

ASH WEDNESDAY, 10th February – the beginning of Lent is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with imposition of ashes at 8.30am, 12 noon and 7.30pm.

Parent & Toddlers: Meet Tuesdays in Term Time in the Parish Centre, from 9.30am. Come and join in the fun.

Faith and Development of Teenagers Saturday 13th February 10am to 1pm.

Faith and Development in Later Life Saturday 5th March 10am to 2pm
All at The Niland Conference, Elstree Road, Bushey Heath. Tel: 0208 950 4000 www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programmeofevents/

Lenten Lunch on Fridays: Starts 12th February after 12 noon Mass in the Parish Centre. Ploughman's Lunch includes Soup £4, Soup and roll, tea/coffee £2, Tea & biscuit 50p. All welcome. Profits go to charity.

Beginning Experience: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15th to 17th April 2016 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Sandra 01923-783965, Freda 01322-838415 or John 01992-642443, email: johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

Caritas-Westminster: Volunteer Day: Get involved, learn new skills, make friends, share your gifts. All welcome! 10am-2pm, Saturday 5th March, Westminster Cathedral Hall, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW. RSVP to caritaswesminster@rcdow.org.uk by **Friday 29th February**.

Music Group: Musicians and singers are reminded that the next at 6.30pm will be on Sunday 13th February 2016 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.

Parish Centre Upgrade: The toilets in the Parish Centre are being upgraded. Work starts on Monday 8th February and will last for 3 to 4 weeks. During this time there will be some disruption. Please take care when using the centre as there may be some trip hazards.

Palm Sunday Mass: At the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 20th March 2016. Departing Watford General Hospital Bus Stop at 7am. £20 per person (including Coach and donation to Shrine).

Contact: Ferdie 0778 63 68752 or Alice on 0778 698 1379.

Lenten Alms - Caritas Westminster: Our 2016 Lenten Alms will be in support of Caritas Westminster, the official social outreach arm of the Diocese of Westminster. Lent is the perfect time for us to think of those suffering without - the poor, the marginalised, the least among us - and to make a sacrifice through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There is a box at the back of the church marked "Lenten Alms".

Getting a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' for your Nursery Application: Fr Shaun and Fr Kim will be available to sign and issue Certificate's of Catholic Practice on **Friday 26th February from 4pm to 6pm in the Parish Centre**. In order to get a certificate showing that you are a regularly practicing Catholic you need to bring the following to the meeting:

1. Your child's Baptism Certificate
2. The School Application Form including any Supplementary Information forms
3. The Holy Rood Attendance Card with your signatures since the Card system was started in September

Please note that there will be a separate Certificate supplied for each school that you are applying to.

St Joan of Arc-Exam Invigilators: The school has the following casual staff vacancies for efficient, organised individuals with good people skills are required to facilitate the administration of exams in the school. No previous experience required as training will be given. Invigilators are usually required for exams in December, January, May & June each year. Application forms are available from the school on 01923 773881 or at the school website: www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: **Thursday 25th February 2016**.

St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Junior School- Deputy Head Vacancy: St Alban & St Stephen Catholic School is looking to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher for April to September 2016. Do you have the ambition and drive to help lead our successful school? Have you a proven track record of leading from the front and good management skills? Are you motivated in helping children achieve and realise their potential? If you are this person, then please contact the school on 01727 866668 to speak with the Heateacher Mr Soyka or email: admin@ssasjm.herts.sch.uk or alternatively go to: www.teachinherts.com.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th** (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

Funerals: Jim Lankester Monday 8th February 12 noon
Terry Ojuederi Friday 12th February 12 noon.

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £898.23 Loose: £803.11
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely**