

*Fr Paul, Fr Ivano and Deacon Neville and the Parish team
thank you sincerely for the gifts and
best wishes received at Christmas.*



*A Very Happy New Year
to Everyone!!*

Service of Thanksgiving today at 4pm **for all the infants baptised in Holy Rood in 2014.** Refreshments after the service.

Crib Appeal: Hear the call from Pope Francis and respond to the Cry of the Poor. Please donate all you can at the Crib or visit www.cathchild.org.uk or text CCSW12 (plus the amount) £2, £5, £10 to 70070. Thank You.

Watford Food Bank

Holy Rood Parish is supporting this venture. You can bring provisions to help those who are in need. Our SVP group will then transport them to the main warehouse who will see that they are taken to one of the distribution centres in the town. **Please only supply goods that are listed on the FOODBANK notice board in the baptistry.**

The SVP: are distributing 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made payable to SVP or go to **virginmoneygiving.com** and type "Vinnie Packs".

How to Save your Marriage Before Meeting Your Spouse. How can you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage before it begins? Does marriage preparation start before engagement? In this inspiring and engaging talk, Robert Colquhoun will look at building grace filled marriages with God's plan for love and life. Wednesday 7th January at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue. Open to all, entry £10 on the door from 7.30pm. Refreshments served following the talk, hosted by the Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday 7th February in Westminster Cathedral at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. |

Youth Group Christmas Party!
Friday 2nd January 2015 6pm to 9pm.

Watford Sleepout Friday 6th February. St Mary's Church. Sleep rough so others don't have to. Call: for more info: 01923 227132 events@newhope.org.uk

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, Graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

St Teresa of Avila Exhibition at Westminster Cathedral from Monday 12th January at 12 noon to Monday 19th January at 6pm. Designed to provide a powerful introduction to the life, times and teaching of St Teresa. It covers topics such as her teaching on prayer, her understanding of the human person and her relevance for today.

Brandenburg Choral Festival Wednesday 28th January 8pm at a top secret location in Central London that will be revealed when you buy your ticket! Three a capella acts are lined up and tickets are £12. To book phone: 0208 969 5305. In aid of The Catholic Children's Society.

Help Needed: Do you have an interest in Arts and Crafts? Could you lead a group or help run a craft session? We are looking for people to help develop our 'Get Crafty' sessions. We need people with a range of interests from painting/drawing to knitting to help create an interesting and fun crafting experience. Materials can be provided. People also needed to help with simple gardening tasks. You don't need to be green fingered to take part, just a willingness to help out. Tel: 01923

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral Saturday 23rd May 2015 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 very year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. 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)

Have a Drinking Problem? Want Help? Alcoholics Anonymous 01923 211122. Meetings in the Parish Centre every Friday at 8pm.

Funeral:

Joan Miller Tuesday 30th December
At 12 noon

Last Weekend's Collection:

Envelopes: £960.97

Loose: £849.02, Standing Orders: £474.46. Much appreciated.