

WORLDWIDE MISSION:

MISSIO: **Thank You-s** come to everybody from Fr Dermot and the Mill Hill Missionaries after the wonderful welcome and generous response to the **MISSIO** appeal last Sunday. **The famous Red Mission Boxes** have been an inspiration for ages, and now we have 56 new box holders and 4 new promoters. Box holders will receive a calendar before the New Year, also a brown envelope into which you empty your box and hand in the money to the promoter named on the envelope, either directly or through the church. Your parish links for any help are Anne Lovelady (579822) or Jennifer Thornber (579388)

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX SISTERS

St Elizabeth's Convent, Russian Orthodox nuns in Minsk, Belarus, has 100 nuns, 300 sisters of mercy providing spiritual and social help to the sick and suffering. Founded in 1999 they give loving care to 200 orphanage children, a refuge shelter for over 180 people whose lives have crashed, and a special rehabilitation centre for wounded women. Their workshops involve those they serve as well as the sisters and **this Wednesday after morning mass at St John Stone they present for sale some of their products: crafts, icons, decorations, ceramics.....** Sure to be beautiful and make great gifts as well as worthy support for their charity.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY is today.

Our Catholic Mission in Britain involves us in Southport with the launch of the RCIA: Come and See, with a friendly group meeting fortnightly starting:

Tuesday **20th Sept**, 7-8pm in St Marie's, Southport

and Thursday **22nd Sept**, 7.30 -9.00pm in St John Stone, Woodvale

See the advertisement in the Champion, the banners in town and on the bus!

Our Bishops' Conference research new resources and ways to reach out to people in Britain with the message of God's unconditional love and mercy: today's prayer and retiring collection is in solidarity with the national church's evangelization work.

Supporting Families Sharing Faith: WYA Baptism: all families with Baptisms in the last two years are invited to a new, special friendly gathering with each other and our Christening team on Sunday 16th October after the 10.30 mass in St John Stone for sharing stories of life since....practical helps and tips for parenting in the faith.

WYA Communion: families enrol for this year's home-church-school preparation for Holy Communion, with this Wednesday 21st at 6pm - in St John Stone's Church – for the first Family Catechesis session.

Children at Mass: our catechists welcome children 3 years old and over to the special Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am and 10.30am masses. On Sunday October 2nd, the first Sunday of the month, a special mass to celebrate Harvest and Creation will especially involve families and children.

What ideas do you have for the children in future masses?

PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY and LEARNING:

SCRIPTURE is the main way we receive daily the Word of God, indispensable for soul life. **Sharing Scripture** is offered each Wednesday at 7.30pm, looking at the readings for Sunday's mass. **Lectio Divina** is prayerful sharing on the 3rd Wednesday monthly: this Wednesday 7.30 for 8.00pm. **The Wednesday Word** is a pink sheet offered each week, with Fr Wansborough's marvellous reflections on next week's Scriptures. **Irenaeus Scripture mornings** on Thursdays are good soul food: **22/29th Sept**

HOLY DOOR OF MERCY: **the Pastoral Area pilgrimage** at the Cathedral on **Saturday, 1st Oct.** begins with entry through the Holy door, includes the beautiful stations of mercy, reconciliation and mass. Starting at 10am until 1.30pm, bring a packed lunch. A coach is available, no charge, so if you wish to come that way, do please **sign the sheet** at the back of the churches now.

FAITH4LIFE: over a 6 month period, inputs for learning and shared discussion in small groups over 4 weekends, with team-learning in between. Learning to make the most of a group; Scripture and the Faith today; Charity and Justice.

Dates: **5/6 Nov, 21/22 Jan 2017, 4/5 March 2017, 13/14 May 2017**

CURSILLO: eve of Thurs 13th-Sun 16th Oct at St Joseph's, Freshfield: 3 days for small group sharing, prayer time and retreat, with Catholic speakers and priests. Very friendly, faith and fun at its best. See Fr Tony or Monica in office

IRENAEUS: Community Choir on **14/28th Sept** at Great George's Road, Waterloo. **"Come & See Day"** on Saturday **29th Oct** at Faith Primary School, L5, keynote speakers David Alton and Steve Atherton on the theme: "It is Mercy which changes the Heart"

NEXT WEEKEND WE FOCUS on our MISSION of CHARITY and SOCIAL CONCERN:

THE LITURGY will include inspiration from Steve Atherton, Justice and Peace leader.

"WELCOMING THE STRANGER" EVENING on **Saturday 24th September** in St John Stone Centre from 7pm brings together people who want actively to care:

- the Roadshow from Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM) telling us about the lives of refugees coming to Britain, what ALM offer and how you can contribute
- music and singing from the ALM Women's Singers and shared entertainment

CREATION TIME: until Tues 4th October: St Francis of Assisi we are joining Pope Francis' call to ENJOY and SHARE the beauty and fruits of Creation:

- Saturday is our next Walking4Fun to Barley and Pendle
- the next gardening day is one Saturday in October
- when shall we have a Mass on the Beach?

Monday 3rd October at 8pm we will look ahead to sustainable ways in Creation...

What ways can you suggest for "Creation Time"?

NUGENT CARE MASS for and with disabled people at the Cathedral, Sunday 3pm.

"IMPROVE Woodvale": the emerging neighbourhood forum has already tidied up the old pub land in Sandbrook Way, is linking with the WACA centre, and weed-spraying has begun. We want to get a plan for the council to improve the area permanently: Next meeting **Thursday 29th Sept, 2pm.**