

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.**

School Form Signing

The priest's reference forms will be signed on Friday 9th October between 4pm and 6pm in the presbytery. If this is not convenient please let us know by emailing watford@rcdow.org.uk for another time.

SVP Breakfast: TODAY -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 this morning after each Mass to raise funds to allow us to continue providing much needed help.

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

SVP First Friday Lunch: after 12 noon Mass this Friday 2nd October

Faith Sharing Groups on the theme of 'The Grace we receive in the Sacraments' begin in the middle of the October. They will meet once a week for six weeks. To join a group email watford@rcdow.org.uk or hand in your contact details.

First Holy Communion Forms: Available from Saturday 17th October

CAFOD Next weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) Please Gift Aid if a taxpayer.

HARVEST Next weekend we will celebrate Harvest. You are invited to bring non-perishable goods which we will donate to the Foodbank and to GROW

Annual Blessing of Graves

Vicarage Road Saturday 7th November at 2.30pm.
North Watford Cemetery Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm.

Andrew Bowden who has been with us for seven weeks returns to Rome this week to continue his studies for the priesthood. We wish him well. He would appreciate your prayers.

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.

Catholic Women's League (CWL): On Tuesday, 6th October, Gail Williams will be talking to us about the work of St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, which offers courses, events and support designed to help children and adults with learning difficulties. All parishioners are invited to join us for a most interesting evening. We meet at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

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

Cleaners needed: For Saturday Morning and Tuesday afternoon teams. Please contact parish office for more details.

Parent and Toddlers Group: meet on Tuesday mornings in term time from 9.30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Holy Rood Social Club: Have vacancies for cleaning staff to work 3 hours on Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning teams. Please contact John Kearney on 01923 238066 or send an email to holyroodclub@hotmail.com.

DIOCESE

Upcoming Concerts with Westminster Cathedral Choir:

Wednesday 11th November, at 7.30pm - **Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610** - tickets now available - £10 - £50. Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December, 7.30pm - **A Christmas Celebration** - tickets - £10 - £50 from the Cathedral Gift Shop or www.ticketmaster.co.uk/08448440444.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 3—11 November. Spaces available. See noticeboard for details.

Funeral: Judith Bogie Tuesday 29th September 12noon

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 1058.05 Loose: £ 912.81
Standing Orders: £ 474.46. Thank You Sincerely