund-raiser which is the Golf Day on Friday 5th July. Watch this space for more details!



MISSIO RED BOXES

If you have a Red Mission box, please bring it to mass and either leave it with one of the ushers or take it to the Sacristy. The boxes will be emptied and then placed in the church porch. Thank you.



ACTION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

- WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Climate change affects our health, our homes and our beautiful landscapes and things are getting urgent now. It's time to tell our leaders that enough is enough. This is not the legacy that we want to leave for our grandchildren; this is not the future we want. As people of faith, we're determined to speak up for our common home, and on Wednesday 26 June we'll come together with over 100 like-minded organisations - members of The Climate Coalition - to speak to our politicians and make our voices heard. If you would like to join us at Westminster to hand in a petition, please contact Graham on graham-ryan@sky.com

DWG PARISH GOLF DAY

Parish Dinner & Golf Day in support of the DWG project - 5th July,
Mid Herts Golf Club

Sign up sheets are now on the notice board. Don't miss this lovely day either playing golf or just joining in the evening dinner. The golf day and dinner have been running for more than fifteen years, it's a splendid parish family occasion so do put your name (s) on the list in the porch. Your support is crucial. For more information email John O'Brien :

JOHN.J.O'BRIEN@BTINTERNET.COM



HSoA AFRICA EVENING

Harpenden Spotlight on Africa invite you to join us for an evening of African Inspired music and a simple African Supper on Saturday 13th July from 7pm at Lourdes Hall, Southdown Road, Harpenden. Tickets are £15 per person. Please apply early as tickets are limited. For more information, please email hilary.hollick@hsoa.org.uk

