

## **Holy Rood Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015**

Departing Monday 25th May returning Saturday 30th May.

Travelling by coach with overnight stops.

Cost per person sharing a twin room £399.

If you are interested please speak to Fr. Paul or request booking form from Parish Office.

Deadline for applications Friday 30th January.

### **Ascent**

This group is for over 60's, it is both social and spiritual. About 15 attend this meeting each month. Anyone else is extremely welcome to.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th January. You can bring some food to share.

### **The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

Are distributing 10,000 'Vinnie Packs' containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. You could sponsor a pack for £3. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made payable to SVP or go to **virginmoneygiving.com** and type "Vinnie Packs".

### **Watford Sleepout**

Friday 6th February. St Mary's Church. Sleep rough so others don't have to. Call 01923 227132

### **Young Disciple Youth Group:**

Meet this Friday 16th January in the Parish Centre 7.15pm - 8.30pm. Missionary Disciple 8.30pm - 10pm: Sessions on Christian Unity.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Meet in the Parish Centre every Friday at 8pm. They are there for **you!**

### **13th January 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

An hour of Prayer in Holy Rood as New Hope celebrate their Silver Jubilee (*New Hope is a Homeless Charity based in Watford, it exists to serve those who are homeless or vulnerably-housed by providing accommodation and opportunities so that lives can be changed*)

### **Confirmation Programme 2015**

Begins with a meeting for Candidates who have registered and their parents on Thursday 15th January, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. For this year's programme 44 young people have registered.

### **Baptism Prep. Course**

Sunday 1st February 2pm - 5pm Parish Centre. This course is for Catholic parents residing in Holy Rood parish who wish to present their children for baptism. Register by emailing or phoning contacts on front.

### **Choral Festival**

Wednesday 28th January 8pm at a top secret location in Central London that will be revealed when you buy your ticket! Tickets. To book phone: 0208 969 5305. In aid of The Catholic Children's Society.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving** for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3pm. Invited to this Mass are couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th and over 60 years anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you would like to be formally invited by the Archbishop give the following details to Holy Rood Parish Office: **Names: Wedding Date: Postal Address: email or telephone:**

**Help Needed:** Do you have an interest in Arts and Crafts? Could you lead a group or help run a craft session? We are looking for people to help develop our '**Get Crafty**' sessions. We need people with a range of interests from painting/drawing to knitting to help create an interesting and fun crafting experience. Materials can be provided. People also needed to help with simple gardening tasks. You don't need to be green fingered to take part, just a willingness to help out. Tel: 01923 216950 Five Ways Friends Club.

**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 21st January at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. For more details please call Liz on 01923 243658.

**Music Group:** Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 18th January 2015 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for more information.

**Day for Church Musicians and singers in Potters Bar:** "Songs to build bridges between worship and world" with Frances Novillo and Stephen Dean on Saturday 21st February 10.30am for 11am-3pm at Our Lady and St Vincent's Church, Potters Bar, 243 Mutton Lane, EN6 2AT. For more information and to book a place email: [Vickyvdearing64@gmail.com](mailto:Vickyvdearing64@gmail.com) or telephone 07934 651491. **Cost £5.** Singers and instrumentalists - under 16's must be accompanied. Bring a packed lunch.

**St Teresa of Avila Exhibition:** Monday 12th January 2015 at 12 noon Our specially designed teresa 500 exhibition will be touring the UK during the fifth centenary of her birth. Designed to provide a powerful introduction to the life, times and teaching of St Teresa, it covers topics such as her teaching on prayer, her understanding of the human person and her relevance for today A series of free leaflets and prayer cards are available with the exhibition, which will be visiting Westminster Cathedral from Monday 12th - Tuesday 20th January.

### **Watford Food Bank**

Holy Rood Parish is supporting this venture.

**Please only supply goods that are listed on the FOODBANK notice board in the baptistery.**

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

<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>£1050.83</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>£ 809.00</b>
<b>Standing Orders:</b>	<b>£474.46.</b>

**Thank You**