

Parish AGM: 11th October 2017

The Union of Catholic Mothers Report

This report is a summary and account of activities of The Union of Catholic Mothers, April 2016 to July 2017.

The Union of Catholic Mothers Norbury Foundation has been a source of love and service for Sixty nine years in Saint Bartholomew's Parish. We are always ready to welcome new members. We meet on the second Monday each month at 2pm-4pm and attend the 10.00am Mass on the last Fridays of the Month, for members intentions. We meet after Mass for a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Union of Catholic Mothers day of recollection was on the 24th February to help with our spiritual development. The day was special and spiritually nourishing. This annual event takes place during lent and parishioners are invited to join us. We are most grateful to Father Deodat Msahala, for the Mass and Benediction on the day. The talk on the day was by Father Anthony M Fernandes who was invited by Father Deodat to help. In keeping with The Union of Catholic Mothers tradition, there was a raffle on the day and we raised Forty Eight pounds, which went towards the Priest Fund.

On May 30th we joined a gathering of The Union of Catholic Mothers, at Aylesford Priory, for the Archdiocese of Southwark Annual Pilgrimage. Due to shortage of numbers we were not able to hire a Coach or mini Bus; our foundation joined West Norwood and shared their Coach. We are grateful to Father Innocent who came with us. It was a prayerful and joyous pilgrimage.

The Union of The Catholic Mothers, have organised two coffee mornings this year one for the priest fund and the other for charity activities.

July 9th was our annual garden party which, marks the beginning of the summer break and it was well attended.

I hope this small glimpse into who we are and what we do will encourage other women to join us.

Lucy Nwagwu (Foundation President)