

Baptisms in November 2009:

Andres Buil, Keelan Skehill, Edison Del Rosario, B Isabelle Mendis, Kallan Foley-Preston, Niamh Quinn, Fergus Hanneffy, Lauren Maguire, Joe Maguire, Jude Bolani and Oskar Grabarczyk

Advent Lunches:

Next Friday 11th and the 18th December after the 12 noon Mass. Hot soup and roll. In aid of CWL charity.

Westminster Year Books 2010:

on at the back of the Church. Price £4.

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
Carpenters 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

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament in this Year for Priests

Holy Rood	Watford	Monday	7th December	12.30pm - 6.30pm
Our Lady's	Rickmansworth	Tuesday	8th December	10.00am - 4.00pm

Advent Rosary:
W e e k d a y s a t
11.40am.

WRAP WEEK in the Harlequin:

Volunteers still needed to help with wrapping Christmas presents in the Harlequin from Monday December 14th to Friday 18th December. Required for two hours only. Contact 227700.

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."

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.

A thought for Advent
'Do not be disheartened by anything'
Deuteronomy 31:8

Last Weekend's Collection:

Loose: £ 721.27
Envelopes: £905.07
Standing Orders: £324.94
Many thanks for your generosity

A Day of Prayer

Tomorrow, Monday 7th December, we will have a prolonged period of prayer. It will begin following 12noon Mass and go on until 6.30pm. The church will be open and the Blessed Sacrament exposed, anyone can come at anytime for as long as they like or for a few minutes. In Rickmansworth on Tuesday 8th December 10am - 4.00pm. This is part of the Watford Deanery's '40 hours' called for by Archbishop Vincent Nichols to pray for priests and for vocations in this 'Year For Priests'

Seniors Christmas Lunch

We look forward to welcoming our Seniors to the Parish Centre this afternoon for a full Christmas Meal provided by, served by other parishioners. They will also be transported and waited on throughout the afternoon by fellow parishioners. This is our annual 'Thank You' to our Seniors for what they have contributed to and continue to contribute to the Church at large. Many thanks to the SVP for funding this event.

Christmas Dinner Dance:

Harrow & Watford Circles of Catenian Association invite you to their Christmas Dinner Dance on Thursday 10th December 2009 7.00 for 7.30pm. Further information on notice board.

Christmas Cards

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

Raffle Results:

1st	Hamper	Fred Parslow
2nd	Bottle Courvoisier	O'Neil
3rd	Cake	P O'Beirne
4th	Bottle of Port	E Boyle
5th	Harvey Bristol Cream	Mary Mulkerrins
6th	Teddy Bear	M Connelly
7th	Mini Hamper	M Gallagher
8th	Champagne	Peter
9th	Jacobs Creek Wine	O'Neil
10th	Pale Cream Sherry	Ralph Kent
11th	Classics Chocolates	Joe Maguire
12th	Roses Chocolates	David Cronin
13th	Box Crackers	Mary Griffin

Third World Fete:

'Thank You' to everyone for the help and generous support and donations given to the Fete last Sunday. In doing so you were in fact supporting our overseas missions and helping to ease the need in other parts of the world.

We raised **£2000.15**. Many thanks!!!

Copenhagen Climate Summit

Begins on Monday 7th December. Pope Benedict XVI has already sent a message to Copenhagen. He urged that: "The current model of global development be transformed through a greater, and shared, responsibility for creation". He also said: "This is demanded not only by environmental factors, but also by the scandal of hunger and human misery". Westminster Diocese has a working group considering green issues. More information can be found at www.cafod.org.uk/policy-campaigns or telephone 020 7733 7900

Funerals:

Rodney Dennis:
11th December West Herts Crematorium

Josephine Gafford:
15th December 12 noon