

- ◆ **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Congratulations to the thirty five young people who were confirmed last Sunday by Bishop George Stack.
- ◆ **Fr John Hemer** The final talk on the Psalms is this Tuesday, 25th May at 8pm. Further details from Deacon Neville.
- ◆ **Golden Jubilee:** Fr Bernard Scholes, Parish Priest here from 1980 - 1996 is celebrating 50 years of the Priesthood on Saturday 12th June at 1pm at Our Lady & St Joseph, Hanwell. A coach has been organised leaving Watford at approximately 11.15am returning around 6pm. Cost now £10 per person due to numbers. All those going please now send in payment with name clearly marked.
- ◆ **Foundation Governors Wanted:** The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is currently recruiting foundation governors for 1st September 2010 to all Catholic Schools in Diocesan Trusteeship. This is a vital ministry in the Church. As a governor you will work as part of a team and will be provided with the necessary information and training to understand the role.  
A key element of the role is to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school in accordance with the diocesan trust deed.  
In many parts of the Diocese it is more difficult to recruit than in others. Wherever you are why don't you find out more about becoming a foundation governor by attending one of three information sessions being held this term?  
Thursday May 27th 6.30pm to 8.30pm, or Saturday July 3rd 10.00am to 12 noon, both at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.  
Also Wednesday June 9th 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Nicholas Breakspear School, Colney Heath Lane, St Albans AL40 TT.  
For further details email Maureen Roe at maureenroe@rcdow.org.uk..
- ◆ **Spirit in the City Festival** - 3-5 June 2010 in West End Churches and on the streets. Come and join us for the three-day celebration of our Catholic faith. Inspiring speakers: Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Fr. Stan Fortuna from the Bronx, NY; processions, prayer and evangelisation events. Saturday 5th June: Catholic festival in Leicester Square with an entire afternoon of performances, live music, prayer and workshops. For detailed programme see the flyers or www.spiritinthecity.org. For more information email: info@spiritinthecity.org Telephone 020 7025 1596.
- ◆ **Andrew Gallagher**, who spent a year here as apart of his training for the priesthood in 2008 - 2009 will be ordained deacon at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 26th June at 10.30am. Andrew would be delighted if members of Holy Rood parish were able to be present at the Ordination.
- ◆ **Annual General Meeting** of Parish Centre will take place on Thursday 17th June at 8pm. All parishioners welcome.
- ◆ **Annual Mass for Sick & Housebound:** 20th June at 3.30pm.
- ◆ **GROW AGM:** on Wednesday 26th May at 8pm in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ **Pope Benedict** will visit Britain from 16th - 19th September 2010. he is coming at the invitation of the Queen and the Government. The visit will include both State engagements and pastoral events. The visit will be financed by both State and Church. In all Catholic churches in England, Wales and Scotland there will be a second collection today after all Masses to help pay for the vist. Please only take an envelope if you are going to Gift Aid.
- ◆ **Silver Jubilee:** Fr Paul is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood here on **Saturday 5th June** with Mass at **3pm** followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.
- ◆ **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** from 1pm - 3pm and again from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on the **Fridays of May** at the request of Archbishop Vincent Nichols to pray for reparation and atonement which is needed as a result of child abuse in the Church.
- ◆ **St Anthony's School - Indulgence Evening Thursday 27th May 2010 from 7pm. to 10pm.** Complementary Therapy and Retail Therapy available under one roof!! Therapies such as Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, various forms of massage and many more available together with shopping from stalls including, jewellery, food, gifts for adults and children and seasonal stalls. Entry £3.00 with therapy pre-booking or £3.50 on the door.
- ◆ **Ministers of the Eucharist:** There will be a meeting / retreat from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday 30th May.
- ◆ **Ascent Group:** will meet on Tuesday, 1st June in the Parish Centre, after the midday service. Please bring some lunch to share - all are welcome. Contact Winnie for more information on 01923 334998.
- ◆ **Quiz Night:** will be held at the Holyrood Catholic & Social Club on Saturday 5th June from 8.00pm. Maximum of 6 players per team. Price £2 per player.
- ◆ **Funeral:** The funeral of Joanna Steer RIP, will take place on Wednesday 2 6 t h May at 10.30am.
- ◆ **The Life of Christ:** An Open-Air Play in Three Acts. This play is a dramatic reconstruction of the remarkable events surrounding the Life of Christ, bringing them to life as realistically and with as much biblical accuracy as possible. We are going on Thursday 1st July departing at 7am and returning in the evening. Admission: Adults £15; Coach fare will be additional to the Admission cost. Please sign form at the back of the Church.
- ◆ **Martyrs Walk:** will be held in London, honouring the English Martyrs. It begins at 1.30 for 2.00pm start at St Sepulchre's (opposite the Old Bailey) and w i l l continue with a walk through London with stops for talks and the Rosary.

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