

Holy Rood Statistics 2014

Baptisms	100
Confirmations	40
Funerals	37
Marriages	8
First Communions	61
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	1427

Ascent

This group is for over 60's, it is both social and spiritual. About 15 attend this meeting each month. Anyone else is extremely welcome to. The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th January. You can bring some food to share.

Watford Food Bank

Holy Rood Parish is supporting this venture.

Please only supply goods that are listed on the FOODBANK notice board in the baptistery.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Are distributing 10,000 'Vinnie Packs' containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. You could sponsor a pack for £3. . Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made payable to SVP or go to **virginmoneygiving.com** and type "Vinnie Packs".

God's plan for love and life.

Can you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage before it begins?

Does marriage preparation start before engagement?

A talk this Wednesday 7th January 8pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue. Entry £10

Watford Sleepout

Friday 6th February. St Mary's Church. Sleep rough so others don't have to.

13th January 7.30pm - 8.30pm

An hour of Prayer in Holy Rood as New Hope celebrate their Silver Jubilee (*New Hope is a Homeless Charity based in Watford, it exists to serve those who are homeless or vulnerably-housed by providing accommodation and opportunities so that lives can be changed*)

Thank You

To all our school teachers, school staff and catechists who prepared our children so well for the celebration of the Christmas Feast.

Confirmation Programme 2015

Begins with a meeting for Candidates who have registered and their parents on Thursday 15th January, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. For this year's programme 44 young people have registered.

Choral Festival

Wednesday 28th January 8pm at a top secret location in Central London that will be revealed when you buy your ticket! Tickets. To book phone: 0208 969 5305. In aid of The Catholic Children's Society.

Help Needed: Do you have an interest in Arts and Crafts? Could you lead a group or help run a craft session? We are looking for people to help develop our '**Get Crafty**' sessions. We need people with a range of interests from painting/drawing to knitting to help create an interesting and fun crafting experience. Materials can be provided. People also needed to help with simple gardening tasks. You don't need to be green fingered to take part, just a willingness to help out. Tel: 01923 216950 Five Ways Friends Club

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. Speak to Fr. Paul.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving

for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3pm. Invited to this Mass are couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th and over 60 years anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you would like to be formally invited by the Archbishop give the following details to Holy Rood Parish Office: **Names: Wedding Date: Postal Address: email or telephone:**

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meet in the Parish Centre every Friday at 8pm. They are there for **you!**

Baptism Prep. Course

Sunday 1st February 2pm - 5pm Parish Centre. This course is for Catholic parents residing in Holy Rood parish who wish to present their children for baptism. Register by emailing or phoning contacts on front.

**A Very Happy New Year
to all our Readers!**

Last Weekend's Collection:

Envelopes:	£760.82
Loose:	£661.92
Standing Orders:	£474.46.

Thank You