

PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REFERENCE

Parents who intend to apply for a Catholic School or Nursery in 2015 / 2016 and wish a priest to support their application should collect a sheet issued by the parish next week and ask a priest to sign it. When the time comes for the Priest's Reference Form to be signed parents must produce this sheet. If a parent does not produce a signed sheet the priest will not be able to confirm that they are practicing Catholics.

Fr Ivano

This is Fr Ivano's last weekend in our parish. We wish him well in his new parish of Brook Green, which is near Hammersmith in London.

Fr Kim Addison: We welcome Fr Kim our new assistant priest. He will arrive Tuesday 1st September.

Love in Action

The next stage in this programme is an exhibition of all parish activities in the Parish Centre on 12th / 13th September after all Masses.

Ascent Group meet this Tuesday 1st September after the 12 noon Mass. Bring and Share lunch. All welcome. Contact Winnie on 07702 094650 for more information.

SVP First Friday Lunch 4th September following 12noon Mass Sandwiches, cake, tea, coffee £2. All welcome.

Bereavement Visiting and Support: If you are bereaved and would like support from one of our counsellors or visitors please contact Liz on 01923 243658.

SVP Quiz Night: Saturday 3rd October in the Parish Centre. More details to follow.

Catholic Women's League: A reminder that we will be meeting this coming Tuesday, 1st September, *after our summer break. While catching up on holiday news, we'll be enjoying a craft evening led by Celia, and all are welcome to join us.*

Watford Foodbank Update - August 2015:

The total parish contribution this year to the Watford Foodbank now stands at an impressive 633kg. Many thanks for your continuing generosity!

Young Disciple Youth Group

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our cake sale raising £149.70 to help fund our pilgrimage to the four day Youth 2000 Retreat at Walsingham.

LOCAL EVENTS

Watford Heritage Open Days - 2015: Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th September: Discover Watford's rich heritage with special free events and openings across the town. There will be two tours on the history of Holy Rood Church, one on Thursday 10th at 10am and one on Friday at 2pm.

Other Events at: Sugden House, Little Cassiobury, Watford Museum, Building Research Establishment, Town Hall, St Mary's Church, Beechen Grove Baptist Church, Peace Hospice, Cassiobury Park, Watford Jamia Mosque, St Andrew's Church, Pope's Yard, St Michael and All Angels Church. For more information Tel: 01923 232297 Email: info@museum.org.uk.

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike 'n Hike: Saturday 12th September from 10am to 6pm.

Raise funds for your local church or chapel and help save other churches in Beds and Herts. Contact telephone No. 01923 674410. Email: swabo@talktalk.net.

September at the Niland Centre:

Pope Francis in conversation with St Catherine of Siena Saturday 19th 10.30am - 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation £12.

Living the Joy of the Gospel

Wednesday 23rd 10.30am - 1.30pm. Suggested donation £6

Coffee/tea provided for all events (available from 9.30am).

Tel: 020 8950 4000 Email: bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk

DIOCESE

Walsingham - Sunday 27th September: Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life led by Bishop Philip Egan (Bishop of Portsmouth). Coach departing from St Paul's Church, Merle Avenue, Harefield at 7.30am. Tickets £17. To book: 01895 822365. For more details call 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

Assisted Suicide Bill in England and Wales:

This will be debated in the House of Commons on Friday 11th September 2015. Members of Parliament will have a free vote. The Catholic Church opposes assisted suicide and you are encouraged to write to **your / our MP at, House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.**

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 933.87

Loose: £ 692.52

Standing Orders: £ 474.46. Thank You