

Congratulations to Fr Brian O'Mahony: ordained priest on 28th June. We welcome him today as he celebrates his first Mass at Holy Rood at 11am. Fr Brian will be offering his first blessings. Everyone welcome.

Parish Camp 2014:

At Lees Wood Camp Site from Friday 22nd August until Monday 25th August 2014.

All Parishioners Welcome

Adults £40,

Children

12-18 £35,

7-11 £28,

4-6 £19,

under 3 Free. Come for the weekend or just for the day.

The theme this year: Dinosaurs and Cavemen. To book contact Jackie: 01923 230643

Sacraments for Older Children: The regular parish programmes for First Holy Communion (Year 3) and Confirmation (Year 10) will be announced later in the year. Preparation courses for parents of infants for Baptism are held in alternate months.

Special arrangements are made for children in older age groups. If you wish your child to be enrolled in these special arrangements or to reserve a place on the Parents' course please contact the parish office (01923 224085).

To all parishioners going on holiday, we wish you a peaceful, relaxed and refreshing time and a safe journey.

We also warmly welcome all those visiting Holy Rood this holiday time!

Peace Hospice Care urgently need **good quality** unwanted furniture to sell in their shops. Tables, sofas, chairs, electrical goods etc can be collected from you by van. To donate telephone: 0208 953 1985.

Wanted—Volunteers . The Guild of St John Southworth, Westminster Cathedral Aims to build on the valuable, important work carried out by the information desk and tour guides. If you can spare a few hours each month, can smile and say hello and like meeting people please contact Anne Marie Micallef On 0207 798 9 0 5 5 / e m a i l : annemariam@rcdow.org.uk

Hertfordshire Age UK - Visiting Scheme: Befriending service for older people. They provide friendship and a listening ear to people who find themselves isolated and lonely in later life. A carefully matched volunteer will visit an older person in their own home once a week to share news, views and interests. The volunteer will also listen to any concerns and help identify any additional support the older person may need. All our volunteers are fully checked through the DBS(Disclosure and Barring Service) and references.

Telephone Club - Telephone befriending service for older people: Age UK Telephone Club provides friendship and support over the phone. Their volunteers call lonely, older people, usually once a week, for a friendly chat and to help identify other services they could benefit from. For more information call the **Visiting Scheme Coordinator for Watford and Three Rivers** on 01923 256361.

Volunteer Missionary at SPEC; The youth and children's retreat centre for the Diocese of Westminster based at Waxwell Road, Pinner. Do you have a love for young people? Do you desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ? Do you desire an opportunity to journey deeper into a relationship with the Lord? If so, take some time to prayerfully consider if the Lord may be inviting you to spend a year as a volunteer at SPEC. Visit the website www.spec.org.uk or email spec@rcdow.org.uk or call 02037 572500

Parish Catechists

Day of Reflection and Renewal on Saturday 27th September 2014. Please note in your diaries and let Celia know by 1st September if you can come. Email: cecilia_finn@yahoo.co.uk

Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC) The next meeting of the Harrow ASDC Group will be on Monday 4th August at 8pm in St. Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Jill on 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Marriages in Difficulties: Retrouvaille is a service to the church through a programme designed to help couples whose marriages are experiencing difficulties. The next programme commences with a residential weekend in Hatfield on 19th - 21st September 2014. For more info contact the organisers on 0797 338 0443 or email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk.

St Albans Cathedral Flower Festival 2014 - Music in Bloom: From 25th - 28th September 2014. The Cathedral will be transformed into a stunning oasis of colour and sound with the 2014 'Music in Bloom' Flower Festival. Opening Times: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am - 5pm and Sunday 1pm - 6pm. **Tickets:** £10 (under 1 £8. For advanced booking call 01727 890290.

Music Group: Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 10th August 2014 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.

African/African Caribbean Association: Sunday 10th August from 2pm - 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Ascent Group next meet on Tuesday 2nd September. There is no meeting in August.

Board members - Westminster Diocese Safeguarding Commission: We are currently seeking to appoint new Board members to provide additional capacity & specialist knowledge to further assist the important work of the Commission. Please note, the role is unremunerated but out of pocket expenses will be paid. The initial term of the appointment is 4 years. For more info please see <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

Funerals:

Maria McKenzie:

Thursday 7th August 12 noon

Last Weekend's Collection:

Envelopes: £810.55

Loose: £625.26

Standing Orders: £474.46.