

Catholic Children's Society: Thank you to St Thomas More's Parish for your kind donation of £418.41 to help disadvantaged children and families. Thank you again for your continued support.

Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition: 15 students battled through the worst day of our winter from Catholic Secondary Schools across the area to attend the Regional Event in Hatfield. The standard of entries was extremely high and all the participants demonstrated excellent public speaking skills. The students from John Henry Newman did well but the winner was Daniel Moloney of Finchley Catholic High School, with runner up Abigail Kimpalu, St Thomas More, Wood Green. The judges had a very difficult job picking the winners since all the participants displayed great talent and strong subject knowledge. The National Final is in Manchester in September. The competition is organised by the Catenian Association and was sponsored by the University of Hertfordshire.

The Youth Summit: Friday 15 March 7pm-9pm at St Joseph's Church, Bedwell Crescent, SG1 1NJ. A chance for young people to socialise, share a meal together, learn about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration with contemporary worship music. Age: 14-18 years.

Last week's collection was £631.60; many thanks for your generosity.

Church cleaning rota wk 25.02.19: Elaine Jenkins and Emma Bryant

AFTER MASS COFFEE
in the Church Hall
after 10am Mass.
Come and meet
your fellow parishioners



More Snippets

24th February 2019

7th Sunday of the Year

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SERVICES

Sat	23rd	6.00pm	For the Intentions of Pope Francis and "Victims of Abuse"
Sun	24th	8.00am	Seeking the Lord's Blessings on the work accomplished and the challenges ahead
Sun		10.00am	Gordon Maret RIP (Anniv.) and Alan Mole RIP
Mon	25th	7.15pm	Special Intention
Tues	26th	9.30am	For the Sick of the Parish
		12:00	Funeral Mass: Thomas Christopher Byrne RIP
Wed	27th	9.30am	Special Intention
Thurs	28th	9.30am	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	1st		St David, Patron of Wales
		9.30am	Special Intention
		10:00 -11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	2nd	10.00am	In Thanksgiving

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Sacrament of reconciliation Sat 5.15-5.45 pm
Holy Rosary and Mothers Prayer After Mon 7.15 pm Mass
Church of St. Thomas More, 72 London Road, Knebworth, SG3 6HB
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Parish Website: www.knebworthcatholicchurch.org
Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/knebworthcatholicchurch/>
Prayers for the Faithful, please contact Canon Cronin.

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If you are new to the parish, please take a "Welcome Pack" from the Church Porch and complete the Parish Registration Card that you will find inside.

Prayer: In your kindness would you please pray for all our sick, lonely and housebound including Mariah Egan, Michael Egan, Agnes Odiachi, Robert Salazar, Tess and Cerafino Maniaol and Marion Prior. Please, pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur about now: Tudor Hopkins, Antonio Visigalli, John Curtain, Terence Lumley and Father John McCoy.

I am sure you are well aware that Pope Francis has for the first time in history convened a Conference in Rome to confront the sexual abuse of minors by clergy. The Holy Father has said that concrete and efficient action must be taken to tackle this continuing scandal by providing protocols and sound practice for the universal church. He wants us to replace silence and secrecy with disclosure and transparency. Our own Cardinal Vincent as President of the Bishops Conference is attending and has asked us to keep all those who have been affected by abuse, the summit itself and him personally in our prayers.

On Saturday evening there will be a Penitential Service in the Vatican and on Sunday morning the Pope and Bishops will celebrate Holy Mass together (8.30 UK time). EWTN TV will be covering these liturgical celebrations. Also an excellent website provides detailed information about the 4 day meeting: www.pbc2019.org Much of the meeting itself is being shown live in the interests of transparency: again a first.

For us all to be in solidarity with what is happening in Rome I wanted each of you to have a copy of what I consider to be a very fine and comprehensive prayer written by an Australian priest which you will find enclosed on a separate sheet.

May God Bless you all in every way

Fr. Danny



Lent Groups: This week end is the closing date for signing up for a Lent Group. You'll find all the details, including an inspection copy of *The Mystery of God*, and forms in the porch.

Christian Aid Frugal Lunch: On the first Sunday of Lent, 10th March, the Christian Aid Committee invite you to the annual Frugal Lunch (soup, bread and cheese followed by tea/coffee and biscuits). This year it will be at Trinity Church at 12.30pm. Tickets are £3.50 adults, £2.50 pensioners and children under 12 (children under school age are free) and £5.50 for a family. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Monica (717481). The Committee looks forward to sharing this frugal tradition with you.

Xcross pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019: On 30 May, members of Baldock Parish will be making a ten-day pilgrimage to Lourdes with Across. The group will include helpers, nurses, a priest and VIPs - Very Important Pilgrims. These are people with disabilities or age-related conditions. We can take people who have complex needs through to the elderly with mobility problems or minor illness. There are currently several places available for both helpers and VIPs. Helpers need no previous experience: just a willing spirit and the ability to help others. We will be travelling in a Jumbulance, a specially designed coach that has seven beds, 18 recliner seats, a disabled toilet and a well-stocked kitchen. It contains medical supplies and equipment. We will be staying at a four-star hotel in Lourdes, minutes from the Domain. The trip is a pilgrimage and a holiday. We will be taking part in masses and processions as well as local sightseeing. The cost of the ten-day trip, for both Helpers and VIPs, is £750. Some financial help may be available. Travellers between 16 and 25 are half price. This includes all travel, seven nights full board in the hotel as well as meals en route. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please contact:

Fr Denis Sarsfield on 01462 893127