

- \* **200 Club:** Subscriptions for 2012 will be collected next weekend 14th / 15th January after each Mass. £18 subscription gives entry to 12 monthly draws with cash prizes. Proceeds are used for the upkeep of the church.
- \* **Come and See:** A morning of presentation, discussion and exploration for those who want to know more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Westminster. Saturday 28th January at the Diocesan Seminary, Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort Street, London SW3 5AA. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please let Deacon Adrian Cullen know if you are going. [adrian.cullen@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrian.cullen@ntlworld.com)
- \* **Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498 or visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)
- \* **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 Secondary School age children.
- \* **Brighton Marathon** Why not run a marathon in the Olympic Year 2012. Enter the Brighton Marathon which is on 15th April and raise money for the Peace Hospice. Entrants running on behalf of the Peace Hospice are asked to pledge and raise a minimum of £750, in return they will pay your race entry fee. For further details please contact Maggie Grand 01923 335348. [www.peacehospice.co.uk](http://www.peacehospice.co.uk)
- \* **The Gospel of Mark** –Brian Purfield. Six week course Mondays 9th January—13th February 11am to 1pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. Tel: 020 7495 1673. An overview of Mark’s Gospel pointing out the meaning of the Gospel in its original context & offering leads to how this Gospel can connect with Christian life today.
- \* **Second Sunday - 8th January 2012:** All the churches of Watford will get together to pray at The Watford Community Church, Wellspring from 8.00pm to 9.00pm tonight.Come And Pray with *Christians Across Watford*
- \* **Baptism Preparation Course:** The next Baptism course for the parents of infants is on Sunday 5th February at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please register for this course by phoning the Parish Office on 01923 224085
- \* **Time for a Cuppa Day** 27th February 2012. 25 million people in the UK have a close friend or family member with dementia.Dementia UK are asking supporters to hold a fundraising tea party event at home, at work or in the community. For more information telephone: 020 7874 7207[www.timeforacuppa.org](http://www.timeforacuppa.org)
- \* **The Parish Centre** is available for hire for your family parties, meetings, business functions etc. Please contact the Parish Office on 01923 224085 or email [church@holyroodrc.com](mailto:church@holyroodrc.com) to book.
- \* **First Holy Communion:** Our parish programme begins today with 80 children.

- \* **Little Flower Girls’ Club:** The French nun St. Therese of Lisieux who lived between 1873 and 1897 is known as *‘The Little Flower’* (there is a statue of her on the window ledge in Percy Road entrance.). 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 info please call Stella at 01923 894705.
- \* **Benediction and Adoration for Young People** on Saturday 21st January 12 noon for 15 minutes in the church.
- \* **Holy Rood Book Group.** The next meeting will be next Sunday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will be discussing ‘The Life of Pi’ by Yann Martel. New members are most welcome. Email: [holyroodbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:holyroodbooks@hotmail.com)
- \* **Saturday Coffee Shop.** Open every Saturday morning after the 11am Mass.Tea / coffee/ cakes on sale. Please keep coming in and supporting the coffeeshop. Money raised is shared with various charities.
- \* **Ascent Group** next meets this Tuesday 10th January in the Parish Centre after the 12 noon Mass. New members always welcome.
- \* **Jesus as model of servant-leadership in lay ministry** A Diocesan retreat for parish adult formation leaders and volunteers. Saturday 4th February from 10.30am to 3pm at Nazareth House, Hammersmith. Please contact 020 7931 6078 [ausrakaraliute@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ausrakaraliute@rcdow.org.uk). Lunch will be provided. Register by 20th Jan 2012
- \* **Mass Intentions.** Because of heavy booking there will often now be more than one intention per Mass.
- \* **Samaritans.** As a Samaritans volunteer, there are lots of ways you can reach out to others going through difficult times—whether you’re 18 or 81. You can listen on the phone, with the training you need to feel confident. The Samaritans especially want people to listen during night hours. You’ll get so much back. Insight.Skills. Experience.....A feeling that what you are doing really matters. Find out the many ways that you can be a Samaritans volunteer—day or night. [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) Tel: 08705 62 72 82

***Well done is better than well said - Benjamin Franklin***

- \* **Funerals:**

Paul Lenas	Monday 9th January	12 noon
Rosalia Mistretta	Wednesday 18th January	12 noon
Eunice Mazzone	Thursday 19th January	10.30am

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