

- ◆ **CAFOD : Second Collection today.** Today we remember the poor of the world. ‘Almsgiving blots out many sins’ - a teaching of the Church Fathers. Please Gift Aid if a taxpayer.
- ◆ **In Lent, our Penitential Season,** we will not have flowers in church. This is an outward sign that at present we are not rejoicing but are being renewed internally. Please refrain from bringing flowers in Lent - wait until Easter. Thank you.
- ◆ **Journeying with the Gospels** continues on Monday at Deacon Neville’s house at 8pm.. All welcome. Please phone 01923 441105.
- ◆ **Faith Matters in Lent 2010: The Priest and the Universal Baptismal Call:** A talk by Dr Clare Watkins on 2nd March 2010 at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London, from 7pm - 8.30pm. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Lenten Lunches:** all Fridays of Lent after 12 noon Mass. Price £2 for soup & roll, £4 soup, roll, salad and tea. Proceeds aid the needy of the world
- ◆ **Lenten Alms** In recent years the custom throughout the Diocese has been to raise money during Lent to support charitable causes at home and overseas. This year, Archbishop Vincent, commends the St John Southworth Fund and the Thai Children’s Trust. The ‘Lenten Alms’ box is at the back of the church.
- ◆ **“The Glory of Easter”** concert at the Watford Colosseum 27th March. If you enjoy listening to high quality music & singing (as performed by the Watford Phil), be sure not to miss the forthcoming concert by Adoramus at the Colosseum. This will be the first time this renowned choir & orchestra have appeared in Watford. The concert is being promoted by all the churches across Watford (including Holy Rood). Tickets on sale after Mass next weekend.
- ◆ **‘A Discovering Priesthood Day’** for young men at Ealing Abbey on Saturday 13th March . Telephone 0208-862-2160 for more information.
- ◆ **Annual Marriage Course** next Saturday 6th March. No Morning Confessions
- ◆ **Welcome to Colette Lennon:** the new Catholic Chaplain at Watford General Hospital. She can be contacted on 01923 217994. Please let her know if you or a relative is admitted to any one of the West Herts Hospitals. Mass is celebrated in the hospital chapel for staff and patients on level 3 on Thursdays at 1.15pm.
- ◆ **Indian Coffee Morning:** at the Peace Hospice on Saturday 13th March 10.am - 1pm. Traditional indian food and dancing, sari demonstration, henna hand painting . Plus our usual stalls, cake & coffee, raffle, arts and craft, tombola, toys, etc. Contact Nicky on 335365. Free admission. Everyone welcome.
- ◆ **Morning of Prayer & Reflection before Holy Week: ‘Into your hands ,Lord’** Saturday 20th March 9am to 12 noon. Good Shepherd Church, Black Lion Hill, Shenley.To book a place in advance ring 020 7798 9150. Free event.



Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 11.15am and 7.30pm.

- ◆ **The Bible is for Catholics too:** A series of talks on Scripture (IV) with Fr Peter Burrows.
- ◆ **Biblical Covenants and Marriage Contract (I) and (II)** On the 2nd and 9th March 2010 at 8pm. at The Parish Hall, SS Alban and Stephen, 14 Beaconsfield Road, Herts AL1 3RB. Drinks and light refreshments served from 7.30pm. Tel: 020 7931 6078.
- ◆ **Westminster Cathedral:** Lenten Divine Mercy - Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 6th from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout. More information: Divine Mercy Apostolate tel:01491 414 498.
- ◆ **Fairtrade Fortnight :** Fairtrade fortnight continues until March 7th. Take a look at the display at the back of the church. Please ensure you take a free copy of the Watford and Three Rivers Fairtrade Directory. Fairtrade tastings of food and coffee in the Harlequin Centre, ground floor, outside John Lewis until tomorrow, Monday 1st March 9am - 6pm.
- ◆ **Ascent Group:** Next meeting will be in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 2nd March after mid-day Mass. Please bring some lunch to share. There will be an opportunity for Lenten reflection.
- ◆ **Altar Servers:** Congratulations to Roisin Murray who last Sunday at the 6.30pm Mass received the Guild of St Stephen’s Certificate of Merit for 5 years service as an enrolled member.
- ◆ **Annual Novena to St Joseph:** 10th - 18th March. Mass at 7.30pm at St Joseph’s Church, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG. See Noticeboard for more information.
- ◆ **Irish Evening at St Anthony’s School:** On Saturday 6th March from 6pm - 9pm. **Cost:** Adult £5, Child £3. Family: 2 adults, 2children £15, additional child £2. Irish music, Irish dances, Hot food & Bar. Limerick competition.
- ◆ **Tuesday 12 noon:** Service of the Word and Holy Communion.
- ◆ **CWL:** A reminder that our AGM is at 8pm this coming Tuesday, 2nd March, in the Parish Centre. All ladies of the Parish would be most welcome to join us.
- ◆ **Highchair** needed for baby that is now growing fast. The family is being supported by the ‘Life ‘ Group. Tel: Veronica on 01923 441105.

Last Weekend’s Collection *Many thanks for your generosity!*
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