

Holy Rood Statistics 2009

Children & Infant Baptisms	119
Adult Baptisms	5
Confirmations	85 (includes 38 Polish & 7 RCIA Confirmations)
Funerals	37
Marriages	9
Weekly Mass Attendance	1258 (Average)

- ◆ **The CWL (Catholic Women's League)** will meet in the Parish Centre this Tuesday 5th January at 8pm and plan their programme for the year ahead. Don't forget to bring your gift for Abba Bahta (a priest in Eritrea) and a treat to share. A warm welcome awaits any ladies who wish to join us!
- ◆ **The Ascent Group** will meet in the parish Centre this Tuesday 5th January after 12noon Mass. Please bring some food to share - the mulled wine and mince pies may make an appearance as well. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the New Year. More information phone Winnie 334998
- ◆ **Confirmation Programme** The opening Session for Parents and Candidates is this Tuesday 5th January at 7.30pm.
- ◆ **Daytime Bible Study Group.** Would you like to join one? Please see Fr. Paul.
- ◆ **The annual subscription for the 200 Club** will be collected next weekend. The subscription is £18. New members welcome. Money raised is used for the upkeep of the church.
- ◆ **The Fireball** in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society, The Colosseum, Watford on Saturday 6th February, 2010. **Tickets: £45.** Funds raised will be used to support local families and individuals. Contact Annemarie Ryan on 01923 465237.
- ◆ **Music from the Vatican** A CD featuring the voice of Pope Benedict. Phone 02071491067 or www.musicfromthevatican.com "I am convinced that music really is the universal language of beauty which can bring together all people of good will on earth". Pope Benedict XVI
- ◆ **2010 is the 120th anniversary of HOLY ROOD CHURCH.** Mass was first celebrated here on 16th September 1890.

- ◆ **The Bible is for Catholics too**
A series of talks on Scripture with Fr Peter Burrows.
"Let them have a king" **12th January**
"A priest forever" **19th January**
"I will give them one sign, the sign of Jonah" **26th January**
At SS Alban and Stephen Parish Hall, St Albans AL1 3RB at 8pm
Drinks and light refreshments from 7.30pm. *EVERYONE IS INVITED*
www.rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation
- ◆ **A Glimpse of Heaven: Catholic Church Architecture of England and Wales.** A book published by Gracewing, 2 Southern Avenue, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QF Tel: 01568 616835 www.gracewing.co.uk
Holy Rood features on three pages of the book with some beautiful photographs of the altar and rood.
- ◆ **Doing Drugs in Watford?** An evening for all Christians in Watford to learn about the situation around alcohol and drugs in Watford as well as finding out about some ways of getting involved in reducing these problems. **Soul Survivor Church** Greycaine Road, Watford WD24 7GP **Monday 1st February 2010** 7pm to 9.30pm.
- ◆ **Day of Inspiration for Catholics working with Young People**
Come and hear some of the finest speakers in the world share their wisdom and knowledge about working with young people in Friends Meeting House, Euston London Tickets £14.
Book at www.cymfed.org/congress.html
- ◆ **Material World**
An exhibition of artwork by Ian & Yvonne Watson from 6 - 25 January Monday - Thursday 16.00-20.00. The Visual Arts Centre, Watford Grammar School for Girls Watford Herts. Telephone 01923 447658
- ◆ **Welcome to** Darragh Colm Thornton; Aaron Arthur Maga; Savannah Matanya Zheki; Lewis Sebastian Hall & Oliver Lewis Timberlake who were baptised in Holy Rood in December 2009.
- ◆ **Funerals**
Kathleen Whitmore 15th January 12noon
William Knowles 15th January 11am (North Watford Cemetery)

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: £ 758.58

Loose: £686.66

Standing Orders: £324.94

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Happy New Year!