

**Parish Feast Day:** Sunday 14th September, is the Feast Day of our parish of Holy Rood. In the universal calendar of the Church the feast is called 'The Exaltation of the Holy Cross'. 'Holy Rood' means 'Holy Cross' so we keep this day as our feast. To celebrate we are having refreshments after all the morning Masses in the Parish Centre on 14th September. Make an effort to come after your morning Mass into the Parish Centre to celebrate our feast.

**Bethany Group:**

If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, 10th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. For more details, please call Liz on 01923 243658.

**Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust - Sponsored Bike 'n Hike:** Saturday September 13th. Are you a cyclist or walker and would like to raise money for your church? Visit: [www.b-n-h.co.uk](http://www.b-n-h.co.uk) for details.

**MacMillan Cancer Support - 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'** on Saturday 27th September 2014 from 10.30am - 1pm at Cheslyn Gardens, Nascot Wood Road, Watford

**Ascent Group:** Next meeting, Tuesday 2nd September following 12noon Mass. Join us in the Parish Centre for a Bring & Share Lunch. All welcome We look forward to seeing you there.

**Latin Spirit:** concert. Thursday 9th October - 7.30pm at the Royal Festival Hall. Tel:020 7592 1856. In aid of The Passage

**Student for the Priesthood**

Holy Rood Parish has been asked to accommodate a seminarian so that he can gain some experience of life in a parish. His name is Guido Amari and will be with us from Monday 25th August until Sunday 21st September. I am sure you will make him welcome, as you always do.

**Mass for People with Special Needs**

Sunday 14th September at St Dominic's School, Southdown Road, Harpenden. All welcome. Hymns start at 2.30pm. Mass at 3pm. Followed by picnic. 5.30pm—finish. For any queries or help with transport contact PJ Lynch-Kelly 01582 769633 or 07710 445 664. Your support is much appreciated.

**New Hope Trust - Open Day, Saturday 4th October:**

between 10.30am and 3pm in their one-acre Community Market Garden, rear of 64 Rickmansworth Road, Watford (access is via a gate between 62 and 64 Rickmansworth Road). Entrance is free. The Open Day offers an opportunity for you to see their garden and woodland. Each year, this garden supports around 60 people who are homeless or vulnerably housed.

**Red Boxes:**

Please now bring in your red mission box for emptying. Thank you.

**Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project:**

English teaching for Speakers of Other Languages, on Tuesdays from 11am to 1pm at their Drop-In Centre, St John's Church, Sutton Road, Watford Visit [www.wtrrp.org.uk](http://www.wtrrp.org.uk) for full information or phone 01923 252434.

**To join the Catholic church:**

We have a preparation course for those who wish to become Catholics. It is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is also for baptised adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed or received Holy Communion. You are invited to a meeting in the Parish Centre, adjacent to the church ( entrance Percy Road), on Wednesday 3rd September at 8pm when we will be pleased to tell you more.

**Parish Catechists:** Day of Reflection and Renewal on Saturday 27th September 2014. Please note in your diaries and let Celia know by 1st September if you can come. Email: [cecilia\\_finn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cecilia_finn@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sacraments for Older Children:**

Special arrangements are in place for children over three years who are not baptised. Further enquires phone the parish office 01923 224085.

**Telephone Club - Telephone befriending service for older people:**

Age UK. Their volunteers call lonely, older people, usually once a week, for a friendly chat and to help identify other services they could benefit from. For info call: *Coordinator for Watford and Three Rivers* on 01923 256361.

**Christians in the Workplace:**

A day of reflection on the challenges and opportunities for Christians in the secular workplace at The Niland Centre, Bushey. Saturday 13th September. 10am to 3pm. Please take a packed lunch. To book ring: 0208 950 4000

**Unused knitting wool:** A care home resident in her 90's would like donations of wool to make some gifts for our Parish Fete. Please bring the wool into the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimages:** Medjugorje Irish House - 7 night's 4 star B & B - Dubrovnik Airport Transfers £260.00. Tel:Jackie on 020 8133 5950/028 8224 1888 - [Jackie@med-irishcente.com](mailto:Jackie@med-irishcente.com). Or visit website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com).

**Kew Gardens visit**

Thursday 28th August organised by our African-Caribbean Community. They invite other parishioners to join them. Journey starts outside Age UK , Exchange Road at 10am returning to Watford, leaving Kew at 5pm. Group visit price (Kew Gardens) - adults £13.50, free entry for children under 16. Coach seat £20. Please come along with your family and bring a packed lunch. Contact Andrew 07415842584 or Denyse 07879638041

**Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage, Walsingham:** Sunday 7 September led by: Rt Rev Alan Hopes, Bishop of Anglia. Mass at 12 noon

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You are welcome. Take one of our brochures and explore our Grade I Listed church.

**Funerals:**

**Michael Delaney:**

Tuesday 9th September 12 noon.  
Reception: Monday 8th 7pm.

**Last Weekend's Collection:**

**Envelopes: £962.21 Loose: £657.35**

**Standing Orders: £474.46.**

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