

- **Parish Fete Sunday 27th November:** Opens after the 9.30am Mass. We need good quality donations of the following: tombola prizes (including bottles of wine / spirits), paperback books, toys, bric-a-brac, gifts. Please leave at the back of the church or hand in to the Presbytery. Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of the church. Volunteers to man the stalls and / or clear up afterwards would be appreciated. If you can help in any way please contact the Parish Office.
- **Confirmation:** We are looking for volunteers 18years - ? To journey with our candidates in the Confirmation programme January 2012 - May 2012. For more details speak to Fr Paul or Fr John or telephone Celia on 01923 237708.
- **Ascent Group:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 November after midday Mass in the Parish Centre where there will be refreshments of teas/ coffees, sandwiches and scones, for anyone attending Mass. Please feel free to take part; a warm welcome awaits you. Contact Winnie Brady for more details by telephone on 01923 334998 or email: [winniebrady@ntlworld.com](mailto:winniebrady@ntlworld.com)
- **Faith Matters - Autumn 2011:** "For all the Saints" by Fr Stephen Wang and Hannah Vaughan-Spruce on Tuesday 1st November from 7pm - 8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1 (behind Westminster Cathedral). These are public lectures to which all are welcome. Suggested donation for each lecture £3. Registration for lectures is advised. Email: [faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk).
- **Saturday Coffee Shop:** Open every Saturday morning after 11.00am Mass. The amount raised from June to September was approximately £450. This will be sent to various overseas charities. Thank you to all supporters. Please keep coming
- **SVP First Friday Lunch:** 4th November after 12 noon Mass.  
**SVP Christmas Cards:** On sale at the back of the Church.
- **Bishop John Sherrington:** A Mass of Welcome for the new Bishop, who has been given charge of the deaneries of Herts., will be celebrated on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City. All Welcome
- **Deceased Priests of Watford Deanery:** A Mass for deceased priests of the deanery will be celebrated at 11.00am on Tuesday 8th November at St Michael's Church, Garston. All welcome. **No Service or Mass in Holy Rood at 12noon that day.**
- **Mass for Deceased Members of Holy Rood Social Club, Tolpits Lane:** Thursday, 3rd November at 8.00pm.
- **All Saints Day:** Tuesday 1st November is **All Saints Day**, a day of Obligation. Masses are at 8.00am, 12 noon and 7.30pm.

- **No Meat on Fridays:** The Bishops of England and Wales have re-introduced the practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays.
- **Holy Souls List:** Slips are available on which you can enter the names of your deceased friends and relatives. Mass will be offered each day in November for the Holy Souls.
- **Irish & Holy Rood Support Group ANNUAL DANCE:** Is on Saturday 19th November from 8.30pm - Midnight. Live music with Cover Story. Bar and Raffle. Admission: £3.50. Tickets from 01923 233254.
- **Holy Rood Book Group:** Our next meeting will be Sunday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing 'The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox' by Maggie O'Farrell. New members are most welcome. For more information please email: [holyroodbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:holyroodbooks@hotmail.com).
- **St Michael's Catholic Grammar School:** In Nether Street, North Finchley, N12 7NJ will be holding a Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective students (girls and boys) wishing to follow 'A' Level courses on Thursday 10th November at 7.00pm. Please ring Mrs Palmer on 020 8446 2256 for further information.
- **Mass Count:** Each October, there is a nationwide count taken of all the people attending Mass. The number who attended Mass last weekend in Holy Rood was 1,303.
- **Annual Blessing of Graves: Saturday 12th November** Vicarage Road at 2.30pm and **Sunday 13th November** North Watford Cemetery at 2.30pm. If you wish a priest to visit another cemetery in November please let us know.
- **A Preparation Course** for children at Secondary School who have not yet made First Holy Communion is beginning on Saturday 5th November. Please ask for a form.
- **Irish Dancing: Class for Beginners** starts Tuesday 8th November at West Herts Sports & Social Club, Park Avenue, Watford WD18 7HP from 5.15pm - 6.15pm. If you are interested in joining please call 07789 998150 or please just come along.
- **Join the Seminary for a day!** : On Saturday 26th November there will be a special day for men aged 18+, who are discerning a possible calling to the priesthood. The day will be held at Allen Hall seminary and will include input from the seminary Rector, Mgr Mark O'Toole, as well as time for prayer and a chance to join the seminary community. For further details and to register for a place, please contact Fr Richard Nesbitt at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).
- **Deanery Youth Event:** Sunday 20th November at 5pm in the Parish Centre.

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