

*"Among the many gifts that we buy and receive, let us not forget the true gift of selfgiving to others."*

*Pope Benedict XVI*

**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](http://www.spokesgroup.com)

**Ascent Group:**

This Tuesday, 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.

**Westminster Year Books 2010:**

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

**WATFORD DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES ADVENT 2009**

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Bushey	Tuesday 22nd December	8.00pm
Carpenters Park	Monday 21st December	7.30pm
Croxley Green	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
North Watford	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Rickmansworth	Monday 21st December	8.00pm

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

**Christmas Cards**

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

**Last Weekend's Collection:**

**Loose: £646.53**  
**Envelopes: £966.72**  
**Standing Orders: £324.94**  
Many thanks for your generosity

**Thursday 24th:**

Confessions 11am - 12 noon.

**Malayalam Mass:**

Saturday 26th December at 4.00pm.

**Next Sunday - 27th December:**

The last Sunday of the Year we have a Service of Thanksgiving for the families of all those baptised in 2009 at 4pm.



**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.



**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 3 course meal**  
**Contact: Antonietta on 248338.**

**Church Guide Book:**

Has been printed and will be available in the New Year.

**Catholic Children's Society**

(Westminster)

**Crusade of Rescue**

This Christmas, by using the Society as your intermediary, you have an opportunity to capture the spirit of the season by making a Crib Offering to help children and families of the Diocese who need your help. Please be as generous as you can because your support changes lives.




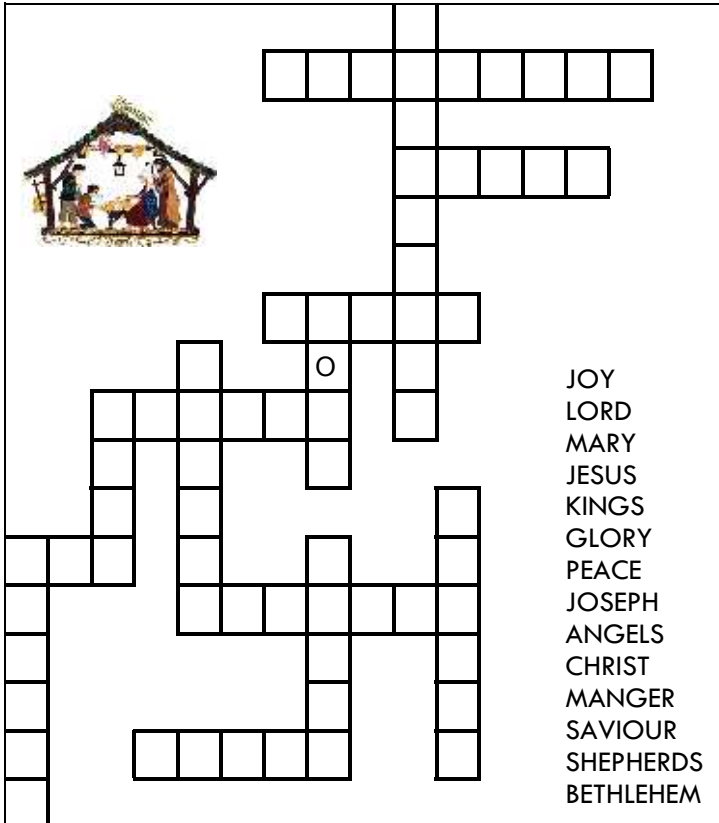
*Fr. Paul, Fr. John, Deacon Neville and all the parish team wish you all a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year.*

The First Mass of Christmas is a family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Midnight Mass at 12 midnight. Masses on Christmas Day at 8.00, 9.30 & 11am. Italian Mass 12.30pm and Polish Mass at 2.15pm.

**CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS**

Use the words given only once. One clue is given.



JOY  
LORD  
MARY  
JESUS  
KINGS  
GLORY  
PEACE  
JOSEPH  
ANGELS  
CHRIST  
MANGER  
SAVIOUR  
SHEPHERDS  
BETHLEHEM

**Watford Volunteer Transport Office:**

If you are interested in volunteering with us please contact us at the office: Watford CVS, 149 The Parade, Watford, WD17 1RH or telephone the Volunteer Transport Office Co-ordinator on 01923 254400.



**Material World**

An exhibition of artwork by Ian & Yvonne Watson from 6 - 25 January 2010. Monday - Thursday 16.00-20.00. The Visual Arts Centre, Watford Grammar School for Girls Watford Herts. Telephone 01923 447658