

- ◆ **First Holy Communion** 39 children will make their First Communion this weekend.
- ◆ **The Following were Baptised in Holy Rood in April:** Selina Boasiako, Joseph Hansard, Sadiat Okiji, Simon White, Anthony Malkowski, Matthew Mpoza, Wilfda Kwakye, Delphine Kwakye, Jack O'Malley, Heidi Bekteshi, Thomas Sharpe, Jack Sharpe and Colin Langer.
- ◆ **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Thirty five young people are nearing the end of their preparation programme. They will be confirmed by Bishop George Stack on Sunday 16th May at 4pm.
- ◆ **Fr John Hemer** Continues his talks on the **Psalms** this Tuesday **4th May** and then **on 18th and May 25th**. All talks 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- ◆ **West Hertfordshire Hospitals: Service of Remembrance** on Sunday 9th May 3pm at St Andrew's Church, Park Road, Watford. For all parents and their families and friends whose babies have died during pregnancy or near to birth. The service will be followed by refreshments. Contact: Doug Loveridge, Spiritual & Pastoral Care Manager, Watford General Hospital: 01923 217994.
- ◆ **St Michael's Catholic High School:** require, ASAP, a Cover Supervisor to manage and supervise classes in the absence of teaching staff. Duties will include supervising and assisting students with work and management of student behaviour. The successful candidate will also be required to assist with exam invigilation and other administrative tasks from time to time. St Michael's School is committed to the safeguarding of children and therefore all appointments are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Please send CV and letter of application to Mrs Diane Avis, Cover Manager, by post or by email to avis.d@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk.
- ◆ **The Life of Christ:** On Thursday 1st July there is a parish outing to Wintershall Estate in Surrey for an outdoor performance of **The Life of Christ**. It is an event which attracts many each year and well worth seeing. We leave Holy Rood at 7am and return at approximately 6pm. Admission cost to the play £15. Coach fare (as yet unknown) will be additional and will depend on the number travelling. If interested please sign sheet at back of church
- ◆ **Second Sunday:** The next Second Sunday prayers will be held on Sunday, 9th May from 8pm - 9pm at St James's Road Baptist Church. Second Sunday is sponsored by Christians Across Watford and brings together a powerful united prayer for our town and its needs.
- ◆ **Golden Jubilee:** Fr Bernard Scholes, Parish Priest here from 1980 - 1996 is celebrating 50 years of the Priesthood on Saturday 12th June at 1pm at Our Lady & St Joseph, Hanwell. A coach has been organised leaving Watford at approximately 11.15am returning around 6pm. Cost £8 per person. If interested. Please sign sheet at back of church. Payment will be requested later.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Celebration 2010:** Watford Celebration 2010 takes place this Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday) at Watford Colosseum from 11.00am. Entrance is free! The event brings together cultures, faiths and talents in a day of celebration and friendship. Contact Lynn Bassett 07803 986716 asap if you can help.
- ◆ **Children and Youth Co-ordinator needed:** To request an information pack please call Ss Alban and Stephen's Parish on 01727 853585 or email: alban.stephen@lineone.net. Closing date: Friday May 21st 2010.
- ◆ **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** from 1pm - 3pm and again from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on the **Fridays of May** at the request of Archbishop Vincent Nichols to pray for reparation and atonement which is needed as a result of child abuse in the Church. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement on this issue. Please obtain one if you did not receive one last weekend.
- ◆ **The Ascent Group:** will meet this **Tuesday, 4th May** in the Parish Centre, after the midday service for a bring and share lunch. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting you. Please see Notice Board for a list of forthcoming outings. We will be visiting a garden centre for lunch after the midday Mass on **Tuesday 18th May**. Contact Winnie on 334998 for more information.
- ◆ **Irish & Holyrood Hospice Support Group:** Coffee morning on Saturday 15th May 2010 from 10am - 1pm. Plant sale, Raffle, Bring & Buy, Refreshments & Cakes - Admission free. All proceeds from the sale go to the Peace Hospice. For more information ring 01923 233254.
- ◆ **Holiday Accommodation:** A Spanish family with 3 young children are looking for accommodation locally this summer to help them get to know England, meet new people and practise their English. They require a couple of rooms and use of kitchen. Please contact parish office if you can help.
- ◆ **Silver Jubilee:** Fr Paul is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood here on Saturday 5th June with Mass at 3pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.
- ◆ **Music Group:** Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 9th May with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.
- ◆ **Funeral:** Gordon Shoppee RIP: Tuesday 18th May 12 noon.

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