

ADVENT

The Season of Advent, the 'Season of Joyful Anticipation' begins next weekend a new Church year begin as well; notice **Advent Wreath, Colour of Vestments, New Mass Books.** At Mass we will omit the *Gloria* so that it rings out for joyfully at Christmas.

The Repository:

Christmas cards and Advent calendars are on sale at the back of the church.

Carols by Candlelight:

for our loved ones this Christmas at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, The Burroughs, Hendon on Saturday 12th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Enjoy mince pies and mulled wine.

WATFORD DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICES ADVENT 2009

PARISH	DATE	TIME
Abbots Langley	Friday 18th December	7.30pm
Bushey	Tuesday 22nd December	8.00pm
Carpenders Park	Monday 21st December	7.30pm
Chipperfield	Thursday 17th December	7.30pm
Croxley Green	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Garston	Monday 14th December	7.30pm
North Watford	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Rickmansworth	Monday 21st December	8.00pm
Watford	Wednes 16th December	10.30am

To celebrate 'The Year For Priests' the Archdiocese has requested every Deanery in the diocese to have '40 hours devotion'. This refers specifically to praying before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. Watford Deanery will have its 40 hours devotion in the churches and on the dates and times below. You are invited to attend any as you wish to pray for priests and for vocations.

St Michael's	Garston	Monday	30th November	10.00am	-	4.00pm
Sacred Heart	Bushey	Tuesday	1st December	09.30am	-	4.30pm
St. Bede's	Croxley Green	Wednesday	2nd December	10.30am	-	4.30pm
Divine Saviour	Abbots Langley	Thursday	3rd December	10.30am	-	3.30pm
St. Helen's	North Watford	Friday	4th December	12noon	-	6.00pm
Holy Rood	Watford	Monday	7th December	12.30pm	-	6.30pm
Our Lady	Rickmansworth	Tuesday	8th December	10.00am	-	4.00pm



Come to the **PARISH FETE TODAY** after the 9.30am Mass
assist the Missions we support overseas

Stuart Seaton:

At a meeting this week the Formation Team of Allen Hall Seminary voted in favour of recommending Stuart Seaton as a candidate for the diaconate. Archbishop Vincent Nichols accepted their recommendation and subsequently announced that Stuart will be ordained a deacon on Saturday 23rd January 2010 in Allen Hall. We congratulate Stuart; he and his family are grateful for your support and ask for your prayers

Lights of Love: Wednesday 2nd December



The Peace Hospice invites you to dedicate a light in honour of a loved one at their commemorative service. The ceremony is held in the Hospice grounds at 8pm and is followed by refreshments in the Colosseum.

Further information available from Gill Crowson on 01923 330370 or download a dedication form at www.peacehospice.org.uk.

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Rosary in weekdays of Advent at 11.40am.

Last Weekend's Collection:

Loose: £ 783.49

Envelopes: £820.85

Standing Orders: £324.94

Many thanks for your generosity

Westminster Year Books 2010:

Are available at the back of the Church. Price: £4.

St Michael's Catholic High School:

Are having a Mission 14th - 16th December. Mr John Murphy, Headteacher of St Michael's has written asking for our support at this time. In his letter he refers to the partnership St Michael's has with a small village in Rwanda called Mubuga. In recent years St Michael's has raised £120,000 to support projects there. **Mr Murphy writes** "we ask you to be with us in prayer and reflection in the run up to and during the Mission. Your parish has provided us with numerous wonderful young people who do not simply wish to live but to change lives, and in many cases save lives. We thank you for that and ask you to show your appreciation of all that they are doing to build up Christ's Kingdom."



HOLY ROOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR: this Friday 4th December from 3.15pm 5.30pm.

SVP:

Join us at Farm Street Church, London W1K 3AH this Saturday 5th December 2009 at 7.30pm for a special evening of classical guitar and contemporary cross overs with Professor Pohl.

ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations to 2 of our altar servers. Last Sunday Antonietta Reda was enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen at the 9.30am Mass and received her Bronze Medal and Handbook and Mirella Spina at the 11.00am Mass received the Guild of St Stephen's Certificate of Merit for 5 years service as an enrolled member.

Ascent Group:

The outing, this Tuesday, 1st December will leave Holy Rood Church, Market Street at 11.00am. We shall travel to Sacred Heart Church at Bushey for Eucharistic Adoration from 11.30am - 12.30pm. We shall then depart for The Leefe Robinson at Stanmore for lunch. Please phone Winnie (07702 094650) if you would like to come.

Christmas Coffee Morning at the Peace Hospice:

At the Peace Hospice on Saturday 12th December from 10am - 1.00pm. Come along and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine, pastries, tea and coffee. Tombola, toys, raffle etc. Admission free - Everyone welcome. For more information contact Fundraising on 01923 330340.

The Wave Rally—Stop Climate Chaos

This Saturday 5th December Ecumenical Service with Archbishops Rowan Williams and Vincent Nichols, 11am Westminster Central Hall, then 12.00 noon rally in Grosvenor Square, then walk to Parliament, encircling Parliament with Blue! Don't forget to wear blue!

WRAP WEEK in the Harlequin:

Monday 14th December to Friday 18th December. This year the shifts will be covering 3 - 9 pm. Contact 227700.