

PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REFERENCE

Parents who intend to apply for a Catholic School or Nursery in 2015 / **2016 and wish a Holy Rood priest to support their application** are being issued with Mass Attendance cards. This card is to be signed or **stamped every weekend you attend Mass. When the time comes for the Priest's Reference Form to be signed parents will be asked to show this card. If a parent is not able to show a card which has been signed or stamped against the dates on the card the priest will not be able to confirm that they are practicing Catholics.**

School Form Signing

The priest's reference forms will be signed on Friday 9th October between 4pm and 6pm in the presbytery. If this is not convenient please let us know by emailing watford@rcdow.org.uk for another time.

Faith Sharing Groups on the theme of '*The Grace we receive in the Sacraments*' begin in the middle of the October. They will meet once a week for six weeks. To join a group email watford@rcdow.org.uk or sign sheet at back of church

First Holy Communion Forms: Available from Saturday 17th October

CAFOD This weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) Please Gift Aid if a taxpayer.

HARVEST Your donations of non-perishable goods will be given to the Foodbank and to GROW

Ascent Bring & Share Lunch Tuesday 6th October at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre when PCSO Linda Davey will speak to the group about personal safety. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. On Tuesday 13th October there will be an **outing to St Anthony Padua**, Edware for Perpetual Adoration followed by a meal at The Harvester, Bushey. Please sign up now or contact Winnie 01923 334998

Catholic Women's League (CWL): On Tuesday, 6th October, Gail Williams will be talking to us about the work of St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, which offers courses, events and support designed to help children and adults with learning difficulties. All parishioners are invited to join us for a most interesting evening. We meet at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Catechist Appeal:

We are in need of more catechists for the **Confirmation** Programme. This runs from January to May on alternate Thursday evenings. For more details please contact Fr. Paul on 01923 224085 or Celia Finn on 01923 237708.

Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 11th October with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers / players would always be welcomed at any time. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.

Parish Fete November 22nd We welcome donations for the grand draw raffle, bric-a-brac, toy and tombola stalls. Bottles of wine and spirits, unwanted gifts, toiletries, chocolates, bottles/ cans of soft drinks etc. We do not sell adult clothes but do sell new babywear.

Knitting Wool. An elderly lady in a residential home would be grateful for donations of knitting wool. Please send in to the Parish Office.

Church Cleaners needed: For Saturday Morning and Tuesday afternoon teams. Please contact parish office for more details.

Parent and Toddlers Group: meet on Tuesday mornings in term time from 9.30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Saturday Coffee Shop (after the 11am Mass) has raised over £300 so far this year for the charity Rubbish Tip Kids. Thank you for your support

LOCAL

Peace Hospice Afternoon Tea next Sunday 11th October from 1pm to 4pm in the Starlight Lounge at the hospice. There will be stalls, hot drinks, sweet treats and savoury snacks on sale.

Resources Officer—Visual Impairment St Joan of Arc School 15 hours per week, term time only. See noticeboard for details or school website www.joa.herts.sch.uk. Application pack available from school 01923 773881

Funeral: Kathleen Salter Friday 16th October 12 noon

**Last Weekend's Collection: Envelopes: £ 1071.17 Loose: £ 937.42
Standing Orders: £ 474.46. Thank You Sincerely**