

- **Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament** : Next Friday 23rd December from 2.00pm – 4pm.
- **SVP Christmas Cards**: On sale at the back of the Church.
- **School Forms**: Parents who are applying for Reception places in Catholic Schools and need a priest to sign the form are asked to phone the presbytery on 01923 224085 to make an appointment.

- **WATFORD DEANERY: PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Abbots Langley	Tuesday 20th December	7.30pm
Carpenders Park	Monday 19th December	7.00pm
North Watford	Monday 19th December	8.00pm

- **The Society of St Vincent de Paul**: The S.V.P. is distributing cold-weather packs to rough sleepers, and your donation is invited to cover the cost of £3 per pack. Please post to The S.V.P. c/o 46 Brunswick Court, Regency St., SW1P 4AE, and say if you would like your name labelled on the pack.
- **Holy Rood Book Group**: The next meeting will be on Sunday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing ‘The Life of Pi’ by Yann Martel.. New members are most welcome. For more information please email: holyroodbooks@hotmail.com.
- **Catholic Singles**: is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all agea meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholic singles.org.uk or email info@catholic singles.org.uk.
- **Parish Fete**: The following donations have been made from money raised at the fete in November and Saturday coffee shop: £1,000 Catholic Worker Farm, £500 Sightsavers, £500 Facing The World, £500 Malaria No More UK, £500 Fr Bahta in Eritrea, £500 Fr William Dun Dery in Ghana.
- **Confessions**: Before and after the 11.00am Morning Mass beginning at 10.30am .
- **Christmas Eve**:

	11.00am
Malayalam Mass	3.00pm
Family Mass	6.00pm
Polish Mass	8.30pm
Midnight Mass	12 midnight Mass
- **Christmas Posters**: Are available at the back of the Church. Please take one to place in a window

- **Christmas Day:**

Masses at	8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am
Italian Mass	12.30pm
Polish Mass	2.15pm

- **Time for a Cuppa**: Can you make time for a cuppa to help people affected by dementia? Dementia UK would like to invite you to take part in their national fundraising and awareness raising event. ‘Time for a Cuppa Day is 27th February 2012 and they are asking their supporters from across the country to hold a fundraising tea party event at home, at work or in the community anytime on or around this date. Tel: 020 7874 7207.
- **Catholic Children’s Society (Westminster) - Crib Appeal 2011**:
 What do disadvantaged children want this Christmas? The things that every other child takes for granted - a loving family, a safe home and perhaps even a gift from Santa!
 Of the 3.9 million children living in poverty in the UK today, the lives of children living in inner city communities in London are amongst the most greatly affected. Poverty could blight not only this Christmas but their future prospects too, without your help. Each year the Catholic Children’s Society (Westminster) offers practical and emotional support to children and families who are under great personal and financial strain and for whom the overwhelming expectations of Christmas can be the straw that broke the camel’s back, leading to the breakdown of the family. We work with such families to help relieve some of the stresses and to give them hope for the future. By organising parties and providing toys, clothes and essentials too, we help children to recapture the childhood joys of Christmas. You can help us, help them by supporting our Crib Appeal this year. Please be as generous as you can.
 With thanks and blessings for Christmas and the New Year.
- **Thanksgiving Service**: For all those baptised in 2011 on New Year’s Day at 4.00pm. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.
- **The Society of St Vincent de Paul**: This Friday mince pies/tea coffee after the midday Mass. Please come and join us for a festive cup of tea/coffee.
- **Funeral**: Giuseppe Alcorano - Friday 23rd December at 9.30am.
- **Letter received from the Vatican**: His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has given permission for Giles Pinnock to be ordained to the priesthood as a married man once he has completed his formation at Allen Hall.

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the Full” John 10:10

Last Weekend’s Collection Many thanks for your generosity!

Envelopes: £ 1276.01 Loose: 712. 77 Standing Orders: £579.95