

- **RCIA:** The programme starts at 8.00pm on Wednesday October 5th in the Parish Centre. It is for for any who wish to become Catholics (or to learn more about the faith) and for Catholic adults who have not been confirmed. If interested please come along to this meeting.
- **First Holy Communion:** Registration forms are now available. Please complete and return by 30th October. Children should be in year 3 or older.
- **Bishop John Sherrington:** Was ordained as auxiliary Bishop for Westminster on 14th September. '**Auxiliary Bishop**' means he is an assistant to our Archbishop Vincent Nichols. Westminster now has three auxiliary bishops; John Sherrington, Alan Hopes and John Arnold. The new bishop will have oversight of the **deaneries** of Hertfordshire of which there are four; Watford, Lea Valley, Stevenage and St Albans, 50 parishes in all.
- **Holy Rood Social Club:** Deceased members Mass on Thursday 3rd November at 8pm at the club in Tolpits Lane.
- **SVP QUIZ:** Saturday 8th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets £7.50 (includes supper). Tables of 8. Bring your own drink. Contact Jill: 07944 604023 for more information and to book your place.
- **When Applying for:** a place in a Catholic school remember that as well as completing the local authority form you should also complete the Catholic school's own form. Separate form for each school.
- **Life in the Spirit Seminars** Wednesday 28th September from 7.15 - 9.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Helen's Church, The Harebreaks. Theme: New Life - Baptism.
- **Harvest Sunday:** Is on 9th October. You are invited to bring tins and other non perishable foodstuffs that day. They will be donated to the GROW hostel for homeless men on Rickmansworth Road.
- **Holy Rood School:** Is having a '**Back to School BBQ and Table top sale**' today Sunday 25th, 3 - 5pm. All parishioners are welcome to join us and shop for bargains, while enjoying live music by Stuart Dunne, and a tasty bite to eat at the barbeque, Tea/coffee and cake stalls. Free entrance.
- **Ascent Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th October after the midday service, in the Parish Centre. Please bring something to share for lunch. There will be an outing to the Moon Under Water for lunch on Tuesday, 18th October after the midday service. Please sign on the list at the back of church if you'd like to take part. Contact Winnie on 334998
- **SVP:** The feast day of St Vincent de Paul this Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm - Mass followed by light refreshments. As well as being a celebration and thanksgiving for the good work the SVP does, the evening will also be an opportunity for those who are not members to find out more about what the Society does. All Welcome.
- **New Ministers:** have been appointed to Beechen Grove Baptist Church and to St. John the Evangelist Church of England on Sutton Road. Revd Tom Kirk will be inducted on Saturday 1st October at 3pm in Beechen Grove Baptist Church; Fr. David Stevenson will be inducted on 6th October at 8pm in St John's. Holy Rood extends a warm welcome and looks forward to working with them in our inter church activities. Would anyone like to attend these inductions? Please speak to Fr. Paul.
- **Mrs Jackie Elliott:** is retiring from Holy Rood Catholic Primary School's governing body. Mrs Elliott has been a member of the governors for 35 years and chair for nine years. In a recent ofsted inspection Holy Rood School achieved 'outstanding'. Holy Rood Parish and School are indebted to Jackie for all her years of generous service to the school and to Catholic education.
- **Holy Rood Toddler Group:** Tuesday mornings in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in the Parish Centre. Everyone Welcome.
- **Faith Sharing Groups:** Are beginning shortly for a period of 6 weeks only. Starting in the middle of October, a weekly meeting, literature will be provided. The theme this season is a *foretaste of heaven* all about the Eucharist. We are hoping you will join - see insert.
- **Parish Fete:** A wonderful occasion. We have one annually - this year on November 27th, to raise funds which we donate to charitable projects, usually in developing countries. It is truly a Parish event. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday October 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Anyone who wants to be involved in any way are asked to attend.
- **Watford Catholic Deanery - YOUTH NIGHT:** Mass, Live Music, Gaming at Holy Rood Church Hall TODAY 25th September from 5pm - 8pm. Entrance is free.
- **St Joan of Arc Open Evening:** Thursday 6th October from 6pm to 9pm.
- **Holy Rood Book Group:** Our next meeting will be on Sunday 9th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Brontë. New members are most welcome. For more information please email: [holyroodbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:holyroodbooks@hotmail.com).