

**Reminders:**

Two carol services : one today, Sunday, at 5pm at Hungerford, and one next Sunday again at 5pm here in Wantage. All welcome.

Bible study sessions in the hall - Fridays at 8pm December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Penitential service here this Wednesday at 7.30pm led by Fr. Paul Rowse O.P.

We continue to keep in our prayers Pete Gray, Bas England and many more whom we know are sick / housebound. May Our Blessed Lady comfort them.

**More thanks:**

We have collected 66 shoe boxes for the Link to Hope appeal this year. Linda Kershaw wants to thank everyone who contributed.

**For why ?**

Last Sunday had the lowest numbers attending Masses ( both here and at Hungerford) for a long time. For why ? What is the explanation ?

**Goodbye:**

We made our farewells to the Alvarez family last Sunday. They are now back in Goa. We thank them for their support in the parish over the 4 years they were here. A big loss. May God bless them.

**Amnesty International:** they ask us to send greetings to prisoners of conscience throughout the world. Please take their leaflet ( on table). The number of such prisoners is staggering. Read about the various individuals concerned.

**APF – Mill Hill red Box:**

The Missio Red Box appeal – the total giving for the last 12 months ( excluding World Mission Sunday) was over £1460. Marvellous amount. Many thanks to those who support the scheme. Please see the Annual return Form – in porch. Thank you to Anne Hodgson our parish rep.

**Pope Francis:**

A couple of Sundays ago he opened the doors of the Vatican to the poor, inviting them to a Mass in St. Peter’s, then hosting a lunch for them. Several thousand refugees, unemployed and homeless made up the gathering. He said – “If in the eyes of the world the poor have little value, they are the ones who open to us the way to heaven. They are our passport to paradise”. Very moving action and words.

Mass times and intentions, and timetable:	
Sat. 10am.	Adoration : beginning with morning prayer, then silence.
Sat. 11am.	Confessions, and at 7pm.
Sat. 6pm.	Vincent McKenna. RIP. (PMcK).
Sun. 9am.	Miss Raab’s Int. <i>Hungerford.</i>
Sun. 11am	Daniel O’Keeffe. RIP. (ENC).
Sun. 5pm.	Carol service. <i>Hungerford.</i>
Wed. 10am	Deceased of Moulson Family (EW)
Wed. 3.30	Last HOT F of the season.
Wed. 6pm.	Confirmation group.
Wed. 7.30.	Penitential service.
Thu. 10am	Barry Cubitt. RIP (EW. <i>Hungerford.</i>
Frid. 10am	Alice & Pat Connell. RIP. (MW).
Frid. 7.30	Choir practice.
Frid. 8pm.	Bible study. ( Hall).

**Table top sale today** – after Masses:  
cribs, candles, cards.....