

## PARISH

### 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 practicing Catholics.

Following our Exhibition last weekend we continue taking *Love in Action* forward with a meeting in the Parish Centre this **Tuesday 22nd September at 8pm**. YOU are invited. The purpose of this meeting is to begin a discussion about what our parish needs to do, to be a community of *Love in Action*. You can prepare for the meeting by keeping in mind some key words from Catholic Social Teaching; DIGNITY & EQUALITY: COMMUNITY: SOLIDARITY & PEACE: CARE OF CREATION: OPTION FOR THE POOR.

**SVP Quiz Night:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Parish Centre. £10 per person. For an entertaining evening, with good food and good company. Contact Julie Nunn 01923 442075.

**First Holy Communion:** for Children in Year 3 Registration Forms will be available from Saturday 17th October 2015.

**Baptism for Older Children:** Holy Communion for those in Secondary School - This Saturday morning programme begins soon. Email [watford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watford@rcdow.org.uk) for details

**CAFOD second collection** 4th October  
**HARVEST** 4th October  
*Please bring non - perishable goods for Harvest*

**RCIA Programme begins** 7th October  
Email [watford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watford@rcdow.org.uk) to let us know if you are coming

**Holy Rood Social Club** 5th November (Deceased Members Mass)

**Annual Blessing of Graves**  
Vicarage Road Saturday 7th November at 2.30pm.  
North Watford Cemetery Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm.

**Parish Fete** Sunday 22nd November  
**Seniors' Dinner** Sunday 6th December.

**SVP Breakfast: Sunday 27th September.** We are increasingly being asked for help from people who do not have the facilities to cook a hot meal for themselves or their children. With this in mind we will be serving breakfast after each morning Mass on 27th September to raise funds to allow us to continue providing much needed help. We hope that you can join us.

### Catechist Appeal:

We are in need of more catechists for the Confirmation Programme. This runs from January to May on alternate Thursday evenings. For more details please contact Fr. Paul on 01923 224085 or Celia Finn on 01923 237708.

**Fr. Ivano:** Thank you for all your messages, cards, gifts, blessings and prayers... a real abundance of love and care. Some messages really touched me. People say that the first parish of a priest is special; and I agree, because at Holy Rood I have received far more than I have given. Thank you!

**Joyce & Arthur Dyer** would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and for organising and participating in a wonderful Mass to celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary**. The service and presentation of the Papal Blessing will always be remembered and treasured by them and their family.

**Ascent Bring & Share Lunch** Tuesday 6th October at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre when PCSO Linda Davey will speak to the group about personal safety. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. On Tuesday 13th October there will be an **outing to St Anthony Padua**, Edgware for Perpetual Adoration followed by a meal at The Harvester, Bushey. Please sign up now or contact Winnie 01923 334998

## DIocese

**Vocation Discernment Group for Adults (18-30's):** meets on Friday 25th September, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Dom Dominic Taylor, OSB on the Benedictine charism. For more information contact Fr. Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

### Funerals:

Patrick Clancy	Thursday	24th September	12noon
Rosa Valvano	Friday	25th September	12noon
Judith Bogie	Tuesday	29th September	12noon

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 974.98      Loose: £ 848.30**  
**Standing Orders: £ 474.46. Thank You Sincerely**