

PARISH

Christians Across Watford Prayer for Watford **TONIGHT 8pm TO 9pm at Holy Rood**. This should be the most powerful hour of prayer for Watford this month. One Church, united. Please come along and support.

Faith Sharing Groups on the theme of '*The Grace we receive in the Sacraments*' begin in the middle of the October. They will meet once a week for six weeks. To join a group email watford@rcdow.org.uk or sign sheet at back of church

Annual Dance Irish & Holy Rood Support Group Saturday 14th November. 8.30pm to Midnight. Great music by Jonny Jameson. Tickets £5. Bar. Raffle. At Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Watford. For information contact: Elizabeth 01923 233254.

First Holy Communion Forms: Available from Saturday 17th October

Catechist Appeal:

We are in need of more catechists for the **Confirmation** Programme. This runs from January to May on alternate Thursday evenings. For more details contact Fr. Paul on 01923 224085 or Celia Finn on 01923 237708.

Parish Fete November 22nd We welcome donations for the grand draw raffle, bric-a-brac, toy and tombola stalls. Bottles of wine and spirits, unwanted gifts, toiletries, chocolates, bottles/ cans of soft drinks etc. We do not sell adult clothes but do sell new babywear.

Senior Citizen's Lunch. Sunday 6th December at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Deirdre, Parish Office if you wish to book a place at this lunch and also if you need transport. Tel: 01923 224085

Church Cleaners needed: For Saturday Morning and Tuesday afternoon teams. The cleaning of our beautiful church currently falls to a small group of people. Please show your support and join one of the teams.

Saturday Coffee Shop has raised over £777.45 up to the end of August for the charity Rubbish Tip Kids. Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD Family Fast Day collection last weekend was £1,755.67. Thank you for your generosity. Also thank you for your very generous contributions to the **Foodbank** and **GROW** hostel in our **Harvest** appeal.

Knitting Wool. An elderly lady in a residential home would be grateful for donations of knitting wool. Please send in to the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REFERENCE

Parents who intend to apply for a Catholic School or Nursery in 2015 / **2016 and wish a Holy Rood priest to support their application** are being issued with Mass Attendance cards. This card is to be signed or **stamped every weekend you attend Mass. When the time comes for the Priest's Reference Form to be signed** parents will be asked to show **this card. If a parent is not able to show a card which has been signed or stamped against the dates on the card the priest will not be able to confirm that they are practising Catholics.**

Faure's Requiem Mass and the Cantique de Jean Racine at Holy Rood on March 18th 2016. Parishioners of all voices are invited to join with the Big Voices of Little Green for this performance. Singers need to commit to at least 6 rehearsals from January with a final rehearsal on March 17th. The ability to read music is not essential but enthusiasm is! For more details email Gerry: gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com or sign up on list at the back of church.

LOCAL

Workshop on Communication, Listening Skills, Conflict Management(1) for effective pastoral management and personal life. Saturday 7th November 10am to 2pm at The Niland Centre, Bushey. Tel: 0207 931 6078

Scripture from Scratch Making the BIBLE come ALIVE. October 22nd & 29th, Nov 12th & 26th. 7.30pm to 9pm. At the Niland Centre, Bushey. To book email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 0207 931 6078

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Thinking about the Priesthood? Ministering Mercy. Come and see retreat day Saturday 24th October at Allen Hall Seminary. For men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood. It is essential to register in advance. For more info contact Fr Graham Stokes on vocations@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7349 5624

The Passage—helping homeless people, will be holding ' **A Night Under the Stars**' concert, at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm. John Culshaw presents 'The Fairest Isle' concert with music inspired by landscape and legend. Tickets from £12 to £60. Contact: 020 7592 1856 or visit www.anightunderthestars.co.uk

Funeral: Kathleen Salter Friday 16th October 12 noon
Carmela Federico Tuesday 20th October 12 noon

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 878.67 Loose: £ 838.08
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely