

**Parish Feast Day:** Sunday 14th September, is the Feast Day of our parish of Holy Rood. In the universal calendar of the Church the feast is called 'The Exaltation of the Holy Cross'. 'Holy Rood' means 'Holy Cross' so we keep this day as our feast. To celebrate we are having refreshments after all the morning Masses in the Parish Centre on 14th September. Make an effort to come after your morning Mass into the Parish Centre to celebrate our feast.

**St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group**

An information meeting about this new parish group next Sunday 7th September at 1pm in the parish centre. All those between 16 - 18 years are invited.

**BBC Songs of Praise**

On Sunday 7th September will feature the famous Stonor Chapel. This private chapel and manor house in Oxfordshire housed a Catholic family during the Reformation. St. Edmund Campion one of the English martyrs also lived there for a time.

**Bethany Group:**

If you have experienced a bereavement and would like to come to a support group, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, 10th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. For more details, please call Liz on 01923 243658.

**Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust - Sponsored Bike 'n Hike:**

Saturday September 13th. Are you a cyclist or walker and would like to raise money for your church? Visit: [www.b-n-h.co.uk](http://www.b-n-h.co.uk) for details.

**MacMillan Cancer Support - 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'**

on Saturday 27th September 2014 from 10.30am - 1pm at Cheslyn Gardens, Nascot Wood Road, Watford.

**Ascent Group:**

Meet this Tuesday 2nd September following 12noon Mass. Join us in the Parish Centre for a Bring & Share Lunch.

**Catechists**

Day of Reflection and Renewal on Saturday 27th September 2014. email: [cecilia\\_finn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cecilia_finn@yahoo.co.uk)

**Student for the Priesthood**

Holy Rood Parish has been asked to accommodate a seminarian so that he can gain some experience of life in a parish. His name is Guido Amari and will be with us until Sunday 21st September. I am sure you will make him welcome, as you always do.

**Mass for People with Special Needs**

Sunday 14th September at St Dominic's School, Southdown Road, Harpenden. Mass at 3pm. Followed by picnic. 5.30pm—finish. For any queries or help with transport contact PJ Lynch-Kelly 01582 769633 or 07710 445 664.

**New Hope Trust - Open Day, Saturday 4th October:**

between 10.30am and 3pm in their one-acre Community Market Garden, rear of 64 Rickmansworth Road, Watford (access is via a gate between 62 and 64 Rickmansworth Road).

**Red Boxes:** Please bring in your red mission box for emptying. Thank you.

**To join the Catholic church:**

We have a preparation course for those who wish to become Catholics. It is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is also for baptised adult Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed or received Holy Communion. You are invited to a meeting in the Parish Centre, adjacent to the church ( entrance Percy Road), on Wednesday 3rd September at 8pm when we will be pleased to tell you more.

**Christians in the Workplace:**

A day of reflection on the challenges and opportunities for Christians in the secular workplace at The Niland Centre, Bushey. Saturday 13th September. 10am to 3pm. Please take a packed lunch. To book ring: 0208 950 4000.

**Retreat Weekend**

A silent residential retreat weekend from 12 - 14 September. To participate ring 020 8941 2313.

**First Friday Lunch with the SVP**

September 5th after 12 noon Mass. Sandwiches, cakes, tea or coffee £2. Raffle. Please come and support this SVP event.

**Big Thank You from the Young Disciple Youth Group:**

Thanks to your warm-hearted, generous giving, we raised £143.05 from our cake sales post the 9.30am and 11am Masses two weeks ago.

**Come For Coffee and Cake:**

to St John's Church, Sutton Road on Wednesday 24th September from 10.30am to 12 noon in aid of Macmillan Support.

**Guild of Our Lady of Ransom Annual Lecture:**

The Second Annual Lecture of the Guild of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom on 'Saving the English Martyrs - how Catholic families preserved relics from Becket to Plunkett'. To be held at the Social Centre, St James', Spanish Place, London W1U 3QY on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm.

**Youth Group (Young Disciples)**

This Friday 5th September in the Parish Centre from 7pm - 8.30pm.

**Unused knitting wool:**

A care home resident in her 90's would like donations of wool to make some gifts for our Parish Fete. Please bring the wool into the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Coffee Shop:**

Saturdays after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre - Tea, coffee, cake and scones. Proceeds to charity. All welcome.

**Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics (ASDC):**

The next meeting of the Harrow ASDC Group will be on Monday 1 September at 8pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, Mandeville Road, Northolt. All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Jill 0208 204 3714 or Eileen 0208 756 1284.

**Funerals:**

**Michael Delaney:**

Tuesday 9th September 12 noon.  
Reception: Monday 8th 7pm.

**Last Weekend's Collection:**

**Envelopes: £1223.24 Loose: £709.95 Standing Orders: £474.46.**

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