

- ***(No) Meat on Fridays***
The Bishops of England and Wales have reintroduced the practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays. This will come in to force from this Friday 16th September. Why? Simple, so that Catholics as a body can collectively give witness. See [frontpage of this newsletter](#).
- ***Ascent Group:***
The Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 13th September after the midday Mass in the Parish Centre.
Please bring something to share for lunch - as well as your holiday photos - if you wish. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Winnie (after 7th September) on 334998 for more information.
- ***West Hertfordshire Hospitals: Spiritual and Pastoral Care:***
Do you have time to care for people?
Can you work in a team and respect people's confidences? Are you willing to grow in understanding others' faith and your own?
If so, please come to our Information Evening on Tuesday 13 September at Watford General Hospital: at 7.30pm in the Chapel/ Multi-faith Room, Watford Hospital. 01923 217994.
Closing date for applications Friday 30th September 2011.
- ***"More Than Gold" - Watford churches and the 2012 Games:***
A briefing to help our church make the most of this unique opportunity:
 - * Hear how churches responded at past games - from Atlanta to Beijing - through outreach, hospitality and services.
 - * Learn of the tested programmes, resources for all ages, to be available through More Than Gold
 - * Identify the most appropriate response and involvement for our church - and dream a little of what could be done.
 This briefing will be held at St Lukes, Langley Way on Wednesday 19th October between 7.30 - 9.00pm (refreshments from 7pm). Anyone committed to the mission and future of their church is welcome.
- ***RCIA:*** The programme starts at 8.00pm on Wednesday October 5th. It is for for any who wish to become Catholics (or to learn more about the faith) and for Catholic adults who have not been confirmed.
- ***Memorial Mass:***
Tuesday 13th Pasquale Martino RIP 8pm. 1 month deceased
- ***Memorial Mass***
Thursday 15th Michele Petagine RIP 7.30pm 1st Anniversay
- ***Holy Rood Feastday***
This Wednesday, 14th September, is the Feastday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day is kept as the feast of our parish, Holy Rood. 'Rood' being an old English name for 'Cross'
- ***Christian Aid:***
Poverty Over Exhibition - Presentation and Launch Event:
This is an opportunity to find out about Christian Aid's vision of an end to poverty, the work they are doing with the world's poorest communities and see this specially commissioned sculpture and photographic exhibition. The exhibition will be displayed in St Albans Abbey from 3rd to 17th September 2011. So drop in during Abbey visiting hours.
- ***200 Club - August Draw:***

£125.00	Angelo Martuccio	(433)
£ 51.00	P Cavallari	(266)
£ 40.00	Mrs K Aldous	(6)
£ 30.00	Mrs M T Bodian	(420)
- ***Fr. John Sherrington***
Will be ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster in the Cathedral this Wednesday 14th September. He will have responsibility for Hertfordshire, replacing Bishop George Stack who has been made Archbishop of Cardiff.
- ***Talk Given by Fr. Christopher Jamison:***
An invitation to a Talk Given by Fr. Christopher Jamison (from the TV show The Monastery) on Tuesday 13th September at Our Lady and St Michaels Catholic Parish Centre, Garston, after the Mass for Vocations at 7.30pm.
- ***Second Sunday Dates:***
Christians Across Watford. 8pm - 9pm on September 11th at Garston Community Church, Watford and 8pm - 9pm on October 9th at Woodside Nazarene Church, The Brow, Watford. Come and pray.
- ***Life in the Spirit Seminars - 6 Seminars at St Helen's Church:***
Starting Wednesday 14th September 2011 from 7.15 - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Helen's Church, The Harebreaks.
- ***Diocese of Westminster Vacancy:*** Estate Building Surveyor. Closing date 26th September. See Noticeboard at back of church for details.
- ***Funeral:***
Asanthi De Silva Thursday 15th September 12 noon.
Last Weekend's Collection Many thanks for your generosity!
Envelopes: £ 1120.77 Loose: 671.18 Standing Orders: £579.95