


- † **Ascent Group:** Please join us for our outing to the Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, 30th March - arriving at the Cathedral for 11am. A sign-up list is at the back of the church for you to register your interest. We need to know numbers. For more information phone Winnie on 334998.
- † **Allen Hall Seminary:** A “come and see weekend” from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th May. For men aged 18+ who are considering a possible calling to the priesthood. Contact Fr Richard Nesbitt, at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).
- † **New Catholics:** At our Easter Vigil on 3rd April at 8pm seven persons who have been attending preparation sessions since September 2009 will be received into the Catholic Church. These seven after careful consideration have decided, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, that this is what God is calling them to the Church. It is our duty now to support them and to welcome them into our midst. Please remember them in prayer.
- † **Journey of the Cross:** Follow a pathway linking a number of artistic impressions of the key events in the life of Jesus leading to His crucifixion. Whether you are familiar with these events or not, this will be a journey of revelation. Allow enough time to pace your journey and to allow the variety of interpretations to speak to you. This will be open to you on:  
**Friday 2nd April 12-3pm, Saturday 3rd April 10am - 4pm and Sunday 4th April 4 - 5pm. at Soul Survivor, Greycaines Road, Watford. Tel:204200**
- † **The Great Festivals of Faith:** A series of talks by Fr Peter Burrows on 13th, 20th & 27th April at 8pm at the Parish Hall, SS Alban and Stephen, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, Herts.. Drinks and light refreshments served from 7.30pm. Everyone is invited.
- † **Catholic Woman of the Year:** Nominations are being sought for the 2010 Catholic Women of the year. We are particularly looking to honour the ‘unsung heroines’, who have taken on responsibilities or carried out services to others in steadfast and often unobtrusive ways. The idea is to recognise and honour women who in their homes and families, in public office or in their business or professional lives have sought to live and uphold the Church’s teachings with love and dedication. Please let us and others know of their witness to the Catholic faith. Every nomination will be carefully read and the final three Catholic Women of the Year selected by secret ballot. Nominations to Mrs Janette Woodford, 22 Milton Road, Ware, Herts. SG12 1PZ or email: [mijamajoje@ntlworld.com](mailto:mijamajoje@ntlworld.com). By April 30th 2010.
- † **CWL:** All ladies are warmly invited to our next meeting on **6th April**, at 8pm. In the Parish Centre. There will be a talk on ‘Colour Psychology’ - how we are influenced by the effects of colour on all aspects of our lives.
- † **Kneeler Group:** The date of our next meeting has been changed to **15th April**, not the 22nd as planned

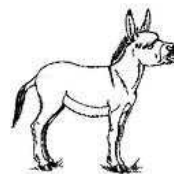
Penitential Services Watford Deanery Lent 2010		
PARISH	DATE	TIME
Rickmansworth	Tuesday 30th March	8.00pm
Carpenders Park	Monday 29th March	7.30pm
Croxley Green	Monday 29th March	8.00pm
North Watford	Monday 29th March	8.00pm
Garston	Monday 29th March	7.30pm

 **The Shroud of Turin Exhibition at Westminster Cathedral 11th-19th April 2010.** Come and see the journey of Jesus from the moment of His trial, through the events of Good Friday to the empty tomb. Admission Free.

- † **Fr John Hemer Talks on the Psalms:** Following last year’s highly successful series of talks on St Paul we have been able to book Fr John Hemer again, he is returning to Holy Rood to give a series of talks on the Psalms. Each talk begins at 7.30pm and lasts until about 9.00pm on Tuesday April 27th, May 4th, May 18th and May 25th.
- † **Half Day Retreats:** There are to be half day SUNDAY retreats, the first is on 23rd May especially for **Readers** and those who would like to offer to become readers. The second is on 30th May especially ofr **Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and those who would like to offer to become a minister. The retreats will be held in the Parish Centre between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

### A Poem for Palm Sunday

**The Donkey** by G.K.Chesterton



When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.



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