

PARISH

First Holy Communion Forms: Available this weekend

African/African Caribbean Association: Meet again today 18th October at 2pm.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Vicarage Road Saturday 7th November at 2.30pm.

North Watford Cemetery Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm.

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.

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.

Year of Mercy: Pope Francis has proclaimed 'A Year of Mercy'. It is to begin on 8th December 2015 and is intended to remember that the Mercy of God is always present whatever our circumstance in life and to encourage us to practice the 'Corporal Works of Mercy' that is to be concerned about the plight of those who are suffering.

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.

Funeral: Carmela Federico Tuesday 20th October 12 noon

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 942.50 Loose: £ 876.07
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely

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.

LOCAL

The Sacred Heart of Jesus & St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bushey: A series of talks to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Tuesday 3rd November - "**To Live is to Change:** Why did John XXIII Convene the Second Vatican Council?" Speaker: HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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

(2) 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

DIOCESE

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 concert, at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm. Contact: 020 7592 1856 or visit www.anightunderthestars.co.uk

PACT- Can you help prisoners and their families?: You are invited to come and see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity 'Pact' (Prison Advice and Care Trust) work in several prisons across London and rely heavily on volunteers to help those in need. **Saturday 14th November: 10.00am - 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall.** For more information contact: prisonsweek2015@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 020 3031 6953.

A Day with Mary: 24th October 2015 at Westminster Cathedral. 9.45am