

- **Parish Fete Sunday 27th November:** Opens after the 9.30am Mass. We need good quality donations of the following: tombola prizes (including bottles of wine / spirits), paperback books, toys, bric-a-brac, gifts. Please leave at the back of the church or hand in to the Presbytery. Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly. Volunteers to man the stalls and / or clear up afterwards would be appreciated. If you can help in any way please contact the Parish Office.
- **Westminster Vocations Discernment Group** meeting for men and women (18—30's) this Friday 28th October 7—9pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Anthony Doe will be speaking about spiritual direction. For more info contact: Sr Gabi at info@free2become.org or Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk
- **Ascent Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 November after midday Mass in the Parish Centre where there will be refreshments of teas/coffees, sandwiches and scones, for anyone attending Mass. Please feel free to take part; a warm welcome awaits you. Contact Winnie Brady for more details by telephone on 01923 334998 or email: winniebrady@ntlworld.com
- **Faith Matters - Autumn 2011:** "For all the Saints" by Fr Stephen Wang and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on Tuesday 1st November from 7pm - 8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1 (behind Westminster Cathedral). These are public lectures to which all are welcome. Suggested donation for each lecture £3. Registration for lectures is advised. Email: faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk.
- **Family Disco: Halloween Theme** on Saturday 29th October at Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane. Prizes for the best dressed Adult, Girl and Boy. Raffle. Tickets: £12 Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) or £5 Adult and £2 Child. Tickets in advance from Ange 07980493228; Annie 07957423997; Pauline 077107014534. Organised by the Irish & Holyrood Hospice Support Group.
- **Bishop John Sherrington:** A Mass of Welcome for the new Bishop, who has been given charge of the deaneries of Herts., will be celebrated on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City. All Welcome
- **Deceased Priests of Watford Deanery:** A Mass for deceased priests of the deanery will be celebrated at 11.00am on Tuesday 8th November at St Michael's Church, Garston. All welcome. **No Service or Mass in Holy Rood at 12noon that day.**
- **All Saints Day:** Tuesday 1st November is **All Saints Day**, a day of Obligation. Masses are at 8.00am, 12 noon and 7.30pm.
No Meat on Fridays: The Bishops of England and Wales have re-introduced the practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays.
- **Holy Souls List:** Slips are available on which you can enter the names of your deceased friends and relatives. Mass will be offered each day in November for the Holy Souls.
- **Join the Seminary for a day!** On Saturday 26th November there will be a special day for men, aged 18+, who are discerning a possible calling to the priesthood. The day will be held at Allen Hall seminary and will include input from the seminary Rector, Mgr Mark O'Toole, as well as time for prayer and a chance to join the seminary community. For further details and to register for a place, please contact Fr Richard Nesbitt at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk.
- **Holy Rood Book Group:** Our next meeting will be Sunday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing 'The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox' by Maggie O'Farrell. New members are most welcome. For more information please email: holyroodbooks@hotmail.com.
- **First Holy Communion:** Please return completed registration forms by next Sunday, 30th October. Children should be in year 3 or older.
- **Mass Count:** Each October, there is a nationwide count taken of all the people attending Mass. The number who attended Mass last weekend in Holy Rood was 1,243.
- **Annual Blessing of Graves: Saturday 12th November** Vicarage Road at 2.30pm and **Sunday 13th November** North Watford Cemetery at 2.30pm. If you wish a priest to visit another cemetery in November please let us know.
- **A Preparation Course** for children at Secondary School who have not yet made First Holy Communion is beginning on Saturday 5th November. Please ask for a form.
- **Mass for Deceased Members of Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane:** Thursday, 3rd November at 8.00pm.
- **British Summer Time ends next weekend .** Clocks go back one hour.

Last Weekend's Collection Many thanks for your generosity!
 Envelopes: £ 1039.68 Loose: 786.39 Standing Orders: £579.95