

# IN OUR PARISH

**BAPTISMS** - Please email the Parish Office with enquiries.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022** - Applications for next year's course are now available from Fr Uche, who will be at the back of church after every weekend Mass. These have to be requested by the parent or guardian of the child, who will need to be in Year 3 or over. The forms will be available until and including the 28th November. Applications will be closed and unavailable after that date.

**CONFIRMATION 2022** - Applications for next year's course are now closed. Please make sure you return any outstanding forms no later than Sunday 28th November 2021.



**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** Do you want to share the faith with others, and deepen your own faith at the same time? Then join our Confirmation Catechist Team! We are a friendly, supportive, diverse and happy team. All welcome and full training will be given. Contact Anne D'Silva at [annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk)

**WEDDINGS** - Please contact the parish office at least 6 months before the proposed date, preferably longer.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS** - at Sunday 9.30am Mass are planning to return, however this has been slightly delayed by a week or two, whilst we iron out logistics. Parents/carers of children who are in Nursery (pre-school, aged 3+), Reception, Y1 & Y2 this academic year, and who would like their children to attend the Children's Liturgy group, are asked to complete the google form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/aDeyzFsHvcPzoyqZ9>. Watch this space for start date.

**ST JOSEPH'S BOOKSHOP** - Great news! We plan to re-open our bookshop in time for Advent. We have re-stocked with Advent & Christmas cards, cribs, candles etc. Exact opening times and more details to follow.



**SCOUTS, CUBS & BEAVERS** at St Joseph's - for all enquiries regarding registering your child, etc, please email [enquiries@2ndmalden.org](mailto:enquiries@2ndmalden.org) or [georgie@2ndmalden.org](mailto:georgie@2ndmalden.org) **directly**.

**FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** - From THIS Friday 26 November the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be hosting coffee mornings in the hall, after the 10am Mass till 11.30am. These will take place every Friday and everyone is welcome. We also hope that this will be an opportunity for people to meet SVP members in person and to share requests for visits or other help which may be required. Volunteers to help with the coffee mornings would also be much appreciated. Please turn up on a Friday and let us know if you would like to join a rota.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER?** Join a group every Sunday evening at 8.30pm on zoom praying the rosary with Our Lady for all our families, friends and all in need. Please email Anne D'Silva for the zoom link at [annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk).



**A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS** is back, supporting the Good Counsel Network and the Westminster Catholic Children's Society. This is happening earlier than usual this year, so **please bring your gifts by the First Sunday of Advent, 27 / 28 November.** Attach a label to your wrapped gift, indicating age and gender, and leave them at the Pastoral Centre's drop-off point. Your generosity, as in previous years, is greatly valued by these needy ones.

**NIGERIAN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP** - It is that time of year again, to remind those who sponsor children at the Queen of Apostles School, that next year's sponsorship is now due. Fr Pascal, the School Principal, tells us that most of the children have entered college, which means they have been sponsored all the way from junior to senior secondary school - what an achievement! This also means that these sponsorships have changed from £30 to £60. We now have the updated list of sponsored children and the school level they are presently at. Please contact Agnes to check the correct amount and for any other information or updates. New sponsors are always welcome of course.

**UPCOMING UNIVERSAL SYNOD** - The parish's Synod representatives have organised two meetings for parishioners to give their comments to the synod. These meetings will give an opportunity for everyone to give their comments verbally, and also to hear other people's, which may prompt further suggestions. The meetings will be held on:

**Saturday 27th Nov at 2pm & Tuesday 8th Dec at 7:30pm**, in the main hall of the Pastoral Centre.

The deadline to return comments on the paper form has been extended to Sunday 28th November. Please pick up a SYNOD Prayer Card from the back of church to help you pray for its success.

