



Fr. Paul, Fr. John, Deacon Neville and all the parish team wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed New Year 2012

- * **Confirmation Programme:** Opening session with parents this Tuesday 3rd January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Also candidates meet Saturday 7th January 9.30—3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- * **Musicians and Singers** are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 8th January with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers / players would always be welcomed. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.
- * **Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498 or visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk info@catholicsingles.org.uk
- * **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.
- * **Brighton Marathon** Why not run a marathon in the Olympic Year 2012. Enter the Brighton Marathon which is on 15th April and raise money for the Peace Hospice. Entrants running on behalf of the Peace Hospice are asked to pledge and raise a minimum of £750, in return they will pay your race entry fee. For further details please contact Maggie Grand 01923 335348. www.peacehospice.co.uk
- * **Jesus Christ the Fullness of Life Prayer Vigil.** 1st Thursday of the month, 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March, at 7.30pm at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1K 3AH." I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" Jn10:10.
- * **Fr Paul and Fr John** thank you very much for all your Christmas gifts which are very much appreciated.
- * **Second Sunday - 8th January 2012:** Next Sunday all the churches of Watford will get together to pray at The Watford Community Church, Wellspring from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Come And Pray with *Christians Across Watford*
- * **Baptism Preparation Course:** The next Baptism course for the parents of infants is on Sunday 5th February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please register for this course by phoning the Parish Office on 01923 224085
- * **Time for a Cuppa Day** 27th February 2012. 25 million people in the UK have a close friend or family member with dementia. Dementia UK are asking supporters to hold a fundraising tea party event at home, at work or in the community. For more information telephone: 020 7874 7207 www.timeforacuppa.org

- * **Finding God in our Daily Lives**—Billy Hewett SJ Saturday 7th January 11am—4pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Exploring ways of letting God relate to us and us to God in every breath we breathe, reflecting on our inner awareness and outer experience and Vice versa. Tel: 020 7495 1673 for more details.
- * **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. Email: holyroodbooks@hotmail.com
- * **Saturday Coffee Shop.** Open every Saturday morning after the 11am Mass. Tea / coffee/ cakes on sale. Please keep coming in and supporting the coffeeshop. Money raised is shared with various charities.
- * **Ascent Group** next meets on Tuesday 10th January in the Parish Centre after the 12 noon Mass. New members always welcome.
- * **Jesus as model of servant-leadership in lay ministry** A Diocesan retreat for parish adult formation leaders and volunteers. Saturday 4th February from 10.30am to 3pm at Nazareth House, Hammersmith. Please contact 020 7931 6078 ausrakaraliute@rcdow.org.uk. Lunch will be provided. Register by 20th Jan 2012
- * **Thanksgiving Service:** For all those baptised in 2011, TODAY, Sunday 1st January at 4pm. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.
- * **Samaritans.** As a Samaritans volunteer, there are lots of ways you can reach out to others going through difficult times—whether you're 18 or 81. You can listen on the phone, with the training you need to feel confident. The Samaritans especially want people to listen during night hours. You'll get so much back. Insight. Skills. Experience.....A feeling that what you are doing really matters. Find out the many ways that you can be a Samaritans volunteer—day or night. www.samaritans.org Tel: 08705 62 72 82
- * **Christmas Day collection** last Sunday is for the priests of the parish and together with Mass stipends and stole fees (baptisms and funerals) makes up their annual salary. Many thanks for your generosity.
- * **Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January** No 8.30am Mass. 12 noon Mass only

Holy Rood Statistics 2011	
Children and Infant Baptisms	138
Adult Baptisms	9
Confirmations	37
Weddings	10
Funerals	33
Weekly Mass Attendance	1,292 (average)
Weekly Collection	£2,543.13 (average)

- * **Funeral:** Paul Lenas Monday 9th January at 12 noon