

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Please note the starting dates for the Confirmation course: The Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm, and the course will begin on Wednesday 16th May, also at 7.30pm.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 9th June

The Walsingham pilgrimage this year will take place on Saturday 9th June. A coach will leave Sacred Heart at 7.30am prompt, and arrive at Walsingham at approx 11.30am, with a courtesy stop on the way. You can bring a packed lunch or visit one of the local tea shops/restaurants. The cost is £15.00. To reserve a place, please hand your money, in a named envelope, to Fr John. Any queries, please contact Anna Burke on LB 370649 or Gillian O'Hara on LB 379022.

COUGHTON COURT: Monday 30th July

We are planning a day visit to Coughton Court: an imposing Tudor house in Warwickshire, set in beautiful gardens. The Coughton estate has been owned by the Throckmorton family since 1409, the name becoming notorious due to their opposition to the crown during the Reformation. Consequently, later rebuilding was restricted, so much of the house still stands largely as it was left. As practicing Catholics, the family provided refuge for Mass with a priest hole. The Hall also holds a place in English history for its roles in both the Throckmorton Plot of 1583 and the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Since the Reformation, the Throckmorton family have remained staunchly Catholic and the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Elizabeth, commissioned by Sir Robert Throckmorton, erected in 1857, provides weekly Mass for the local area.

This will be a private visit, including the celebration of Mass, a tour of the house with Magnus Throckmorton, and a tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener. As the estate will not be open to the public, the restaurant will be closed, but you can take your own refreshments. We will be able to have a meal later at one of the local pubs before returning.

We will leave from church at 9.00am and plan to depart from Coughton at around 5.00pm. The cost, covering the coach and entrance fee will be £38. If you are interested, please see Theresa after Mass and sign the list. Any queries please phone her on 01296 688839 or email t.short705@btinternet.com

SHARE THE JOURNEY: EASTER PILGRIMAGE WALKS

(Five Saturdays: 7th April to 5th May)

In response to Pope Francis' call to Share the Journey, our Pastoral Area Council invites you to join our Easter Pilgrimage.

The 5 scenic country walks, held over five Saturdays, that link our Parish Churches in Central Beds, have proved extremely enjoyable for walkers of all abilities. For more details see the poster on the parish notice-board. Full details, stage route descriptions and maps are found online at goo.gl/iu4Mbx Please register ASAP for as many stages as you wish or simply call your parish rep: Debbie Purfield on 01844 274 723.

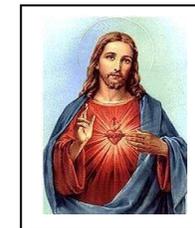
A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030

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3rd Sunday of Eastertide, Year B
15th April 2018

Saturday	14 th		Confessions Mass	5.30.-6.00pm 6.15pm	Leslie Ayles RIP
Sunday	15 th	3 rd of Easter	Mass	11.00am	David Garner RIP
Tuesday	17 th	Feria	Com Service	9.30am	
Friday	20 th	Feria Funeral	Com Service Service	9.30am 11.30am	Elizabeth Smith RIP
Saturday	21 st	Exposition and	Confessions Mass	10-10.30am 6.15pm	P Wilcox & P Sharpley RIP
Sunday	22 nd	4 th of Easter	Mass	11.00am	Robert Cressman intention

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Priests' Training Fund. The cost of training students for the priest-hood in our Diocese costs £25,000 per annum for each student, so please give as generously as you can.

PATRON SAINTS UNITED: Saturday 21st April 7.30pm

Today is your last chance to buy your tickets, £10 each, from the Fundraising Committee, who are hosting an evening of "Patron Saints United", with a variety of fun activities celebrating the Patron Saints of the British Isles. For your delectation there will be traditional tastings, music and quizzes, and a prize for the best dressed in traditional costume – but that is optional! Feel free to bring your own more substantial tipples and nibbles.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Bible Study group this Friday, 20th April, at 3.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Please note that Classes resume next Saturday, 21st April, at 11.00am.

MY DAY BY DAY

Copies of the May issue of My Day by Day are available on the entrance table, price £1.00.

ANONYMOUS PALM PLANTS

Many thanks for the appearance, once again, of the palm plants which adorned the premises for Palm Sunday and Easter – long may their mysterious sightings continue!

