

Fr Paul's Leaving Gift. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to donate to Fr Paul's leaving gift in appreciation of his 14 years of ministry at Holy Rood.

The SVP are in need of a gas fitter and plumber who are able to give their time to fit a gas cooker and washing machine for a person in need.

The Year of Mercy: Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. More information about events during the year, Holy Doors and the indulgence is available on the Diocesan website <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism Preparation Course for the parents of infants is on Sunday 7th February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Coaches for Fr Paul's Episcopal Ordination on Monday 25th January have been booked. Please send in your name and phone number plus £10 in an envelope to book a place. The Mass is at 12 noon. We leave from the bus stop outside Age UK, Exchange Road, Watford at 9.45am and return leaving the Cathedral at 3pm.

Faure's Requiem Mass and the Cantique de Jean Racine at Holy Rood on March 18th 2016. Now that rehearsals are underway please put the date in your diaries for a superb concert. Any late entries welcome: email Gerry: gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com

New Year Resolutions? Please volunteer! We need welcomers for the 9.30am Mass and more volunteers to help with church cleaning. Please speak to Fr Kim or Neville.

Watford Credit Union – Providing an ethical alternative to save and borrow– This week's newsletter insert provides information about the Watford Credit Union. A credit union is not a bank, but is regulated by the FCA and unlike a bank, the money invested does not go to profits, city traders or complex financial investments; it stays local and helps other people in the same community to get low cost credit, with sensible support and information.

Ascent Group: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 3rd February at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please join us for a *Bring and Share Lunch and (anticipating Shrove Tuesday) Pancakes! We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Winnie Brady on 01923 334998.*

Parent & Toddlers: Meet Tuesdays in Term Time - From 9.30am. Come and join in the fun.

Rosaries Abroad. Thank you to everyone who donated rosary beads to Rosaries Abroad. They are really appreciative of the items given so far.

Musicians and Singers: are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 24th January 2016 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.

Les Miserables Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the original London Production, St Michael's Catholic High School, in its 60th Jubilee year presents Cameron Mackintosh's production of Boubil and Schonberg's Les Miserables. Based upon the novel of Victor Hugo, Les Miserables is a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit, telling of love, sacrifice, redemption and faith. Performances are on 28th, 29th and 30th with tickets priced for £3 for students and £6 for adults, available for purchase from the school office. St Michael's Catholic High School, High Elms Lane, Garston WD25 0SS. 01923 673760.

Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition (Retreat) Saturday 23rd January 10am to 3pm.

Faith and Development of Teenagers Saturday 13th February 10am to 1pm.

Faith and Development in Later Life Saturday 5th March 10am to 2pm
All at The Niland Conference, Elstree Road, Bushey Heath. Tel: 0208 950 4000 www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programmeofevents/

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes: In this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 6th February 2016 at 2pm.** The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests.

Year of Mercy Reflections at Rosary Priory Tuesday 2nd February 11am. Celebration of an Encounter: the return of the Prodigal Son. 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE

St Anthony's School: are looking for an enthusiastic teacher to join their successful and friendly school from 1st September 2016, due to expansion.

We would like to appoint a practising Catholic but invite applications from those who would be committed to supporting our aims and ethos. Enquires from NQTs and experienced teachers are welcome.

Please telephone to make an appointment for a visit, we would love to meet you and show you our school.

Further information and an application form are available from is available from the Headteacher, Mrs Pauline Wilson on 01923 226987.

Funerals: George Griggs Tuesday 19th January 12 noon

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £1036.40 Loose: £880.57
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely**