

YEAR OF ST PAUL

The Cardinal has named the Cathedral as the church in the Diocese where people may obtain a Plenary Indulgence either during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January 2009) which closes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul or in the week preceding the Feast of SS Peter and Paul (22-29 June 2009). Those wishing to obtain the Indulgence must fulfil the conditions of visiting the Cathedral during those two weeks, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receiving Communion, praying for the Holy Father and intending a sincere conversion of life. The Cathedral will ensure that additional priests are available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during those periods.

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2009 WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from birth to natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of concerns. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion, embryo research and unethical fertility techniques, and in recent years has helped to fight euthanasia too. SPUC also provides trained speakers to schools and offers a number of pro-life services, including those for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this very worthy cause.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour on Mondays 11.45am -12.45pm; each weekday after 10am Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; each Friday all day from 10.30am-6.30pm; and each Sunday after the 6pm Mass.

Baptisms

Preparation Sessions for January Baptisms on Wednesdays 7 and 14 January 8-9pm in 3 Berrymead Gardens. Baptisms Sunday 24 January

Tea, coffee

There will be tea and coffee available in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 10.30am Masses.

Irish Advocacy Service

The Irish Advocacy Service is at Emmaus House on the first Tuesday of each month. If you have any problems, please feel free to use the service. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 6 January 12 noon-2pm.

Westminster Year Book

Copies of the Westminster Year Book are available for sale on the table at the back of the church, price £4.

Adult Education at Benedictine Study Centre, 74 Castlebar Road, Ealing

Spring Term Courses, one evening per week, starting mid January, include the following. Introduction to Christian Doctrine, Evangelisation in Theory and Practice, Johanne Writings in the New Testament, Celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Introduction to 8 Great Artists, Introduction to Personal Spiritual Development, Practice of Christian Prayer: Lectio Divina, Introducing Gregorian Chant.... and many more. Course fees range from £88 to £0. To find out more and/or register, telephone 020 8862 2156 or see www.bsac.ac.uk

Offertory

The offertory collection for 28 December amounted to £1687.60. Thank you again for all the cards, presents and good wishes. And a huge thank you for the Christmas Collection which this year amounted to £5085.83.