

**First Holy Communion:** Next weekend 2nd/ 3rd May 81 children will receive First Holy Communion. Please be aware that the **9.30am** and **11.00am** Masses will be very busy. 10 others will make First Holy Communion overseas.

**Future of Newsletter:** Have you any good ideas regarding our weekly newsletter. How would you make it a more attractive publication? Meeting to discuss future of newsletter on **Wednesday 6th May at 8pm in the parish centre.**

**Movie Night at Holy Rood:** The CWL: would like to invite you to our meeting on Tuesday, 5th May at 7.45pm. We will be showing the film "The Way" which is a story about a man's journey to recover the body of his son and his decision to take the pilgrimage "El Camino Del Santiago" which his son had been on. Starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. All welcome. Free popcorn and lemonade.

**Priest Training Fund:** This weekend is the annual appeal for the Priest Training Fund. A student priest from Allen Hall Seminary will be present to speak at all Masses. **Envelopes are available.** Please Gift Aid if a taxpayer. *Alternatively, you can make a donation online by visiting [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).*

**The Annual Migrants' Mass:** will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on May 4th at 11am, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Gathering for the Mass which begins at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by an international reception, supported by some of the fifty ethnic chaplaincies in London, in Notre Dame High School.

### **Holy Rood PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2015**

Departing 8am Monday 25th May returning Saturday 30th May at 6pm, travelling by coach with overnight stops. Cost per person sharing a twin room £399. Please send in the balance of your payment now. To book please telephone :01923 224085 or email [watford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:watford@rcdow.org.uk)

**Red Mission Boxes:** Please now bring in for emptying

**Mary's Meals:** want your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**) and will be here on the morning of **Sunday 17th May** to collect them all. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the Mary's Meals van will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 3 full sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year!

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

## **The Vocation and Mission of the Family**

Is the theme of the Synod of Bishops in October this year.

On **Wednesday 13th May at 8pm** we will have a meeting in the Parish Centre to discuss questions such as

**What are your joys and hopes of Marriage and family Life today?**

What are your struggles and fears?

**How does your Marriage Enrich You?**

Marriage as a Vocation?

Your thoughts and comments will help the Cardinal to prepare for the Synod.  
Everyone is welcome.

Leaflets entitled **The Call, The Journey and the Mission** are available to help you prepare for this meeting

**Ascent Group Meeting - 5th May:** Italian Style Lunch in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

**Ascent Group Meal:** at Moon under Water on Tuesday 28th April after Mass. There is a sign up list at the back of the church. The Ascent Group is for anyone aged 60 or over. It is both social and spiritual. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**SVP First Friday Lunch-£2:** 1st May in the Parish Centre after midday Mass. All welcome.

**From Wiseman to Manning** A One Day Conference - Saturday 9th May from 10.30am - 4pm at Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre, Kensington To book a place please email: [archivist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:archivist@rcdow.org.uk). No prior knowledge is required to attend the programme. Donation £5 per session.

**Malayalam Mass:** Friday 8th May in the Parish Centre.

**Funeral: Patrick Kelly:** Friday 1st May at 12 noon.

**Bethany Group:** If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to attend a support group, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be welcome. For details call Liz on 01923 243658.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Fr David Barrow of Our Lady & St Michael's, Garston, is taking a pilgrimage to Fatima from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. The cost is £493 per person. To join please contact Gill of Tangney Tours - Telephone 01732 880659 or email [Gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:Gill@tangney-tours.com).

**Irish & Holy Rood Support Group Plant Sale and Coffee Morning:** At the Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6NP on Saturday 16th May 2015, 10am - 1pm in Aid of Peace Hospice Care. No entry fee. All are welcome

### **Last Weekend's Collection:**

<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>£964.58</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>£ 711.77</b>
<b>Standing Orders:</b>	<b>£ 474.46.</b>

**Thank You**