

## PARISH

**Press Release:** Pope Francis has appointed two new Auxiliary Bishops of Westminster Diocese, Canon Paul McAleenan and Msgr John Wilson. *We congratulate Bishop-elect Paul McAleenan* who will be ordained to the Episcopate on Monday 25th January at 12 noon in Westminster Cathedral.

**Has Holy Rood Got Talent?:** Come to the Parish Centre next Friday 4th December at 7.30pm and share your talent. Card tricks, magic, sing, dance, play music, juggle, stitch, sew, make a special cake, play solitaire and always get one left in the middle. Bring friends and family. Free admission with cake and biscuits. Bring some drink to share. For details phone 01923 230643.

**First Friday Lunch:** There is no SVP lunch on Friday 4th December 2015.

**Christmas Posters:** These are available at the back of the Church. Please take one and put in a window.

**Live Nativity 2015:** You may recall two years ago the wonderful event in the Town Centre when churches in Watford got together to stage a live enactment of the nativity, with many members of our parish taking part. **12th December** (between 10am and 4pm) sees the event being staged again with a live crib scene (with volunteers dressed in period costumes provided by the Palace Theatre) along with a sheep, goat and donkey in a (separate) stable. We are looking for volunteers to take part as the Holy Family, magi or shepherds for one hour on the day. In particular, we would love to hear from mothers with baby to take the part of Mary and Jesus. Holy Rood played a major part in the success of the 2013 Live Nativity. Please contact Fr Paul on 224085 or Kevin Ambrose on [kpambrose@gmail.com](mailto:kpambrose@gmail.com).

**Confirmation Application Forms:** are at the back of the church to be returned by Sunday, 20th December.

**The Big Give:** The Passage is a Christian Charity working with homeless people in Central London. There is a marvellous opportunity for people to support this work so that every £1 given, through The Big Give website after 10am on 4th and 5th December, can result in the charity receiving £2. Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open throughout that day and potentially until 14th December if sufficient funds are available. [http://new.thebiggive.org.ork.uk/project/The\\_Passage\\_2015](http://new.thebiggive.org.ork.uk/project/The_Passage_2015).

**Parish Fete** made £2,300 profit which will be given to charity. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this parish event.

**Ascent Group:** will meet on Tuesday, 1 December after midday Mass for a visit to Burston Nurseries, Chiswell Green for lunch and shopping. Contact Winnie on 01923 334998 for more information.

**The Governing Body of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School :** are consulting on their proposed Admissions Policy for 2017-18. The consultation is open up to 10th January 2016. The proposed documentation and explanatory letter is available on the school website: <http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk>.

**Faure's Requiem Mass and the Cantique de Jean Racine** at Holy Rood on March 18th 2016. Tenors and basses desperately needed!!! Details: email Gerry: [gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com](mailto:gerryobeirne@ntlworld.com) or sign up on list at the back of church

**APF Red Mission Boxes:** Please hand in your red box for emptying to the clergy or the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

**Diocese of Westminster - Faith Matters Advent Talks 2015:**

**1st December** - Fr. Thomas Skeats OP. **Topic:** 'Waiting for Christ with the Fathers'.

**8th December** - Fr. Dominic Ryan OP. **Topic:** 'Christ and Chalcedon'.

**15th December** - Fr. Gregory Pearson OP. **Topic:** 'Christ the Fulfilment of our Hope'.

**At:** Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN from 7pm – 8pm.

**Light:** A night of seasonal music celebrating the dynamic beauty and illuminating power of light come to earth.

Presented by the London School of Theology, Music and Worship Department featuring Vivavoce, LST Choir & more. At The Chapel @ LST, Green Lane, Northwood HA6 2UW on Saturday 28th November 2015. Price: £10 per ticket (£5 for unwaged/Students). Drinks reception at 6.45pm. Performances start at 7.30pm. **Contact:** 01923 456220/email: [music@lst.ac.uk](mailto:music@lst.ac.uk).

**Celebrating Christmas in Song:** With Sr. Avril OP and friends - Friday, 11th December at 7pm. To register, please contact the office on 020 8950 4000 or visit [www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programmeofevents/](http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programmeofevents/)

**Christmas Cards.** Do look in the repository before buying your Christmas cards. There is a selection of Christmas items on sale, including nativities.

**Funeral:** **Joe di Ventura** Friday 4th December at 12 noon.

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £878.99      Loose: £874.46**  
**Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely**