

- * **January Baptisms:** Zachary Dominic Cole Cook, Eugene Adjei Ababio Attah, Misha Natalia Duliba, Gongalo Filipa Rodrigues Natario and Oliver Anthony Cloherty.
- * **Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February** Faith Sharing Groups begin on 26th. Feb.
- * **Deanery Youth Night - Sunday 19th February:** 5pm to 8pm in Holy Rood Parish Centre. Starts with Youth Mass followed by live music, gaming and more! FREE event. Open to all of Secondary School age
- * **Familiaris Consortio 30th Anniversary:** An afternoon of celebration and workshops for anyone interested in supporting and encouraging marriage and family life. Saturday 11th February 1.30pm to 5pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY. Admission free, including refreshments. Concluding with Vigil Mass in the Cathedral at 6pm. Contact: 020 8690 9310.
- * **Little Flower Girls' Club:** The French nun St. Therese of Lisieux who lived between 1873 and 1897 is known as '**The Little Flower**' In honour of her there is an association known as '**The Little Flower Girls' Club**' It is hoped to established a branch in the parish, initially for girls aged five to eight years old. It will meet in the Parish Centre for after-school activities, stories, crafts and other fun modelled on Saint Therese. For more information please call Stella at 01923 894705.
- * **Talk Marriage 'Britain needs to rediscover Marriage as the foundation on which families and societies are built'** Be part of this discussion, either for your own marriage and family or in support of others. Tuesday 7th February 6pm Emmanuel Centre, 9 -23 Marsham Street, Westminster. Attendance is FREE but you need to register online at www.talkmarriage.co.uk or phone 0845 600 9121
- * **Ascent Group:** The next Ascent meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th February in the Parish Centre, after the midday service. All are welcome to join us for a bring and share lunch. We are arranging a **Snowdrop Visit to Benington Lordship** on Thursday 9th February. See the beautiful grounds of a country estate with lawns carpeted in snowdrops. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church..
- * There will be a **Lenten Retreat Afternoon** at The Grail, Pinner on Thursday, 23rd February. Gather for shared lunch in the Parish Centre after midday Mass; then depart for The Grail at 1.30pm. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you wish to take part.
- * **Fr Joseph Keating:** Parish Priest of Holy Rood from 1902 - 1924; died 4th February 1924. There is a Memorial tablet to him on the back wall of the church; buried in Vicarage Road Cemetery; grave number: 336 Section A. Recently we had his grave cleaned. Look at it sometime when you are in the cemetery and say a prayer for him.
- * **The Children Preparing for First Holy Communion** have made the display on the back wall of the church. Thank you to them and their catechists.
- * **Saturday Coffee Shop:** Open every Saturday morning after 11.00am Mass.

- * **Holy Rood Book Group:** The next meeting will be on Sunday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. New members are always welcome. Email: holyroodbooks@hotmail.com Twitter: @HolyRoodBooks.
- * **Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes:** Saturday 11th February 2012 - 2pm at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, SW1P 1QW. Celebrant: Archbishop Vincent Nichols The sacrament of the sick will be administered. See Noticeboard for further details. Since this year, in Lourdes, is the year of the Rosary the Archbishop will bless all Rosaries at the end of Mass.
- * **Journeying with God:** Guided Prayer during Lent - Take time out, deepen your relationship with God, explore new ways of praying and discover more who you really are. Open to young adults aged between 18 and 35, once a week, during Lent at local venues. Cost: £30 (waged) £10 (unwaged). For more information or to book one of the limited places contact Sr Emma Nolan on 020 7798 9360. Email: sremmanolan@rcdow.org.uk.
- * **Keep Warm this Winter:** Watford Borough Council has help available to vulnerable residents and households who are struggling to keep warm this winter Services available include: Home energy advice visits, emergency temporary heaters, warm packs, additional meals on wheels and help with heating bills. Referrals can be made by visiting: www.hertsdirect.org/hertshelp or calling 0300 123 4044.
- * **The Catholic Women's League (CWL):** will be meeting at 8.00pm this Tuesday, 7th February in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.
- * **The Human Body: Mystery of Dignity, Suffering and Redemption** - Annual Theology of the Body Lecture. **Wednesday 7th March 6.30pm - 9.00pm.** Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue SW1P 1QJ. Speaker: Eduardo J Echeverria, Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Admission £5 on the door. Further information from Catherine MacGillivray. catmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk. Tel: 020 7931 6064.
- * **Music Group:** Musicians and singers are reminded that the next music at 6.30pm Mass will be on Sunday 12th February 2012 with rehearsal starting at 5.30pm. New singers/players would always be welcomed. Call Sue & Ceri Llewellyn on 01923 229763 for information.
- * **Altar Servers Meeting:** next Friday 10th February from 6pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre.
- * **Memorial Mass:** Giuseppe Luciano; Friday February 10th 2012. 7pm
- * **Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi:** 11th -18th June with Fr Andrew Gallagher. For more details contact Pax Travel on 020 7485 3003 or info@paxtravel.co.uk.

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