

**Christmas Mass of Midnight This Year Begins
At 11pm
Carols at 10.30pm**

Parish Penitential Service
This Wednesday 17th December 10.30am
See table to the right for other services in the parishes of
Watford Deanery.

Buying Stamps for Christmas Cards?
Remember to include in your request
'RELIGIOUS STAMPS PLEASE'

Reception Class Forms
which require a priest's reference will be signed
this coming Saturday 20th December from 8.30am - 9.30am
Come to the door marked 'Holy Rood House' on Exchange Road

Congratulations

To Pedro Nkemdirim who on Sunday 30th November at the 8.00am Mass was enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and received his bronze medal and handbook.

Advent Lunch: After 12 noon Mass this Friday Full ploughman's £4, Soup, roll & tea £2, Tea & Biscuit 50p. All money raised for charity.

Holy Rood Really Has Got Talent!
Many thanks to all who supported the talent night with amazing acts and beautiful displays of handiwork. Start practising and making for next year's event!

The SVP: are distributing 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3 per pack.

Crib Appeal: Hear the call from Pope Francis and respond to the Cry of the Poor. Please donate all you can at the Crib or visit www.cathchild.org.uk or text CCSW12 (plus the amount) £2, £5, £10 to 70070. Thank You.

Bethany Group: If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. For more details, please call Liz on 01923 243658.

The Feast of The Holy Family: is kept on the Sunday after Christmas Day. To mark the Day we are having a Service of Thanksgiving at 4pm on that day 28th December **for all the infants baptised in Holy Rood in 2014.** Refreshments after the service.

WATFORD DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES ADVENT 2014

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Abbots Langley	Friday 19th December	6.00pm
Carpenders Park	Thursday 18th December	7.00pm
Chipperfield	Thursday 18th December	7.00pm
Chorleywood	Wednesday 17th December	7.30pm
Garston	Friday 19th December	7.30pm
Mill End	Thursday 18th December	7.30pm
North Watford	Wednesday 17th December	7.30pm
Rickmansworth	Friday 19th December	7.30pm

ADVENT SERVICE - Monday 15th December 2014.

St Michael's High School, Garston, would like to invite you to their Advent Service tomorrow 15th December, 6.30pm at Sacred Heart and St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, London Road Bushhey. email admin@stmichaelscatholic.co.uk or telephone 01923 673760 to attend

'Take Heart': New Year Retreat for young people 29th December 2014 - 1st January. If you're **16-35** & would like a fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then TAKE HEART is for you. This event is at Maria Fidelis Lower School, North Gower St NW1 2HR. For more info contact the National Office on 0207 221 2124.

Seniors Christmas Lunch A big thank you to all who helped prepare and serve the magnificent lunch last Sunday. A great time was had by all.

Watford Food Bank

Holy Rood Parish is supporting this venture. You can bring provisions to help those who are in need. Our SVP group will then transport them to the main warehouse who will see that they are taken to one of the distribution centres in the town. **Please only supply goods that are listed on the FOODBANK notice board in the baptistry. (Percy Road Entrance)**

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.

Last Weekend's Collection:
Envelopes: £1,148.29
Loose: £675.05
Standing Orders: £474.46.
Much appreciated.