


- † **Many thanks:** to our cleaners and flower teams who decorated the church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations!! Thank you to all who supported the Easter services and for the generous gifts received.
- † **Allen Hall Seminary:** A “come and see weekend” from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th May. For men aged 18+ who are considering a possible calling to the priesthood. Contact Fr Richard Nesbitt, at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.
- † **The Great Festivals of Faith:** A series of talks by Fr Peter Burrows on 13th **The Passover**, 20th **The Feast of Tabernacles or Tents** & 27th April **The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost** at 8pm at the Parish Hall, SS Alban and Stephen, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, Herts. Drinks and light refreshments served from 7.30pm. Everyone is invited.
- † **Catholic Woman of the Year:** Nominations are being sought for the 2010 Catholic Women of the year. We are particularly looking to honour the ‘unsung heroines’, who have taken on responsibilities or carried out services to others in steadfast and often unobtrusive ways. The idea is to recognise and honour women who in their homes and families, in public office or in their business or professional lives have sought to live and uphold the Church’s teachings with love and dedication. Please let us and others know of their witness to the Catholic faith. Every nomination will be carefully read and the final three Catholic Women of the Year selected by secret ballot. Nominations to Mrs Janette Woodford, 22 Milton Road, Ware, Herts. SG12 0PZ or email: mijamajoje@ntlworld.com. By April 30th 2010.
- † **Kneeler Group:** Meet in the Parish Centre this Thursday **15th April at 8pm**.
- † **SVP - Tea and Cakes!** Come and join us in the Parish Centre for a cup of tea and a cake sale after 12 noon Mass on Friday 23rd April. Funds will go to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society here at Holy Rood and towards the wonderful work undertaken by young people in the youth SVP.
- † **A.A. :** Meet on Friday night in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- † **SVP Mass in Liverpool:** The St Vincent de Paul Society will be commemorating the 350th anniversary of the death of St Vincent de Paul and St Louise de Marillac at a Mass at Liverpool Cathedral. Would anyone like to join us on Saturday 24th April on a day trip? Train leaves at around 8am and returns around 9pm. Phone Siobhan on 07929 490090 for information and price.
- † **The InVocation Discernment weekend for men and women aged 18-35 at St Mary’s College, Oscott, Birmingham from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th July.** InVocation is a national festival aimed at young men and women who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God’s will for their lives and perhaps be open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. You can find out more at www.invocation.org.uk.

Allen Hall:

The Seminary of the Diocese of Westminster, is open once again to guests this summer and offers very reasonably priced accommodation. It would be ideal for any guests you may have visiting over the summer or indeed if you yourself would enjoy some quiet time in the peaceful atmosphere of Allen Hall and its gardens. Please see your parish notice board for our poster and details of how to book. For more information ring Mary Aldridge on 0208 7349 5600 ext. 1.



The Shroud of Turin Exhibition at Westminster Cathedral 11th-19th April 2010. Come and see the journey of Jesus from the moment of His trial, through the events of Good Friday to the empty tomb. Admission Free.

- † **Fr John Hemer Talks on the Psalms:** Following last year’s highly successful series of talks on St Paul we have been able to book Fr John Hemer again. He is returning to Holy Rood to give a series of talks on the Psalms. Each talk begins at 7.30pm and lasts until about 9.00pm on Tuesday April 27th, May 4th, May 18th and May 25th.
- † **Half Day Retreats:** There are to be half day SUNDAY retreats, the first is on 23rd May especially for **Readers** and those who would like to offer to become readers. The second is on 30th May especially for **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and those who would like to offer to become a minister. The retreats will be held in the Parish Centre between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.
- † **Vocational Retreat for Youths:** You are warmly invited to share a spiritual retreat with the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World. The Missionary Vocation is a special vocation patterned on that of the apostles. It is manifested in a total commitment to evangelisation, a commitment which involves the missionary’s whole person and life. Date 7- 9th May.
- † **Peace Hospice:** Peace in the Garden at Hunton Park from 1 - 5pm on Sunday 16th May. For more information contact *Maggie Grand* on 01923 335348. An afternoon of entertainment, stalls and demonstrations. Cost: £5 adults
- † **Crisis Square Mile Relay** - Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 7pm. A brand new timed relay race for teams of four.
- Crisis Square Mile Run** - Thursday 10th June at 7pm. A 6km fun run around the Thames and Southbank.. Choose your run and join over 3000 runners in a race to end homelessness. Phone 020 7426 3852 to register.
- † **Grow AGM:** 8pm on Thursday 22nd April. Everyone Welcome!!
- † **200 Club - March Draw:** £125 - Mr & Mrs J Hannon (358), £51 - Mrs M Demsey (445), £40 - Catherine Eke (384), £30 - Mrs L Bassett (269).
- † **Holy Places Collection:** £464.83 **Lenten Alms:** £220.45