

## ANNUAL PARISH FETE

Sunday 23rd November to raise funds for local and overseas charities:

Now please begin to bring in stuff for the tombola stall, bottles, of wine/spirits boxes of good quality biscuits/chocolates, sweets, baby clothes, toiletries, toys and gifts.

**Please do not bring used books nor second hand clothes.**

### **Holy Rood Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2015:**

Departing Monday 25th May returning Saturday 30th May travelling by coach with overnight stops. Cost per person sharing a twin room £399. 10 year passport required. Non British citizens must check with French Embassy for passport and visa requirements. Should you wish to travel with us ask for a booking form.

### **A Nationwide Count**

of Mass attendees is conducted each October: In Holy Rood last weekend 1465 people attended Mass.

<b>7pm</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>8am</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>56 (Italian)</b>
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>240 (Polish)</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>178</b>

Average weekly attendance 1427

### **Annual Blessing of Graves Vicarage Road**

Saturday 8th November 2.30pm

**North Watford Cemetery**  
Sunday 9th November 2.30pm

**Mass for Deceased Priests:** of Watford Deanery will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th November at 11am in St Michael's Church, Garston. All are invited to this Mass. No 12 noon Mass in Holy Rood that day.

### **All Souls is Monday 3rd November.**

**Holy Souls Lists:** Are now available at the back of the Church.

**Sacraments for Older Children:** The regular parish programmes for First Holy Communion (Year 3) and Confirmation (Year 10) are enrolling now. Preparation courses for parents of infants for Baptism are held in alternate months with the next course on Sunday 30th November.

Special arrangements are made for children in older age groups. If you wish your child to be enrolled in these special arrangements or to reserve a place on the Parents' Baptism course please contact the parish office (01923 224085).

**Music Group:** Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be next Sunday 9th November 2014 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue and Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.

**Next Ascent Meeting** - Tuesday 4th November after Midday Mass. Bring and share lunch. All welcome

**SVP First Friday Lunch:** in Parish Centre this Friday 7th November after midday Mass. Sandwiches, cake, tea/coffee £2. All welcome.

### **Annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner:**

On Sunday 7th December we look forward to welcoming our seniors as an expression of our gratitude for their support of Church and parish. Forms available. Please apply now.

**Confirmation Forms:** Confirmation Application Forms available from next week ending 8th/9th November at back of the church.

**The Irish & Holyrood Support Group - Annual Dance in Support of the Peace Hospice:** Saturday 15th November 8.30pm - Midnight At Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane, WD18 6NP. For more information phone Elizabeth on 01923 233254. Tickets £4. Bar, raffle & great music by Jonny Jameson.

**The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word - for Parish Readers** (and anyone else) is on Thursday 6th November from 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE, the Facilitator is Sr Ann Cunningham. Register at [rcdow.org.uk/events](http://rcdow.org.uk/events) or [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6078.

**Peace I give to you - Catholic teaching on peace-making** with **Bruce Kent**, Saturday, 8th November 2pm - 4.30pm (refreshments from 1.30pm) Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, Bushey Heath. WD23 4EE.

**CWL:** On Saturday, 8th November, members of the CWL from throughout the Westminster Diocese will be holding their Branch Meeting at Holy Rood. Before the meeting they will be joining the 11am Mass which will be offered for the deceased members of the League.

### **St Vincent De Paul Quiz Night:**

Saturday 15th November 2014 at 8pm in Holy Rood Parish Centre. Tickets are £10 per person & includes a Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings and a desert. Bring your own drinks. Contact Paul Montgomery (0788 772 6061 / 01923 211282) for details.

### **Outing to St Albans Cathedral**

Friday 14th November - for midday Mass - leaving at 10.45am-some transport available, or bus. Tel: Winnie on 334998 for more info Please sign up on sheet at back of church

**Your Catholic Schools need you:** A number of schools within the Deanery are seeking new Foundation Governors to join their Governing Bodies. If you would like to know more about the role contact Bob Aldous (Chair of Holy Rood School Governing body) on 01923 231740 or Fr Paul.

**Bethany Group:** If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting is Wednesday 19th Nov at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. You will be most welcome. For more details call Liz on 01923 243658.

**CWL:** will meet on Tuesday, 4th November at 8pm. The Rosary will be said before the meeting at 7.30pm.

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund:** 2nd collection takes place next weekend and all the money raised will be used to ensure that elderly priests and those struggling with ill health receive the care and support they need.

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

**Envelopes: £993.58**

**Loose: £783.69.**

**Standing Orders: £474.46.**

Much appreciated.