

- ◆ **Papal Visit:**
Each Parish has now been advised the number of parishioners it can send to the two large scale events in England during the Papal visit. We have 114 places for the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park on Saturday 18th September (afternoon and evening, it finishes at 9pm) and 35 places for the Papal Mass in Birmingham on Sunday 19th September. For Birmingham we must leave by coach at approximately 5.30am. If you wish to travel to either of these events, please apply in writing (email accepted). Applications must be returned to Fr Paul by 5pm on Friday 30th July. If you wish to travel with a companion, please make that known on the application, giving names. Please be aware that you will probably not be seated and it will involve walking. In the event of oversubscription ballots will be drawn. Birmingham costs £25, all inclusive, Hyde Park £10 plus travel.
- ◆ **The Passage:** Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for the homeless by attending the Garden Party in aid of The Passage which will take place on Wednesday 21st July from 5.30 to 8.30pm. Tickets £25 include buffet supper with wine and soft drinks, live music and prize raffle. Tickets available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL.
- ◆ **Sponsored Bike 'n Hike:** Saturday 11 September from 10am to 6pm. Raise money for the repair of your local church or chapel by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 open churches and chapels for you to visit. Contact Bhaswar Baral on 01923 242312 or 07872027124, email: bhaswar.baral@ntlworld.com
- ◆ **Third World Coffee Shop:** Needs volunteers to do teas on Saturdays. A new rota starts in September. Contact one of the clergy.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Do you have a drinking problem? Do you want help? Ring 01923 211122. Meetings on Friday at 8pm in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ **The Big Fun Runs in aid of CAFOD:**
The Big Runs are 5km runs staged in Public Parks across the UK. The dates and nearest locations are:
Milton Keynes - Sunday 26th September
Watford - Saturday 2nd October
To enter and find your local event visit www.bigfunrun.com
Standard entry £12/£6, Official charity discount entry £8/£5.
All dates and venues are subject to change. Please check website.
- ◆ **Ordination & First Mass of Stuart Seaton**
Stuart will be ordained priest this coming Saturday 31st July at 3pm by Archbishop Vincent Nichols. As a newly ordained priest he will celebrate his First Mass next Sunday 1st August at 4pm. All welcome to both ceremonies.

Saturday 31st July

Stuart's ordination next Saturday will cause some changes to our normal Saturday programme. Next Saturday we will not be having scheduled Confessions, morning or evening; no coffee shop following morning Mass; no Benediction before evening Mass.

Saturday's programme will therefore be :

Mass 11am: Ordination 3pm: Mass 7pm.

Prayers for Stuart

Thursday 29th July 6pm - 9pm

Friday 30th July 1pm - 3pm

The church will be open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed so that we can come for as long or as short as we like to offer prayers for Stuart and his family on the eve of his Ordination to the priesthood.

Ordination Reception:

If you are able to provide some dishes for the ordination reception on Saturday 31st July we will be very grateful. Please consult the lists at the back of the church and indicate what you can bring. Many thanks.

- ◆ **SPEC:** is seeking to appoint young men and women for a year-out experience working with children and young people. These full-time volunteers will live as part of the SPEC Community at All Saints Pastoral Centre in London Colney. They will have a particular focus on nurturing faith in young people. Full training will be provided, along with professional accreditation through the YMCA and the opportunity to study for a foundation degree in Youth Ministry. For more information about the SPEC community and for an online application form visit www.spec.org.uk
- ◆ **Funerals:**
Ethna Siggins: Monday 26th at 12 noon
Reception of body: Sunday 25th at 7.45pm
Tony White: Tuesday 27th July at 12 noon.
Reception of body : Monday 26th at 5pm.
Edward Thornton: Wednesday 28th at 9.40am
West Herts Crematorium.
Pietro Pumilia: Friday 29th at 12 noon
- ◆ **Vincent Wilkinson:** Wednesday 4th August at 12noon
Reception of body: Tuesday 3rd at 6.30pm
- ◆ We wish all those going on holiday a pleasant and refreshing break!!

Last Weekend's Collection Many thanks for your generosity!
Envelopes: £ 768.32 Loose: £ 657.31 Standing Orders: £334.68