

Episcopal Ordination of Canon - Now Bishop-Elect-Paul: Let us all pray for our dear Canon Paul as he is ordained **Bishop** by Cardinal Vincent on Monday 25th at Westminster Cathedral.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism Preparation Course for the parents of infants is on Sunday 7th February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Coaches for Fr Paul's Episcopal Ordination tomorrow, Monday 25th January We leave from the bus stop outside Age UK, Exchange Road, Watford at 9.45am and return leaving the Cathedral at 3pm.

Watford Credit Union – Providing an ethical alternative to save and borrow– This week's newsletter insert provides information about the Watford Credit Union. A credit union is not a bank, but is regulated by the FCA and unlike a bank, the money invested does not go to profits, city traders or complex financial investments; it stays local and helps other people in the same community to get low cost credit, with sensible support and information.

Parent & Toddlers: Meet Tuesdays in Term Time in the Parish Centre - From 9.30am. Come and join in the fun.

Church Cleaning Rota Copies of the 2016 rota are available at the back of the church.

Life Ascending (formerly known as Ascent) seeks to bring together men and women who wish to enrich their later years, and through the bond of friendship and prayer they are encouraged to reach out to others.

Life Ascending is the first movement to recognise the value of older people and all they have to give to the Church and to the Community. Meetings take place regularly on the first Tuesday lunchtime of the month and at other times for outings and visits to places of interest.

Life Ascending is focussed on three aims: *Spirituality, Friendship and Mission*, ensuring that each member is valued in their own right.

It is not **Life Ascending** to Heaven, but rather life growing here on earth towards living a fully Christian Life. Contact Winnie Brady on 01923 334998/07702 094650 if you would like to know more.

The next **Life Ascending** meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd February, after midday Mass in the Parish Centre.

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.

Year of Mercy Reflections at Rosary Priory Tuesday 2nd February 11am. Celebration of an Encounter: the return of the Prodigal Son. 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE

Les Miserables Coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the original London Production, St Michael's Catholic High School, in its 60th Jubilee year presents Cameron Mackintosh's production of Boubil and Schonberg's Les Miserables. Based upon the novel of Victor Hugo, Les Miserables is a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit, telling of love, sacrifice, redemption and faith. Performances are on 28th, 29th and 30th with tickets priced for £3 for students and £6 for adults, available for purchase from the school office. St Michael's Catholic High School, High Elms Lane, Garston WD25 0SS. 01923 673760.

St Joan of Arc-Exam Invigilators: The school has the following casual staff vacancies for efficient, organised individuals with good people skills are required to facilitate the administration of exams in the school. No previous experience required as training will be given. Invigilators are usually required for exams in December, January, May and June each year. Application forms are available from the school on 01923 773881 or at the school website: www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: **Thursday 25th February 2016**.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th** (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email) by the 7th March 2016.

Faith and Development of Teenagers Saturday 13th February 10am to 1pm.

Faith and Development in Later Life Saturday 5th March 10am to 2pm All at The Niland Conference, Elstree Road, Bushey Heath. Tel: 0208 950 4000 www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programmeofevents/

St Anthony's School: are looking for an enthusiastic teacher to join their successful and friendly school from 1st September 2016, due to expansion.

We would like to appoint a practising Catholic but invite applications from those who would be committed to supporting our aims and ethos. Enquires from NQTs and experienced teachers are welcome.

Please telephone to make an appointment for a visit, we would love to meet you and show you our school.

Further information and an application form are available from is available from the Headteacher, Mrs Pauline Wilson on 01923 226987.

Funerals: Jim Lankester Monday 8th February 12 noon

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £1036.40 Loose: £880.57
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely**