

## CARITAS - LOVE IN ACTION

Pope Francis calls us “to find Jesus in the face of others, in their voices, in their pleas” (*Joy of the Gospel, 91*)

In one parish, six months ago, a group started to meet on the first Sunday of the month at a different person’s house for afternoon tea. One parishioner calls round to pick up three others who could not get there on their own. He’s always got a good story to tell as he walks from the front door to the car and back again.

When they all get together they can’t help but share stories of times gone by, having a good laugh, and share some of the struggles they are finding.

These tea parties have provided a real sense of community and hope for them all.

### Mass Times & Intentions: 1st - 7th June

Monday	08.30	Anne Smyth Int.
	12.00	Kathleen Coyne RIP
Tuesday	08.30	Maria Anna de Fatima RIP
	12.00	Marcello Sava RIP/ Ignacio Lagustan Anniv.
Wednesday	08.30	Andrew Daly Anniv.
	12.00	Pablo de Peralta Special Int. Jimmy Walsh Anniv.
Thursday	08.30	John Devine RIP
	12.00	Michael Conneally RIP
Friday	08.30	Aggie Finn RIP
	12.00	Ralph Kent RIP
Saturday	11.00	John Lyons Anniv. / Abraham family
	19.00	Pat Kelly RIP
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	08.00	Anne Dunn RIP
Ex 24:3-8, Ps 115, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16, 22-26	09.30	Philomena Daly Anniv. Marie and Maurice Maguire RIP
	11.00	Violet Isaacs Anniv.
	14.15	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	18.30	For the Parishioners

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Walsh, Marcelo Lopez, Victor Lopez, Edgar Lopez, Maria Cabezas, Patrick Onuchukwu, Ignacio Lagustan, Andrew Daly, John Lyons

**In case you are admitted to hospital:** In the light of data protection please indicate, on entering hospital, that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC chaplain to visit you.  
To contact chaplain see front of newsletter.  
**Mass:** Thursday 1.15 pm in the chapel (Watford General level 3) for patients & staff.

**Confession:**  
Saturday 11.30 - 12.30,  
18.15 - 18.40  
**Baptism**  
by appointment.  
**Marriage**  
6 months notice required

**Holy Rood  
is a Fairtrade parish**

**The Alban Pilgrimage 2015, St Albans:** Saturday 20th June. Procession starts at 11.00am from St Peter’s Church. Services at St Albans Cathedral. Preachers: The Archbishop of Canterbury & The Archbishop of Rouen. Celebrate Britain’s First Saint. [www.stalbanscathedral.org](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org).

## Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

You are very welcome to our church and parish community. If you are new to Holy Rood, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or welcomers.

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**Sunday 31st May 2015**

### The Most Holy Trinity

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Psalm 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20 **on pages 83-85 of the Parish Mass Book**



### Caritas

#### Love in Action Parish Plan

Holy Rood Parish has been asked by CARITAS WESTMINSTER to pilot a new programme named ‘Love in Action’. It is hoped that the programme will be eventually used in other parishes of the Diocese. In ‘Love in Action’ we are asked to explain Catholic Social Teaching, implement Catholic Social Action by reaching out to all those with any kind of need - and to celebrate what we are already doing. Catholic Social Action Network give some examples of what ‘Love in Action’ looks like in practice.

Imagine someone who has been in the same parish for most of her life. Her children moved away many years ago. Many of her friends have died, and those who still live close by struggle, like her, to get out of the house on a day-to-day basis. Every day she prays for those she knows, and looks forward to the weekly visit of a Eucharistic minister who comes to give her Holy Communion. It makes her feel like she’s still part of the parish. (See the back page for another great way of helping people like this to join in.) We’re called to remember the human dignity of every person. Whatever their age, wherever they are, we are all sisters and brothers of one another, made in God’s image and likeness, as we hear in the story of creation in the book of Genesis. Who are the people in our own community who are neglected? How might we put love into action and value their inner dignity?