

PARISH

First Holy Communion Forms: Available at the back of the church.

African/African Caribbean Association: Meet again next Sunday 1st November at 2pm.

Annual Blessing of Graves

Vicarage Road Saturday 7th November at 2.30pm.

North Watford Cemetery Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm.

Annual Dance Irish & Holy Rood Support Group Saturday 14th November. 8.30pm to Midnight. Great music by Jonny Jameson. Tickets £5. Bar. Raffle. At Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Watford. For information contact: Elizabeth 01923 233254.

Parish Fete November 22nd We welcome donations for the grand draw raffle, bric-a-brac, toy and tombola stalls. Bottles of wine and spirits, unwanted gifts, toiletries, chocolates, bottles/ cans of soft drinks etc. We do not sell adult clothes but do sell new babywear. **Parish Grand Draw** tickets are at the back of the church. Please buy a book and return the counterfoil to the Parish Office.

Senior Citizen's Lunch. Sunday 6th December at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Deirdre, Parish Office if you wish to book a place at this lunch and also if you need transport. Tel: 01923 224085

Food Bank: Following our harvest collection, we have to date donated 944kg of food this year. Thank you to all who contributed and continue to support this worthy cause.

Sick & Retired Priests Collection: Next week- a collection for the sick and retired priests of the diocese. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. This fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings. Envelopes are available, please take one home and bring it back next weekend. They've been here for us; let's be there for them.

Golden Wedding Anniversary: Veronica and Neville Dyckhoff will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with refreshments after the 11.00am Mass on Saturday 31st October. You are all invited. **No presents by request.**

A Mass to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bincy Joseph: this Sunday afternoon following the Polish Mass at approximately 3.30pm.

Holy Souls List: available at the back of church.

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 practising Catholics.**

Christmas Cards. Do look in the repository before buying your Christmas cards. There is also a selection of Christmas items on sale, including nativities, Advent calendars and wall calendars for 2016.

Faure's Requiem Mass and the Cantique de Jean Racine at Holy Rood on March 18th 2016. Parishioners of all voices are invited to join with the Big Voices of Little Green for this performance. Singers need to commit to at least 6 rehearsals from January with a final rehearsal on March 17th. The ability to read music is not essential but enthusiasm is! For more details email Gerry: gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com or sign up on list at the back of church.

LOCAL

The Sacred Heart of Jesus & St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bushey: A series of talks to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. Tuesday 3rd November - **"To Live is to Change: Why did John XXIII Convene the Second Vatican Council?"** Speaker: HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Workshop on Communication, Listening Skills, Conflict Management (1) for effective pastoral management and personal life. Saturday 7th November 10am to 2pm at The Niland Centre, Bushey. Tel: 0207 931 6078
(2) Scripture from Scratch Making the BIBLE come ALIVE. October 29th, Nov 12th & 26th. 7.30pm to 9pm. At the Niland Centre, Bushey. To book email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk Tel: 0207 931 6078

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Love in Action: Caritas Westminster would like to express their thanks to the parish for engaging so fully in Love in Action over the last few months, and look forward to continuing work with the parish on social action. As this was the first time the Love in Action materials have been used in full, please do send any feedback you may have to edwarddequay@rcdow.org.uk.

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 952.80 Loose: £ 913.23
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely