

Reconciliation Service - Holy Rood:

This Wednesday 16th December at 10.30am. With visiting Priests.

Ascent Group:

On Tuesday, 22nd December, after midday Mass, there will be Christmas carols with mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre. We look forward to welcoming you there.

Advent Lunches:

Next Friday 18th December after the 12 noon Mass. Hot soup and roll. In aid of CWL charity supporting Abba Bahta in Eritrea.

Westminster Year Books 2010:

on sale at the back of the church. Get the lowdown on your priests and Diocese **£4**.

WATFORD DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES ADVENT 2009

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Abbots Langley	Friday 18th December	7.30pm
Bushey	Tuesday 22nd December	8.00pm
Carpenders Park	Monday 21st December	7.30pm
Chipperfield	Thursday 17th December	7.30pm
Croxley Green	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Garston	Monday 14th December	7.30pm
North Watford	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Rickmansworth	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Watford	Wednes 16th December	10.30am

**Advent Rosary:
Weekdays at 11.40am.**

Christmas Cards:

When buying postage stamps for Christmas cards please ask for religious ones.

WRAP WEEK in the Harlequin:

Volunteers still needed to help with wrapping Christmas presents in the Harlequin from Monday December 14th to Friday 18th December. Required for two hours only. Contact 227700.

St Michael's Catholic High School:

Are having a Mission 14th - 16th December. Mr John Murphy, Headteacher of St Michael's has written asking for our support at this time. In his letter he refers to the partnership St Michael's has with a small village in Rwanda called Mubuga. In recent years St Michael's has raised £120,000 to support projects there. **Mr Murphy writes** "we ask you to be with us in prayer and reflection in the run up to and during the Mission. Your parish has provided us with numerous wonderful young people who do not simply wish to live but to change lives, and in many cases save lives. We thank you for that and ask you to show your appreciation of all that they are doing to build up Christ's Kingdom."



New Year's Eve Dance:

The Italian Benevolent Fund are organising a New Year's Dance on the 31st December from 7.30pm - 1.00am.
Venue: Holy Rood Parish Centre

Tickets: £15.00 to include complimentary panettone.
Contact: Antonietta on 248338.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and Advent calendars are on sale at the back of the church in the Repository.

Today is Rejoicing Sunday

*THE LORD IS NEAR
REJOICE IN HIM ALWAYS*

Many thanks

to the ladies who have cleaned the church floor so beautifully in preparation for Christmas.

200 Club - November Draw:

£125 - Katherine Fitzpatrick (219)
£ 48 - Anne James (236)
£ 39 - Mrs S Hooper (189)
£ 28 - Victoria Boarder (350)

Catholic Singles:

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please telephone 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk.

SPOKES - for all cyclists in SW Herts.

Our main objective is to further the cause of cycling in this area. We are independent and fund ourselves through members' subscriptions. Subscription is £8 a year.
For further information contact www.spokesgroup.com

Last Weekend's Collection:

Loose: £714.50
Envelopes: £1005.85
Standing Orders: £324.94
Many thanks for your generosity

Funerals:

Josephine Gattford:

15th December 12 noon

A Family Celebration of Christmas:

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support On Monday 21st December 2009 from 7.30pm at the Haileybury Chapel, Hertford Heath.

Featuring:

Barry Norman, Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir and Hitchin Band

Followed by Seasonal refreshments.

Adults - £12.50

Children (under 14) - £3.00

For further information and tickets please contact Kerry Briars on 01438 712012

Email: Kbriars@macmillan.org.uk

'Eden' Drop in Centre

Is a project run by Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy. It is situated in Charter Place. What is it for? Think of the Garden of EDEN. A place of rest, harmony, tranquillity - paradise. 'Eden' is simply that; a place where you can go for a rest before, after or during your trip to the town centre. You can chat to a member of staff, read available material or just 'chill out' as its organisers say. Drop in sometime and see it for yourself.



Fire Ball

In aid of St Vincent de Paul Society, The Colosseum, Watford on Saturday 6th February, 2010.

Tickets: £45.

10% discount if paid in full by the end of December. Funds raised at the 'Fire Ball' will be used to support local families and individuals. Contact Annemarie Ryan on 01923 465237.