

## PARISH

**Note: 'MASS OF MIDNIGHT' on 24th December is at 10pm.**

**Coach for Fr Paul's Episcopal Ordination:** on Monday 25th January has 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 Watford at 9.45am and return from the Cathedral at 3pm.

**A booklet 'A pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy'** which explains more is on sale today for £1.

**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/>. In addition to the Cathedral, there are Holy Doors at: Brook Green; the Italian Church, Clerkenwell; Enfield; Haverstock Hill; Hounslow; Kingsland; Lincoln's Inn Fields; Marylebone; Soho Square; Stanmore; Waltham Cross; Our Lady's, Welwyn Garden City; Our Lady of Willesden.

**Service of Thanksgiving:** For all baptised in 2015 Sunday on 27th December at 4pm. Refreshments in Parish Centre afterwards.

**SVP:** are distributing 12,000 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 £3.25 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ, cheques made out to SVP or go to [virginmoneygiving.com](http://virginmoneygiving.com) and type "SVP" into the charity section. Vinnie Packs is in the **Campaign** drop down box. Thank you.

**The Governing Body of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School :** are consulting on their proposed Admissions Policy for 2017-18. The consultation is open up to 10th January 2016. The proposed documentation and explanatory letter is available on the school website: <http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk>.

### WATFORD DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES ADVENT 2015

Rickmansworth	Monday 21st December	7.30pm
North Watford	Monday 21st December	7.30pm

**Thursday, December 31st:** New Years Eve Service 6pm - 8pm.

**Growing in Faith:** We are now able to employ a family worker who will be employed 20 hours a week and will start in the New Year.

**The Natural Family Planning Teachers Association (NFPTA):** will be running a 6-session teacher training course in London for participants to become fully proficient in teaching couples the Symptothermal Method to help them achieve or avoid pregnancy. The cost of the course is £500 and will run over six Saturdays - one per month - from March to September 2016. For more information on the dates and to book, and to find out about their 12 week online distance learning course, please visit [www.nfpta.org.uk](http://www.nfpta.org.uk).

**Catenian Quiz:** Saturday 16th January, Sacred Heart Hall, Bushey, starts 7.30pm. Price £12 inclusive of 2 course meal. Make up a table of 8 or join another table. Everyone welcome. Contact Tony Kleiser on 01923 233402.

**Crib Appeal:** This Christmas in "The Year of Mercy" help us to deliver the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, harbour the harbourless, help the sick, help the imprisoned and bury the dead. Please donate all you can at the Crib or visit [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk).

**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.

**Volunteers needed for CAFOD:** Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs more volunteers to speak in parishes and/or schools about its work in the developing world. To find out more and book a place on our next "Understanding CAFOD" training day on Saturday, 23rd January, please use our online booking facility at <https://understandingcafod2016.eventbrite.co.uk>. Alternatively, you can call CAFOD on 0208 449 6670 or email: [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk).

**Faure's Requiem Mass and the Cantique de Jean Racine** at Holy Rood on March 18th 2016. Tenors and basses desperately needed!!! Details: email Gerry: [gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com](mailto:gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com) or sign up on list at the back of church

**Thinking about Adoption?:** We are looking for committed people from all walks of life who can share their lives with children who have had a difficult start in life. We particularly need adopters for children between 3 and 9 years old. Adoption is a lifelong commitment so Hertfordshire County Council provides a tailor made adoption support package which includes ongoing training., For more information call 0800 917 0925.

**Funerals: Bridget Agnew** 21st December 12 noon.

**Jill Harris** 29th December 12 noon

<b>Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £929.19</b>	<b>Loose: £759.88</b>
<b>Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely</b>	