

- ◆ **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Thirty five young people are nearing the end of their preparation programme. They will be confirmed by Bishop George Stack next Sunday 16th May at 4pm.
- ◆ **Fr John Hemer** Continues his talks on the **Psalms** Tuesday **on 18th and May 25th. Next talk 8.00pm.**
- ◆ **West Hertfordshire Hospitals: Service of Remembrance** today at 3pm at St Andrew's Church, Park Road, Watford. For all parents and their families and friends whose babies have died during pregnancy or near to birth. The service will be followed by refreshments. Contact: Doug Loveridge, Spiritual & Pastoral Care Manager, Watford General Hospital: 01923 217994.
- ◆ **St Michael's Catholic High School:** require, ASAP, a Cover Supervisor to manage and supervise classes in the absence of teaching staff. Duties will include supervising and assisting students with work and management of student behaviour. The successful candidate will also be required to assist with exam invigilation and other administrative tasks from time to time. St Michael's School is committed to the safeguarding of children and therefore all appointments are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Please send CV and letter of application to Mrs Diane Avis, Cover Manager, by post or by email to avis.d@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk.
- ◆ **The Life of Christ:** On Thursday 1st July there is a parish outing to Wintershall Estate in Surrey for an outdoor performance of **The Life of Christ**. It is an event which attracts many each year and well worth seeing. We leave Holy Rood at 7am and return at approximately 6pm. Admission cost to the play £15. Coach fare (as yet unknown) will be additional and will depend on the number travelling. If interested please sign sheet at back of church
- ◆ **Second Sunday:** Second Sunday prayers will be held today, from 8pm - 9pm at St James's Road Baptist Church. Second Sunday is sponsored by Christians Across Watford and brings together a powerful united prayer for our town and its needs.
- ◆ **Golden Jubilee:** Fr Bernard Scholes, Parish Priest here from 1980 - 1996 is celebrating 50 years of the Priesthood on Saturday 12th June at 1pm at Our Lady & St Joseph, Hanwell. A coach has been organised leaving Watford at approximately 11.15am returning around 6pm. Cost £8 per person. If interested. Please sign sheet at back of church. Payment will be requested later.
- ◆ **Hope UK:** It's time for the church to take action to prevent binge drinking and other drug related problems in Watford! **Hope UK**, a national Christian drug prevention charity, is looking to set up a team of 10 (or more) around the town. Could you be one of them? If you are interested we offer free training so please get in touch. **Hope UK** will be visiting our church in the near future so you could talk to us then, or you could contact Paul Coppeard at p.coppeard@hopeuk.org.
- ◆ **Children and Youth Co-ordinator needed:** To request an information pack please call Ss Alban and Stephen's Parish on 01727 853585 or email: alban_stephen@lineone.net. Closing date: Friday May 21st 2010.
- ◆ **Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament** from 1pm - 3pm and again from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on the **Fridays of May** at the request of Archbishop Vincent Nichols to pray for reparation and atonement which is needed as a result of child abuse in the Church. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement on this issue. Please obtain one if you have not already.
- ◆ **The Ascent Group:** We will be visiting a garden centre for lunch after the midday Mass on **Tuesday 18th May**. Contact Winnie on 334998 for more information.
- ◆ **Irish & Holyrood Hospice Support Group:** Coffee morning on Saturday 15th May 2010 from 10am - 1pm. Plant sale, Raffle, Bring & Buy, Refreshments & Cakes - Admission free. All proceeds from the sale go to the Peace Hospice. For more information ring 01923 233254.
- ◆ **Holiday Accommodation:** A Spanish family with 3 young children are looking for accommodation locally this summer to help them get to know England, meet new people and practise their English. They require a couple of rooms and use of kitchen. Please contact parish office if you can help.
- ◆ **Silver Jubilee:** Fr Paul is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood here on Saturday 5th June with Mass at 3pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration. If you would like to make a donation please use envelopes at the back of the church
- ◆ **Funeral:** Gordon Shoppee RIP: Tuesday 18th May 12 noon.
- ◆ **Friendship International 20th Anniversary 2010:** Celebration Gospel Concert with singers and groups from Hungary, Romania and Chile, at Woodside Nazarene, The Brow, Watford on Wednesday 12th May at 7.00pm. Free admission but offering taken during concert.
- ◆ **Priest Training Fund - (WEEF):** There will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund after all Masses on Sunday 23rd May. Envelopes available at the back of the church.

200 Club Draw:		
£ 125.00	Lizzie Barton	(12)
£ 51.00	Michael Gornall	(223)
£ 40.00	Avrille Bailey	(202)
£ 30.00	Aldwyn Dias	(154)

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Envelopes: £ 1,082.73 Loose: £825.50 Standing Orders: £334.68