

First Holy Communion Catechesis 2008-09

Children aged seven years upwards are welcome to our programme of preparation for **First Holy Communion**, beginning the new catechism year in September/October 2008. Registration forms are now available from the Reception desk. We will also have a programme of Early Catechism for younger children (i.e. *5/6 and 6/7 year olds*) as well as Post-Communion Catechism classes. These classes will take place in the Priory on Sunday mornings after the 10 o'clock Mass.

Also young people aged 13 years and over who wish to be prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year should pick up an application form from the Reception Desk and complete and return it to Fr Iain.

Our Young Adults Monday Group

All young adults who come to our Church are warmly invited to our Monday Group meeting tomorrow evening at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. They will be resuming '*Believe – Reflections on the Creed*', and a very special feature of the evening will be a 35-minute DVD presentation by David Payne (Director of CaFE – Catholic Faith Exploration), featuring interviews with prominent men and women of faith.

Pre-Marriage Procedure

If there are any couples planning to get married within the next year, it is very important they come and see Fr Iain or Fr Matt without delay so that marriage preparation and all the paperwork can be completed well in advance.

Sea Sunday

Sunday next 13 July is Sea Sunday. There will be a Special Collection after all Masses to support the **Apostleship of the Sea**. Seafarers bring us 90% of the goods we use every day, and 150,000 merchant ships visit British ports each year. The Apostleship of the Sea welcomes all seafarers to our shores as brothers and sisters regardless of colour, race or creed, and provides for their practical and pastoral needs. As a Catholic charity, they rely solely on voluntary contributions and our generous support, to continue their mission.

Parish Picnic

You are all invited to our **Parish Picnic** today Sunday. We will meet at **1 o'clock in Kensington Gardens** on the grass in front of the gates of Kensington Palace. Please bring something to share, then we can all enjoy some nice food and have a fun afternoon.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This programme is for:

- * Adults who wish to be baptised.
- * Adult Catholics who are baptised but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation.
- * Members of other Christian Churches who wish to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The programme runs from October until Easter. Please pass on the word to anyone you know who may be interested. For further information and to apply, please contact Fr Matt at: matthewblake@rcdow.org.uk

Year of St Paul

For those who are not away in August, Fr Matt will lead an introductory course on **the life, mission and teaching of St Paul**, on Tuesday evenings, 8.00-9.00pm, August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. All are welcome.

Recent Fund-raising Events

Concert in Aid of 'DREAM' Project (for AIDS victims in Africa)

Total raised was **£1,757.25**. Thank you all for your generosity, and special thanks again to the organisers and choir.

Children's Painting Exhibition (in aid of the Catholic Children's Society)

Total raised was **£451.69**. Thank you all for your generous donations, and a special thanks and congratulations to the young artists.

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We thank you for your contributions to the collection for **Peter's Pence** on Sunday last. The amount collected was **£1,064.26**.

Day for Life 2008

Today we celebrate **Day for Life**, which this year focuses on mental health. The aim of the day is to help raise awareness of the needs of those affected by mental ill-health, their friends and their families. One in four people will be directly affected by mental health difficulties at some stage in their lives. There will be a collection after all Masses today to support **Day for Life**. Proceeds will go to the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics and other life-related activities supported by the Church. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Tomorrow, Monday 7 July, there will be a Funeral Mass in this Church at 10.30am for **Giovanni Gambardella RIP**.