

ANNUAL PARISH FETE

Sunday 23rd November to raise funds for local and overseas charities:

Now please begin to bring in goods for tombola stall, bottles, of wine/spirits boxes of good quality biscuits/chocolates, sweets, baby clothes, toiletries, toys and gifts.

Please do not bring used books nor second hand clothes.

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. 10 year passport required. Non British citizens must check with French Embassy for passport and visa requirements. Should you wish to travel with us ask for a booking form.

A Nationwide Count

of Mass attendees is conducted each October: In Holy Rood last weekend 1395 people attended Mass.

7pm	149
8am	132
9.30am	266
11am	445
2.15pm	219 (Polish)
6.30pm	184

Bishop John Arnold: One of our auxiliary bishops in Westminster has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Salford.

African/African Caribbean Assoc. Meet today in Parish Centre at 2pm.

Forms For Holy Communion

Will be available from today for five weeks. This preparation course is for primary school children in year 3 and above.

Parish Bethany Group

Takes its name from the village of **Bethany**, where Jesus visited the bereaved sisters of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. If you have been bereaved you may welcome contact with our support group. Come to our next meeting in the Parish Centre on October 15th at 2.30pm.

Liz can explain more 01923 243658.

Caritas Communities: Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the diocese, is growing in communities by developing a series of hubs across the diocese, with a pilot hub starting in Hemel Hempstead to serve the Watford and St Albans Deaneries. See insert in this newsletter.

A Series of Seven Talks

In St. Helens North Watford starting on Wednesdays in October at 7.45pm. The theme 'A simple way to respond to the Gospel today

Welcomers

Thank you to all those in the ministry of **'Welcoming'**; those who greet parishioners as they enter church and provide them with Mass & Hymn books. More welcomers are always needed. Sunday 6.30pm Mass requires some immediately. To be one speak to Fr. Paul.

Emergency Exits:

Do you know your nearest **exit** in case of an emergency?

See map of church on notice board.

Annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner:

On Sunday 7th December we look forward to welcoming our seniors as an expression of our gratitude for their support of Church and parish. Forms available. Please apply now.

Christians Across Watford - United Monthly Prayer for Watford: 8pm - 9pm tonight Sunday 12th October at Beechen Grove Baptist Church.

The Calix Society: is for recovering alcoholics who want to draw on their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. It offers a Catholic ministry to addicts in recovery, and their families: deepening faith, sharing the healing mercy of God. Meetings are held each Thursday at the Calix Centre at the Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA. Meetings begin with a celebration of Mass in the parish church at 7pm, though there is an opportunity to meet from 6pm in the parish's lower hall. The meetings after Mass have a different focus each week of the month - ranging from a fresh introduction to the basics of Catholic faith; Spiritual Exercises and Meditation, reflection on Mathew's Gospel; and celebration of reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Visitors are welcome from all 12 step programmes, especially Alcoholics Anonymous & AIAnon. For further information email calixinlondon@btinternet.com, Mobile 07762570361.

Religious Christmas Cards:

Boxes of 18 cards for £3 in the repository.

St Michael's Catholic High School, Garston.

Require Examination Invigilators, on a casual basis - Pay £8 per hour. No specific experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Please forward CV (via email or post) to Mrs D E Avis, Exams Officer to the above address, or telephone 01923 676925. Two character references will be required prior to interview.

Single Room to Let in Whippendell Road. Tel: 07736 258299

GROW:

The residents of GROW hostel express their gratitude to all who donated goods to our harvest collection last weekend.

Music Group:

Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 19th October 2014 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue & Ceri on 229763 for more Information.

C A F O D

(Catholic Fund For Overseas Development)
Second Collection last weekend raised £1173.66

Funerals:

Angela Abarno

Wednesday 15th October 12noon

Last Weekend's Collection:

Envelopes: £1253.66

Loose: £845.42

Standing Orders: £474.46.

Much Appreciated