

Holy Rood Statistics 2015

<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>102</i>
<i>Confirmations</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Funerals</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Marriages</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>First Communions</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Average Weekly Mass Attendance</i>	<i>1375</i>
<i>Adults Completed RCIA</i>	<i>6</i>

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fundraising. This Sunday after the 9.30am and 11am Masses students from St Michael's School will be selling cakes, biscuits etc in the Parish Centre in aid of the sick and disabled people on the school's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Growing in Faith: We are now able to employ a family worker. Siobhan Garibaldi will take up her appointment in the new year and will be employed for 20 hours per week.

The Year of Mercy: Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. More information about events during the year, Holy Doors and the indulgence is available on the Diocesan website <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>.

SVP: are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3.25 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ, cheques made out to SVP or go to virginmoneygiving.com and type "SVP" into the charity section. Vinnie Packs is in the **Campaign** drop down box. Thank you.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism Preparation Course for the parents of infants is on Sunday 7th February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please register with the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Parish Gift for Fr Paul's Episcopal Ordination. The Finance Committee has agreed that the parish will buy Fr Paul his crozier and his pectoral cross from parish funds. It was felt these symbolise Fr Paul's time at Holy Rood as such a good shepherd.

Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes: In this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 6th February 2016 at 2pm**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests.

Catenian Quiz: Saturday 16th January, Sacred Heart Hall, Bushey, starts 7.30pm. Price £12 inclusive of 2 course meal. Make up a table of 8 or join another table. Everyone welcome. Contact Tony Kleiser on 01923 233402.

Crib Appeal: This Christmas in "**The Year of Mercy**" help us to deliver the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, harbour the harbourless, help the sick, help the imprisoned and bury the dead. Please donate all you can at the Crib or visit www.cathchild.org.uk.

Volunteers needed for CAFOD: Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs more volunteers to speak in parishes and/or schools about its work in the developing world. To find out more and book a place on our next "Understanding CAFOD" training day on Saturday, 23rd January, please use our online booking facility at <https://understandingcafod2016.eventbrite.co.uk>. Alternatively, you can call CAFOD on 0208 449 6670 or email: westminster@cafod.org.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 or sign up on list at the back of church

Coaches for Fr Paul's Episcopal Ordination on Monday 25th January have been booked. Please send in your name and phone number plus £10 in an envelope to book a place. The Mass is at 12 noon. We leave Watford at 9.45am and return from the Cathedral at 3pm (these times are a guide and will be confirmed nearer the time).

Have a Drinking Problem? Want Help? Alcoholics Anonymous 01923 211122. Meetings in the Parish Centre every Friday at 8pm.

Recently Deceased: George Griggs
Funeral: Tuesday 19th January at 12 noon.

Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £776.41 Loose: £643.97
Standing Orders: £ 498.38. Thank You Sincerely