

PARISH

Xaverian Mission Appeal: Last weekend raised £1425.74. Thank you for your generosity.

Repository: Copies of the Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si*, are on sale in the repository, priced £4.95.

Catholic Truth Society: Do look at the selection of new booklets in the CTS rack alongside the repository.

Watford Foodbank Update - June 2015: The total parish contribution this year now stands at an impressive 375kg. Many thanks for your continuing wonderful generosity! If you like to contribute please refer to the notice board at the back of church for a list of suggested items and leave your donation in the large plastic box. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could reach 1000kg by the end of the year!

Ascent: Join us for lunch at The Moon Under Water on Tuesday, 21 July next. Meet in the Church after midday Mass and sign up on the list at the back of church.

Parish Camp: Holy Rood Parish Camp - Friday 21st August to Monday 24th August 2015.

Come for the weekend or visit for a day. Open to all parishioners and their families and friends. Come and make new friends and try the climbing wall and the giant games. Great food!

For further information please phone 01923 230643.

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike 'n Hike: Saturday 12th September from 10am to 6pm.

Have fun visiting over 600 churches and chapels, raise funds for your local church or chapel and help save other churches in Beds and Herts. Contact telephone No. 01923 674410. Email: swabo@talktalk.net.

Fr Ivano has received a new appointment. He will be leaving Holy Rood Parish in September to become assistant priest in Brook Green, London. Fr Kim Addison, at present in Hounslow parish, has been appointed the new assistant priest in Holy Rood. He will arrive in September.

Help with Transport to Mass: If you can help with transport to and from one of the Sunday Masses, could you please contact Paul Montgomery on 01923 211282/0788 772 6061.

Bereavement Visiting and Support: If you are bereaved and would like support from one of our councillors or visitors please contact Liz on 01923 243658.

LOCAL EVENTS

River Court Residential and Nursing Home Summer Fete: Saturday 25th July from 12pm to 4.30pm. Raffle, tombola, games and various stalls. Everyone welcome! Situated at Explorer Drive, Watford WD18 6TQ

Five Ways Friends presents "**Party in the Park**" at Cassiobury Park, Watford, on 30th July 2015 from 11am to 3pm. A FREE event and activities for all local Older People and Carers to celebrate International Friendship Day! Join us for a fun day of Music and dancing, arts and crafts, International food court, Relaxation tent, Activity area and much more!! To book your place! Call 01923 216967 or email: wellbeing@w3rt.org.

DIOCESE

Research: Into why the Irish came to London in the 1940's and 1950's. If you are in this category and are able to assist please contact phone Kathleen Wilkinson 017227 765094 or email kc.wilkinson@cloud.com

Rosaries Abroad: Since 2009 the Catenian Association has been sending Rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to Africa. To date they have sent over 150,000 Rosaries but many more are needed. These Rosaries have led to the lapsed returning to their faith and to conversions. Please search your cupboards and drawers for surplus Rosaries and help us to get them into the hands of those who will Love, Cherish and Pray them. A collection box is available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

St Michael's Catholic High School Diamond Jubilee Ball on Friday 2nd October at Shendish Manor, Hemel Hempstead: As part of their celebrations to mark 60 years of Catholic Education at St Michael's, they are holding a celebration Jubilee Ball - 3 course sit-down fork-buffet, live band and fabulous raffle. Dress code: Black Tie - **£45 per ticket.**

Contact details: (www.stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk) for info letter & order form, or contact Ursula Bartlett (Office Manager) 01923 673760.

Sing Well and Pray Twice: a summer day of music, prayer and fun with international composer Christopher Walker on Saturday 29th August 10am - 4pm. Workshop, Celebration of Mass and Lunch. Individual and Parish group bookings welcome. No charge but donations welcomed to the Parish Regeneration Project. St Augustine's Catholic Church, 55 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8AU. Advance booking is required: +44(020)8748 3788 or staugustinehammersmith.eventbrite.co.uk.

Funerals: **Patrick Gallagher** Wednesday 22nd July 12 noon.

Reception of the Body: is on Tuesday 21st July at 5pm.

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £899.65 Loose: £ 759.67
Standing Orders: £ 474.46. Thank You**