

**Mary's Meals:** With only 1 week to go before Mary's Meals arrives at our church next Sunday morning 17th May please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing / bedding (no duvets or pillows please).

Put all clothing bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to Mass that morning.

Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.

**We congratulate:** the children who received First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to all who helped prepare them.

**Permanent Deacons:** The last Come and See meeting this year for men interested in finding out more about the Permanent Diaconate is next Saturday 16th May from 10am to noon at the parish of Sacred Heart Jesus and Joseph in Ware SG12 7EJ. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contacts Dcn Anthony Clark on 020 8455 9822 or Dcn Adrian Cullen on 01920 462140.

**Caritas 'Love in Action':** When Pope Francis speaks of "a poor church for the poor", he is encouraging all of us to get our hands dirty. He's encouraging us not to just talk about living lives of faith, but to show that we are people of love, people of Christ.

From Pentecost, our parish will be exploring the guiding principles of Catholic social teaching - ways in which we can look at the reality of life in our community and the global community, and reflect on how we can put love into action, and be a Caritas people.

**Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project:** Would like to invite you to their **Annual Garden Party** at Cheslyn Gardens on Sunday 7th June 2015 from 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Come and enjoy a 'get together' for clients, supporters and volunteers, refreshments and cream teas, and a beautiful garden to explore! RSVP appreciated. Telephone Joy Hobbs on 01923 228171. Donations very welcome to WTRRP.

#### **Bethany Group:**

If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. For more details, please call Liz on 01923 243658.

**Singles:** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Tel:0161 941 3498.

## **The Vocation and Mission of the Family**

Is the theme of the Synod of Bishops in October this year.

**This Wednesday 13th May at 8pm** we will have a meeting in the Parish Centre to discuss questions such as

**What are your joys and hopes of Marriage and family Life today?**

What are your struggles and fears?

**How does your Marriage Enrich You?**

Marriage as a Vocation?

Your thoughts and comments will help the Cardinal to prepare for the Synod. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Irish & Holy Rood Support Group**

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning:** At the Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6NP next Saturday 16th May 2015, 10am - 1pm in Aid of Peace Hospice Care. No entry fee. All are welcome.

**Food Bank:** Since the parish started to support the Watford Food Bank in February this year we have to date donated 321kg of food. Thanks to all who have contributed and continue to support this worthy cause. If you would like to make a donation please refer to the noticeboard for the list of required items and then leave them in the large box at the back of the church. Even the smallest donation will be gratefully received.

#### **Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC):**

The next meeting of the Harrow ASDC Group will be on Monday 12 May at 8pm in St Gabriel's 390b, Northolt Road, South Harrow, HA2 3EY (near junction with Park Lane). All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Jill 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Fr David Barrow of Our Lady & St Michael's, Garston, is taking a pilgrimage to Fatima from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. The cost is £493 per person. To join please contact Gill of Tangney Tours - Telephone 01732 880659 or email Gill@tangney-tours.com.

**New Hope - Garden Open Day:** As you may know, we have a Community Market Garden situated behind one of our accommodation services on Rickmansworth Road. Every year we open up the garden to the public so they can experience this hidden gem for themselves! Our next garden open day is on Saturday 23rd May from 10.30am - 3pm. We would love to see you there.

**Thinking about Priesthood:** Come and See Vocations Events: Monday 18th May at 7pm in Welwyn Garden City at St Bonaventure, 81 The Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6JF. Call 020 7349 5624.

#### **Last Weekend's Collection:**

<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>£ 780.47</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>£1468.97</b>
<b>Standing Orders:</b>	<b>£ 474.46.</b>

**Thank You**